upon that class of our citizens whose interests have been neglected by too many public men. That is the reason that throughout the entire State the farming element has always rallied to his support whenever he sought a public position. At Fresno, when he aspired to preside as chairman of the State convention but a short time ago he was defeated by a slim majority, but among those who did battle for him were some of the best men of the State, and not one of his neighbors but rallied to his support and fought for his interests with a will. It was a tribute to his worth on the part of the men with whom he has lived for a generation and who knew him best. He has probably been elected to more sessions of the Legislature than any other man in the State, and his entire record in that body is that of a man who has the best interests of the people always at heart and who is opposed, heart and soul, to the encroachments of monopoly. Constantly and consistently he has fought the Southern Pacific corporation, and, in spite of the enormous pressure which has been brought to bear at times, he has never wavered in his course. Two years ago he was chosen by a large majority to sit in the State Senate, and in that body his record was the same as in the lower house. He is regarded as one of the most available men in the Democratic party for the next nomination for Governor—an office he would dignify and honor.

DR. WILLIAM T. GARWOOD.

An Eminent Physician and Present City Coroner.

During the many years Dr. Garwood has practiced medicine in San Francisco he has constantly grown in popularity, and justly so, too. His medical education was as thorough as could be obtained in the leading colleges and hospitals, and when the groundwork of a thorough education is supplemented by a ripe experience, the quality of perfection is attained.

Dr. Garwood is not only highly esteemed

and popular professionally, but also socially and politically. He has always been a zealous supporter of the Republican cause, and it was recognition of his professional reputation, his high sense of honor and dignity, as well as his political zeal, that induced his party to nominate him for Coroner at the last municipal election. His majority was far in excess of the party vote, and the trust reposed in Dr. Garwood has been carefully and conservatively guarded. The office of Coroner is one that has been often scandalized, in many conceivable ways, and yet it seems inconceivable that the department of our municipal government that has to care for the dead would not be sacredly administered.

Under the regime of Dr. Garwood there have not been and will not be any scandals, and the citizens of San Francisco, irrespective of party affiliations, rejoice that a worthy gentleman fills that important office. There should be no question of Dr. Garwood's right to succeed himself in office. His record entitles him to it.

FRANKLIN P. BULL.

A Brilliant Lawyer and Popular Public Speaker.

Some men possess those inherent qualities of intellect that presage success in life from the incipiency of life's struggles, Franklin P. Bull, the talented young lawyer, is of that sort, for not only is he endowed with fine mental qualities, but he is gifted with that amiability of manner and abundance of tact that would win him success under even the most adverse conditions. He is a descendant of the old Revolutionary hero, Nathaniel Greene. J. I. Case, the millionaire manufacturer of agricultural implements at Racine, Wis., was an uncle.

Mr. Bull was born and educated in Wisconsin. In 1878 he came to California, and subsequently began the study of law in the office of D. M. Delmas, at that time in San

Jose. In 1882 he was admitted to practice by the Supreme Court, and in 1885 by the Federal courts. Since he entered upon the active duties of his profession he has risen rapidly in its ranks, and to-day enjoys a most enviable position. As a pleader in court he is peculiarly effective, and as a public speaker he is very forcible.

Mr. Bull is an ardent Republican, who ever stands ready to lend his talents for his party's advancement, but he has never sought any office. He is also prominent as an I. O. O. F., F. and A. M., Knights Templar and in the National Guard.

FRED ANDERTON.

An Enterprising, Plucky and Successful Business Man.

The gentleman who forms the subject of this sketch is highly popular in San Francisco, where he has been actively engaged in business for the past 16 years or more.

Mr. Anderton was born in England 44 years ago, and is both self-educated and self-made. Upon his arrival in this city he established a tannery in South San Francisco in partnership with a Mr. Stratton. Their specialty was the tanning of sheepskins, and they were the first to manufacture here glove kid. Their success was rapid, and within three years' time Mr. Anderton had about $40,000 to his credit. Then their tannery was totally destroyed by fire, entailing a heavy loss. Mr. Anderton was nothing daunted, however. He bought his partner's interest. Subsequently he interested in the business with himself Mr. Sawyer of Napa, and further success rewarded the energy of the firm. Again fire swept all away, but the business was speedily resumed. Mr. Anderton has stuck to it through all discouragements, displaying rare pluck. Only about two months ago his establishment was for the third time swept away by fire, the loss being very great. He is making his arrangements to build a new and even better tannery, although he will probably select a new site.

Mr. Anderton is a Democrat, but is too busy a man to give time to politics beyond the duty every good citizen owes. His friends are legion, and well they should be, for his uniform courtesy toward all makes and holds friends. He could have a walkover for any public position he might seek or accept.

COLONEL ISAAC TRUMBO.

Successful Miner, Capitalist and Progressive Citizen.

Among the leading financiers of San Francisco, and certainly one of her most popular citizens, is Colonel Isaac Trumbo. Although but a young man yet—scarcely in his prime—he has, by his keen perception, courage and quick grasp, placed himself in the fore rank of wealthy men on the Pacific Coast.

Colonel Trumbo was born at Genoa, California, near the Nevada State line, in 1858.

While yet a lad his parents moved to Corinne, Utah, where his very thorough education was received. Endowed with keen instincts for business, he early engaged in commercial and speculative pursuits, with the result that he accumulated a goodly fortune and laid the foundation for a future vast wealth. In 1880 he returned to his native State and engaged in mining in Placer County. He was very successful, and finally relinquished mining as a special occupation to settle in San Francisco and operate in the commercial and financial fields of this city. His ventures have been uniformly judicious, and enterprises inaugurated by Colonel Trumbo and his associates have not only been profitable to them, but have been highly beneficial to the general welfare of the city.

Colonel Trumbo is interested in the various electric light companies, the American Biscuit Company and other large concerns, employing many men. He was a prime factor in the syndicate organized to build the Short Line Railroad from Salt Lake to Los Angeles, and in that enterprise his pluck and energy have been richly rewarded.

In 1886 Colonel Trumbo married Miss Emma White, one of the belles of Salt Lake. Colonel and Mrs. Trumbo have an elegant residence at the corner of Sutter and Octavia streets, where they entertain in that splendid style characteristic of leading society folks. Colonel Trumbo has always interested himself in the welfare of the Republican party. The late Governor Waterman appointed him as one of his staff, and it is needless to say that he filled the position with credit both to the service and himself.

COLONEL ROBERT NORTHAM.

Young in Years, but Conspicuous in Party Politics.

Colonel Robert Northam of Los Angeles is one of the younger generation of Republicans of Southern California who has been named for distinction, and who is already a power in the politics of his section, where nearly every man takes an active interest in public affairs. Possessed of ample means and a taste for the strategy of political warfare, Colonel Northam has found himself, at a time of life when most men are winning their spurs, pushed to a prominent place without any great apparent effort on his own part, and it was in recognition of his splen-

did services in the campaign of two years ago that Governor Markham chose him as a member of his personal staff. Colonel Northam sat at the head of the Los Angeles delegation in the convention of 1890 at Sacramento which chose H. H. Markham as the standard-bearer of the party, and at the opening of the campaign was made chairman of the County Committee of Los Angeles. With tireless energy he went to work to heal up the differences which existed in the ranks of the party, and so successful was he that the Democrats were met at the polls with an unbroken Republican front. The result was a great victory for Markham and Reddick, due more than to any other one man to the able and untiring efforts of Colonel Northam, whose entire time was given to the work and to the expenses of which he contributed with great liberality. So decisive was the victory over the opposition that Colonel Northam found himself a conspicuous man almost before he realized it, and congratulations were showered upon him from all sides. A smaller man would have had his head turned by the praises which were heaped upon him, but not so with Northam, who took the entire matter philosophically and seemed to think that he had only done his simple duty and for that reason deserved no reward.

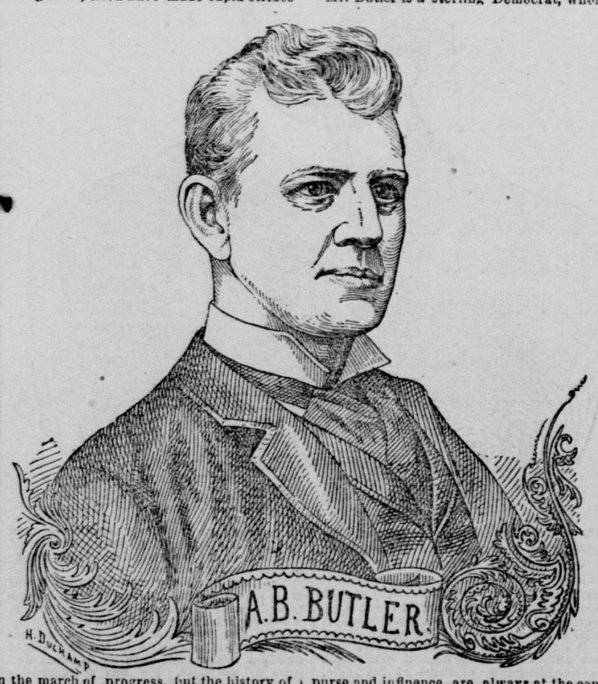
Colonel Northam is a frequent visitor to San Francisco and his is a prominent and familiar figure in the hotels and on the streets here, where he has a host of warm friends. With all who know him he is a prime favorite and his pleasant manners make him a companion much sought after.

At the Republican State convention he was a candidate for delegate to Minneapolis and had at his back a large portion of the delegates from his own county. Opposed to him was General E. P. Johnson, the business partner and warm personal friend of Governor Markham. The contest was for a time a very spirited one, and promised to be close and exciting. As the fight progressed Northam saw with the quick eye of the politician that hard feelings were likely to be engendered, and with a rare exhibition of party loyalty withdrew from the race in the interests of harmony. His friends then threw their strength to General Johnson and that gentleman was chosen without opposition. To reward Colonel Northam for his services in uniting the party he was chosen as elector, and his name will undoubtedly add great strength in the Sixth District. While the campaign has not yet opened it is certain that when the time comes he will do splendid work in helping to carry the State for Harrison and Reid. All over the southern country the influence of his name and services will be felt, and he will do as much perhaps as any one man to help the party out. Such is his record and such are the reasons for his strength and popularity.

A. B. BUTLER.

One of the Builders of This State, Whose Energy Has Led to Fortune.

The phenomenal development and growth of Fresno County during the past decade has attracted the attention and wonder of, we might say, the world. Other counties during that period have made rapid strides



in the march of progress, but the history of Fresno holds a particularly conspicuous place in the annals of local history. Where once were great sweeps of sheep and cattle ranges there are now populous colonies tributary to flourishing cities and villages, blossom, bloom and verdure having supplanted brown, barren wastes.

A. B. Butler of Fresno has been identified with the growth and developments here noted. Indeed, he has been one of the most active spirits in that county's progressive march. He is one of the largest raisin producers in the State, and the reward of his enterprise and energy has been naturally liberal. He is also extensively interested in Fresno city real estate and several enterprises.

Mr. Butler is a sterling Democrat, whose purse and influence are always at the command of his party's call. He was a delegate from this State to the national convention that first nominated Grover Cleveland, and the recent Democratic State convention at Fresno elected him one of the delegates-at-large to the convention at Chicago. Mr. Butler has never sought office, but can command almost any public place he might desire.

JOHN A. BENSON.

A Civil Engineer and Land Agent With an Immense Practice.

One of the most stalwart of our citizens is John A. Benson, whom everybody knows as the clever and genial engineer and land agent. He has been a resident of San Francisco for 22 years, has a host of acquaintances and a legion of friends. Pleasant and affable in demeanor, he is a man whom to know is to like. These agreeable qualities are backed by genuine ability, a thorough knowledge of his business, sterling integrity and untiring industry.

A native of Jefferson County, N. Y., Mr. Benson was born in 1846, receiving his preliminary education in the public schools of his district. He was afterward enrolled as a pupil at the Collegiate Institute of Warren, Ill., where he completed the regular course of the institution, graduating with honors.

While receiving his earlier training he studied with a view of securing a preliminary qualification for the business which he subsequently adopted as his lifework. His natural mental bent was toward civil engineering, and after thoroughly mastering its principles he was awarded a professional degree. So accurate and businesslike was his work that when only 21 years of age he was elected County Surveyor of Keokuk County, Iowa, and retained the office for five successive years. His administration of his office was all that could be desired, and the incumbent built up a reputation which extended to all the adjacent counties for the soundness and wisdom of his judgment.

To the great regret of his Iowa friends, he announced his determination to settle in San Francisco. They endeavored to overrule his intention, but Mr. Benson had long cherished a desire to reside permanently in California, and in 1871 removed to this city. Immediately after his arrival he commenced business as a civil engineer and land agent. His superior qualifications for the occupation were speedily recognized and clients soon flocked to his office. He now enjoys a practice of which any man might well be proud. The calls for his time and professional skill are so numerous that it is a severe strain upon his resources to render all the services which are asked of him, but Mr. Benson is too faithful to the varied interests of his numerous clientage to neglect any precautionary measure which might redound to their advantage.

One of the results of his many years of well-applied industry is a complete set of records showing every transaction connected with or affecting State lands. These records are made the subject of daily corrections, based upon reports from the various land offices. With the supplementary aid of a system of indexes and plat-books Mr. Benson is enabled, after a moment's glance at his records, to pronounce upon the character, condition and title of any block or plat in California. His facilities for his business operations are unequaled. His commodious offices are conveniently situated at the northeast corner of California and Kearny streets, and are always well filled with clients. He is thoroughly familiar with all the lands of California, as indeed of all the States west of the Missouri River, having visited and inspected them several times in his professional capacity.

In politics Mr. Benson is a straight and vigorous Republican. He is prominent in the local councils of the party, is frequently consulted regarding local movements and much value is attached to his advice. He has served the party in many capacities, and in 1880 was a delegate to the national Republican convention, which nominated President Garfield.

SAMUEL ROSENHEIM.

A Rising Young Attorney With a Bright Professional Future.

Few of the younger members of the local bar have risen so rapidly as Samuel Rosenheim, whose success has been almost phenomenal. Born in Portland, Or., November 17, 1863, he resided in that city until 1876, when he removed to San Francisco, and has resided here ever since. His education was mainly received in this city, his early legal knowledge being acquired in the offices of Rothschild & Ach, the well-known commercial attorneys. Mr. Rosenheim was admitted to practice by the Supreme Court on January 14, 1889. During the three years of his professional career he has been intrusted with many cases of importance, and has handled some difficult legal questions in a masterly style. He stands well in his profession, and by his straightforward and manly dealings has won and secured the esteem of his brother attorneys. His knowledge of the law is thorough, and he is widely read on all matters pertaining to legal practice. He prepares his cases with care, is noted for the perspicuity of his briefs, and has an excellent appearance in court. He is a convincing and logical speaker, and makes a good argument. Mr. Rosenheim's business has increased rapidly from the time of his admission to the bar, and his clientage comprises some of the leading business houses of the city. These connections have been formed solely through the ability and integrity of this able attorney, whose legal capacity has enforced recognition on all sides.

Mr. Rosenheim has been frequently named for political preferment, but he has hitherto resisted all such inducements, confining his attention exclusively to his practice. His oratorical qualifications and his enviable reputation for probity mark him for advancement both in law and politics, and in each of these fields he is certain to achieve distinction.

JUDGE A. CRAIG.

Honorable Career of a Prominent Attorney.

The subject of this sketch, who is looming up so prominently as a candidate for the prominent position of Superior Judge on the Democratic ticket, is well known in this city as an attorney of unquestioned ability and standing. He was born in Muskingdon County, Ohio, in the year of our Lord 1836, and is consequently 56 years of age. When 8 years old his parents removed to Livingston County, Mo., where the future jurist spent the early years of his manhood. He came of fine and adventurous stock. His father was once a merchant, or general trader, as it was denominated in those days, and his operations were greatly extended throughout the State. During the early years of his life Judge Craig enjoyed the usual advantages of education, going to school in winter and working on the paternal farm during summer. But young Craig was ambitious, and when of sufficiently advanced age to enter college he went to Edinburgh, Mo., where he graduated after a very creditable college career. To study law and to fit himself for that great profession was the ambition of the young man, and after leaving college he removed to St. Louis, where he commenced his legal studies in the office of C. H. Mansur, one of the most eminent of the legal lights of that city, and who afterward was Representative in Congress for four successive terms. Before being admitted to the bar Judge Craig determined to come to California, but before taking so momentous a step he was married to a daughter of Hon. George Pace of Livingston County, Mo., an eminent jurist, and regarded as a lawyer of fine attainments and unimpeachable integrity. The young couple settled in Stockton, where Judge Craig completed his legal studies and was admitted to the bar. In 1865 Judge Craig left Stockton and settled at Watsonville, Santa Cruz County, where appreciation awaited him. He soon became noted as a careful lawyer, and a large and lucrative practice was soon established. He became District Attorney for the county, and was afterward elected County and Probate Judge, which last office he held for four years with great acceptation. It was in 1880 that Judge Craig decided to remove from Santa Cruz County to seek a wider field for his abilities in this city. A partnership with Daniel T. Sullivan was formed, and the firm of Sullivan and Craig soon became noted for their large and important practice. This connection continued for two years.

During the memorable year of the Kalloch regime Judge Craig was appointed by the Mayor Assistant District Attorney for the more especial purpose of defending the suits for damages brought by the Coleman Pickhandle Brigade and other organizations during the stormy days of that period. These suits were successfully defended and the city saved an immense amount of money. Judge Craig also defended the city in the prosecution brought by the owners of the Toy patents for the alleged use of certain devices of horizontal and vertical rods at the new City Hall. Judge Craig was also successful in this suit, and the result, under very adverse and difficult circumstances, brought him great renown and added to his large practice. In partnership with R. H. Taylor Judge Craig enjoys a large and

lucrative practice. He is a man of stately presence and in the height of his bodily and mental vigor. His style is persuasive and logical rather then boisterous; he aims to convince rather than bluster, and in the conduct of important cases he is regarded as the equal of any advocate at the San Francisco bar. Judge Craig is happy in his domestic relations, and besides a wife has no less than six sons and one daughter, all living and all occupying positions of honor and trust.

RICHARD I. WHELAN.

The Probable Nominee for Sheriff on the Democratic Ticket.

In the coming choice which the people are to make for honest officers of this city and county no position will be more difficult to fill than that of Sheriff. The whole jury system depends upon an honest Sheriff, and the jury system of this city has been a byword of reproach. Few of our Sheriffs have had the courage even if they have had the

will to do their duty. A gentleman who is being pushed into the field by a number of prominent citizens, and who will probably receive the nomination from the Democratic convention is Mr. Richard I. Whelan of the Whelan & Tracy Blankbook Manufacturing Company, a firm well known all over the coast.

Mr. Whelan started life as a newsboy, learned the trade of bookbinding, and became foreman of a large establishment at the age of 20. He soon pushed himself ahead, and from being employed became employer. At this time he is only 36 years of age, a man of firm disposition, but amiable mind. He has the respect of all business men who know him, and the affection of his employes and all the members of his craft. As an employer he has uniformly paid the highest wages. He is the most popular candidate who has yet appeared.

It takes a peculiar temperament to deal with the problems which daily come up in the Sheriff's office. It also takes public virtue. Mr. Whelan is honest and capable. This fact is being urged and being admitted hourly, as the silent issues of the campaign are being discussed and determined.

JOHN B. CURTIS.

A Citizen Who Is Prominent in Official and Social Life.

The importance of the legislative department of a municipality of the size of this city is conceded. The acts of the Board of Supervisors bind the whole of the citizens of this great city to whatever it may decide. The duties, therefore, of members of the board are in the highest degree important, and require a ripe judgment in affairs and a power to resist the importunities of interested parties in favor of acts against the best interests of the whole population. Hence it naturally follows that the experienced business man and of a high moral standard is the only proper person for so important an office. Such a man is John B. Curtis, who at present represents the Fourth Ward on the Board of Supervisors of the city and county of San Francisco, and who, as the active manager of large and prosperous enterprises, has proved the possession of attributes which entitle him to the confidence of his neighbors and friends. He was born in Stratford, Conn., and acquired the advantages of a thorough academic education in his native city.

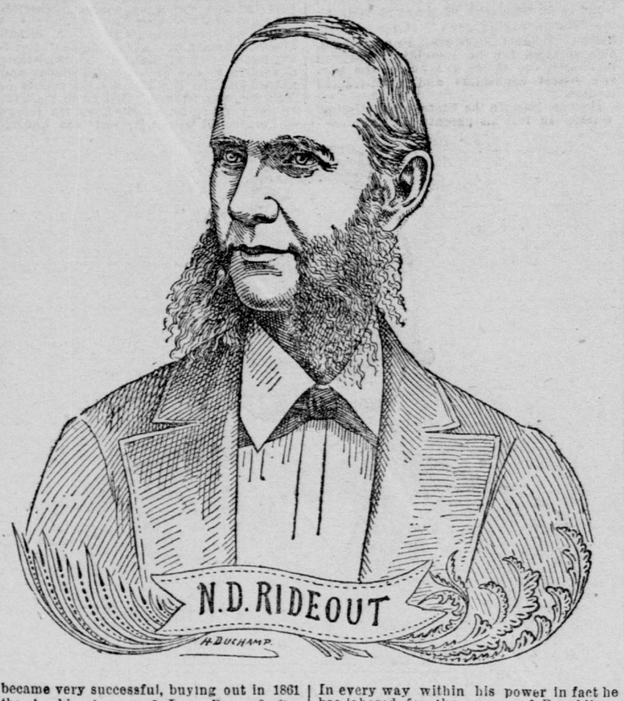
He enlisted in the army of the Union in 1862 and served faithfully until the close of

that sanguinary conflict, principally under the command of General O. O. Howard. After the war he returned to Bridgeport, in Connecticut, and engaged in active business in that city. In 1873 he emigrated to California and has ever since been located in this city. He was located on Market street for a number of years as the agent of Hemme & Long's pianos, and subsequently organized a company which purchased the interest of that firm and established a manufactory of its own. The subject of this sketch is now a large stockholder and managing secretary of the company, whose offices occupy a large building situated on the corner of Clay and Polk street. Mr. Curtis is also president of the Curtis Fruit Company of Fresno. Socially, Mr. Curtis is highly popular and is a member of several fraternal organizations. He is a member of George H. Thomas Post, G. A. R., and is a Mason of high degree, and is also connected with the A. O. U. W., Knights of Honor and other societies of similar character.

HON. N. D. RIDEOUT.

One of the Leaders of the Republican Party.

Hon. N. D. Rideout of Marysville is a pioneer citizen of California, having come to this State with the first influx of argonauts attracted hither by the discovery of gold. He is a native of Maine and received his education in that State. Upon his arrival in California he settled in Marysville and engaged in a general merchandise business,



became very successful, buying out in 1861 the banking-house of Low Bros. & Co. Since then he has extended his banking business by establishing the California State Bank at Sacramento; the Rideout Bank at Marysville, with branch at Gridley; the banking house of Rideout, Smith & Co. at Oroville; the Bank of Butte County at Chico and the Placer County Bank at Auburn. He is also a director of the London and San Francisco Bank of San Francisco.

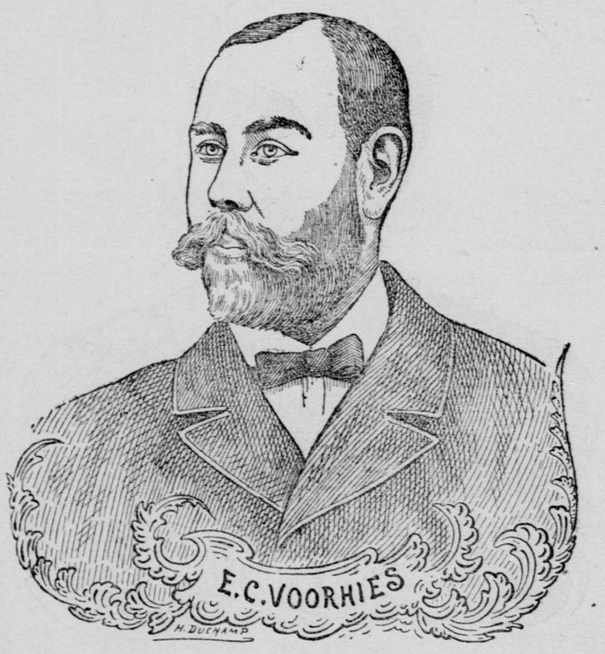
In mines, railroads and other enterprises he has been very prominent, and as a financier of extended views and liberal policy he has achieved an enviable distinction He has filled with honor and distinction the following offices, viz: Mayor of Marysville and Supervisor of Yuba County. He was elected one of the four delegates at large to the late Republican convention at Minneapolis. He was a delegate to the first convention held in California.

In addition to this Mr. Rideout has been one of the foremost Republicans in the State, and from his vast means he has always contributed liberally to bear the burdens of the expense of the campaigns. In every way within his power in fact he has labored for the success of Republican principles, and his party realizing this have seen fit, as was right, to honor him in return. In all the great northern country no man is more highly regarded than he, nor must it be thought his influence is confined to a section. Over the entire State he is looked upon as a man worthy of honor, and he is already being discussed as a probable candidate for Governor two years hence. Should he decide to make the race he will be a formidable opponent of any man who may aspire.

SENATOR E. C. VOORHEES.

The Man Who Gave the State a New Apportionment.

Senator E. C. Voorhees of Amador County is and has been for years a prominent man among the Republicans of his section of the State. At his home in Sutter Creek, where he is largely interested in mining industries, his popularity is very great, and whenever the interests of his party are to be served he is one of the first men called, and one of the first to respond. A busy man owing to the nature and extent of his private interests he has always found time to work for the public welfare, and his election to the Senate two years ago was a recognition of his faithful services. That he was elected no one who voted for him had the slightest cause to regret, and his record in the upper



house of the Legislature was that of a man faithful to the best interests of the people. To his high office he took with him the same intelligence and industry which he had always displayed in private life, and he labored hard and conscientiously for his people. The chief work which he accomplished, however, and the one which occupied the greater portion of his time, owing to the committee chairmanship, to which he had been named by Lieutenant-Governor Reddick, was the reapportionment of the State. The task was an arduous one, and required the most consummate skill and energy, but he performed it with rare sagacity and to the almost entire satisfaction of all concerned. Even the Democrats, who were hostile to a Republican reapportionment, were compelled to acknowledge that the work was well done, and while some effort was made to criticize it on account of party, the keenest critic could not claim that it partook of the nature of an offensive gerrymander. On the contrary, it was found to rectify the inequalities of the former apportionment, and was so entirely satisfactory that it was regarded as a model of good judgment and fairness. For his services Senator Voorhees was warmly applauded, and he found that he had added greatly to his strength. In the Senatorial fight, the echoes of which are still heard, and where the struggle was long and severe, he remained from first to last a warm supporter of George G. Blanchard in spite of the great influences which were brought to bear upon him. On every ballot he was found voting for Mr. Blanchard, and refused to desert him at any stage of the contest. The late George Blanchard was his friend, and loyally he stood by him to the end. That is the kind of a man Senator Voorhees has shown himself to be, and it is not to be wondered at as a consequence that he is held in such high esteem by those who know him best.

At the Stockton convention he was elected as an alternate delegate to the national gathering at Minneapolis and was present during the great struggle between the Blaine and Harrison forces. Following his personal preferences he advocated the nomination of the former, but the moment the result was announced he displayed his party loyalty by announcing his intention to labor with all the influence at his command for the election of the ticket chosen. In fact there is no more consistent party servant than he, and the weight of his influence is certain to be felt in the battle which is coming on.

WENDELL EASTON.

Prominent in Political, Business and Social Circles.

There is probably no more familiar name in San Francisco than that of the gentleman who is the subject of this sketch. Mr. Easton was born on the island of Nantucket in 1848, but has resided in this city since he was six years of age. He graduated from

the San Francisco high school at the age of 16, and his first business occupation was as clerk in the real estate firm of Hoogs & Madison. He early demonstrated his natural business capacity and soon ranked with the best authorities in the realty business.

In 1875 Mr. Easton engaged in the real state business on his own account and with great success. In 1881 the well-known firm of Easton & Eldridge was formed, the late J. O. Eldridge associating himself with Mr. Easton. The present firm of Easton, Eldridge & Co. (incorporated) is the best known and most popular on the Pacific slope, Wendell Easton, the president, having always been its chief executive officer. Mr. Easton is also president of the Pacific Coast Savings Society, with an authorized capital of $50,000,000. He also was the financier of the Metropolitan Railway Company, now constructing an electric railway from Eddy and Powell streets, in this city, to Golden Gate Park and the ocean boulevard.

In political circles Mr. Easton occupies a prominent place, being an active Republican and ex-president of the Union League, and is chairman of the finance committee of the Republican State Central Committee. His name was prominently mentioned for Mayor before the last election, but business affairs too much engrossed his time to reasonably permit of assuming political duties.

EDWARD OWENS.

A Man Whose Name Would Strengthen His Ticket.

Edward Owens, Deputy Superintendent of Streets, who resides at 618 Fillmore street, is another example of the prosperous results which surely follow a career of probity and practical skill. He was a workingman once, and speaks with satisfaction of his accomplishments as a carpenter and joiner. He came to this city in 1878, and was a pioneer of the idea of the benefits of union between the men of the trades, and

practically exemplified his ideas by organizing Union 22 of the carpenters and joiners, of which he was the first president, and now wears, with a degree of pardonable pride, a magnificent watch and chain with which the union presented him on his retirement. In 1881 Mr. Owens' practical abilities secured him a high position in the office of Superintendent of Streets, which was then held by Robert Graham, and with the exception of the period during which Charles Ruggles occupied that position, Mr. Owens has been an almost indispensable adjunct of that office. It is no secret that the subject of this sketch aspires to the office of Superintendent of Streets and on more then one occasion his nomination by the Democrats seemed almost assured. His prospects of receiving the nomination at the next convention of his party are said to be more than flattering, and certainly that party would do honor to itself and service to the party by so doing. Mr. Owens has a wide circle of friends, drawn to him by his estimable and amiable qualities, and he has also won the respect and will secure the support of a large number of substantial citizens who believe fully in Mr. Owens' capacity and integrity and feel sure that as Street Superintendent he would prove an example of an incorruptible and efficient official.

JOSEPH PESCIA, M.D.

A Talented Physician and Popular Citizen and Official.

Dr. Joseph Pescia, who served two terms as Supervisor in the city and county of San Francisco, elected as a Democrat, is one of the most highly respected and popular citizens of this city. In the medical profession he is the acknowledged peer of any, for the reason that joined with a natural aptitude for his chosen profession he has had a comprehensive and thorough course of study and training, both in the medical colleges of San Francisco and Europe.

Dr. Pescia was born in Genoa, Italy. His parents came to America when he was but a lad and made their home in Baltimore. From the latter city they moved to Washington, D. C., where his father died. His mother then moved to San Francisco. After mastering the rudiments of education Joseph was placed in St. Ignatius College, from which he graduated in 1875. He then entered the medical college of the State University, from which institution he graduated with distinguished honors. So ambitious was he to master the science of his profession that he spent much time in the wards of the City and County Hospital to improve his clinical knowledge, going thence to Europe and visiting medical colleges in England, France and Germany. Before he was eligible to take a medical course in his native Italy he found it necessary to take a degree in an Italian university. After doing so he entered the Superior Institute and after a two years' course graduated first in a class of 70.

Since 1880 Dr. Pescia has been a practitioner in this city, and has had great professional and financial success. He is characteristically charitable and scores of poor families reverence him. As a Supervisor he was logical in debate, progressive in policy and fearless in spirit.

JAMES J. GROOM.

He Is Popular With Republicans and Democrats Alike.

Some men possess the enviable faculty of making friends of nearly every one with whom they come in contact. It isn't that they study to do so—for if they did then they couldn't—but it is an open-hearted, generous and honest way characterizing them that inevitably wins admiration and confidence. J. J. Groom illustrates the point. He is universally respected and liked in San Francisco, where he has been reared and educated. He first entered the field of journalism, but in 1881 he left the profession to accept the position of chief deputy under Coroner I. L. Weeks. At the expiration of Dr. Weeks' term Dr. Marc Levingston succeeded and reappointed Mr. Groom solely upon the record he had made. As Dr. Levingston was a Democrat Mr. Groom's appointment could be based on personal merit alone. Dr. C. C. O'Donnell succeeded Dr. Levingston, being elected as an in-

dependent. So popular was Mr. Groom that he was again appointed to the responsible position.

After completing three terms as Chief Deputy Coroner, Mr. Groom accepted a deputyship under County Clerk Ruddick. In 1888 he was the Republican candidate for Coroner against Dr. Taylor. Notwithstanding a coalition formed by the physicians of this city to defeat him, he yet ran 1500 ahead of the Presidential electors on his ticket, but for all that was beaten, owing to the impression created that a layman was not eligible to the office of Coroner. He served with credit under County Clerk Davies as clerk of Judge Wallace's court, and now fills the same position under County Clerk Blattner in Judge Hebbard's court.

Mr. Groom is a leading member of several fraternal societies and of the San Francisco Press Club. He is worthy of any municipal office, and will probably be on the Republican ticket this year. Mr. Groom was lately appointed receiver in the Hale &