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A NEEDED OFFICIAL. The interviews published in THE CALL yesterday and this morning on the subject of the appointment of a Secretary of Mines and Mining show how thoroughly the importance of this subject is understood by leading men in the State. It is clear therefore that if a resolute effort is made by the Miners' Association to obtain the appointment of such an official they will not lack for support from their fellow-citizens.

The time is propitious for making a vigorous appeal for this enlargement of the Cabinet. With the accession to office of President McKinley there will begin a new era in the mining industry as well as a new administration. It will of course be the ambition of the new Government to promote every industry of the country, and therefore the inclination will be favorable to the appointment of the much-desired official.

Every reason points to the conclusion that the Miners' Association and those mainly interested in the subject should be diligent at this time in pressing their desires upon Congress. If the work is once fairly started California will not be left to prosecute it alone. We can certainly count upon the whole of the greater West to act with us, and there will be strong inducements for the mining States of the East to co-operate.

The industry of mining is so vast, so varied and so important that it is almost certain that the Government will have to take it into consideration. The existing condition of affairs is certainly not satisfactory to the miners of any portion of the country. They have therefore every inducement to combine and work together for the appointment of a representative in the Cabinet, and with such inducements to the industry generally it seems clear that nothing is needed for success but a vigorous and competent leadership.

That leadership it devolves upon California to provide. This is in many respects the greatest mining State in the Union. Our hydraulic miners have more to ask and more to expect from the Government than the miners of any other State. They have undoubtedly more carefully studied the subject than those of other sections of the country, and almost therefore that the leader should come from the West.

PERSONAL. L. J. Rose Jr. of El Rio is in the City. L. G. Nesmith of San Jose is in town. B. Scriber of New York is at the Palace. Warren Sexton of Oroville is on a visit here. Ex-Judge J. D. Goodwin of Plumas is in the City. J. M. Moorehead of Santa Clara is visiting here. F. H. Prince of Las Vegas is a late arrival here.

It is beyond question that to this action of Governor Budd was due the doubtful character of the struggle in the closing days of the campaign, and to him is to be attributed the fact that California did not give the Republican ticket a majority that conservative citizens would be proud of. The truth is made clear by the vote in this City, where a large majority was expected, but where his influence was sufficient to reduce it to the very verge of defeat.

The people of California will know how to pass proper judgment upon this action of their chief executive. It will not take them long to decide whether it is permissible for a Governor of California to give the part of a stump orator and exert his influence in advancing a purely partisan cause. Governor Budd was the most potent force on the Bryan side in this State, and had the electoral vote been lost to the great cause of prosperity and good government it would have been due almost wholly to what public opinion will regard as the "pernicious activity" of an official who should have kept out of the canvass altogether.

A TWICE-TOLD TALE. The speech delivered by Mr. Bryan on Saturday, and which was announced as the beginning of a new campaign of education, has been perhaps the most complete failure ever made by any orator who possessed anything like a National reputation. So far from reviving interest in the subject, it fell as flat as a twice-told tale and palled upon a public mind already sated with overmuch of Bryan, as well as of Bryanism.

In the whole speech, from beginning to end, there is hardly a sentence worth quoting. There is not a sentiment which could revive the drooping spirits of his followers nor one which could win him sympathy from even the most tender-hearted of his opponents. It lacks fire, force and eloquence. It was the most commonplace oratory imaginable, and will have no effect whatever in increasing his reputation or advancing his cause.

GENERAL JOHN S. RUNNELLS, Chief of the Legal Department of the Pullman Car Company. Among the arrivals here yesterday was General John S. Runnells of Chicago, general attorney of the George M. Pullman Palace Car Company. General Runnells is one of the most noted attorneys in the country. He used to practice law in Des Moines, Iowa, but went to Chicago a few years ago because of a greater field.

IS RETAINED BY BIG CORPORATIONS. Arrival of General J. S. Runnells of the Pullman Car Company. Governor Altgeld, He Says, Can Never Dig Himself Out of the Landslide. Attorney Runnells Has Been on Legal Business in the Northwest—His First Trip Here.

CALIFORNIANS IN NEW YORK. NEW YORK, N.Y., Nov. 16.—At the Manhattan, Mrs. Hattie Holland, R. L. Coleman, J. B. Levison, Netherland, Miss F. Dean, S. D. Denis, J. McMillen and wife, Windsor, W. O. Macdonough, Imperial, Mrs. Butler, Nor-mandie, Mrs. G. T. and the Misses Davis; Hoffman, A. D. Levy, C. Weger, D. and S. Livingston, Island, J. F. Valentine, Murray Hill, G. M. Shields.

LADY'S FIVE-GORED SKIRT. A graceful skirt of medium width is much used alike for silk, woolen and other fabrics. The two back gores are laid in box-pleats, or they may be gathered. The width of the medium size is four-and-a-half yards. When narrow fabrics are used it is necessary to piece out each gore.

TO PAY OFF THE DEBT. A Monster Entertainment to Be Given by the Catholic Ladies' Aid Society. Preparations are being made by a committee of ladies of the Catholic Ladies' Aid Society to give an entertainment for the purpose of raising funds with which to raise a mortgage of \$6000 on their property in Santa Cruz County. It had been decided to give the entertainment, which will be a monster one, at the California Theater, on the 27th inst., but at a meeting of the committee, held yesterday afternoon, at which Mrs. M. H. de Young presided, it was announced that the date fixed was not agreeable to certain persons who have volunteered, therefore it was changed to the 24th inst., and it was also decided that the entertainment shall be given in the Auditorium. A number of tickets have already been sold for the first given date, but these can be exchanged by application to Miss Hazel Curtis, secretary of the aid society.



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