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Governor Will Take His Time and Not Be Stampeded by the Horde of Officeseekers.

It is a pleasure to note the care Governor Yates is devoting to the best interests of the state. He evidently regards the apportionment bills of great importance and is going to use his influence for the best interests of all concerned. In the meantime he will have ample time in which to examine the qualifications of the applicants for the various positions which are at his disposal. It is evidently his intention to make his appointments upon the merit system as far as possible. This will certainly meet with the hearty approval of his constituents and the people of the state regardless of poitics.--Lockport Phoenix.

#### Will Take His Time.

Governor Yates declines to be hurried in the matter of appointments. He will not be stampeded by office seekers. He is glad to see them, gives each attention and consideration, makes few promises and reserves his decisions until he has had time to weigh the fitness of the applicants. This course will commend itself as a wise one to the interest of the state. There are many offices to fill and if care is taken the governor will have on his pay roll and that of the state only good men, who should return faithful service for the money which they receive. Few appointments will be made till after the 1st of March,-Galena Gazette.

#### Will Avoid Mistakes.

Most of the work of looking over recommendations for office will be done by the governor at night. His expressed determination to go slow in the matter has met with so general approval from the people of the state that he is to feel assured of the preference of the people of the state for careful rather than early action. The fact that it has been practically announced from the governor's office that there would be no change in the adjutant generalship until after March 1st and the president's inauguaration is taken a demonstrating this latest report from the governor's office. - Springfield Evening News.

#### Yates Will Read Them All.

Governor Yates' determination to read personally all the letters of recommendation sent to him on behalf of applicants for appointments under his administration exhibits the desire of the new governor to deal fairly and justly with all aspirants for appointments; to give fil of them a hearing and to exercise the utmost possible care in making selections. It also exhibits a willingness to undertake any amount of heard work and weeks of weary drudgery in order to avoid overlooking any one who may have just claims upon his consideration .. - Mt. Carroll Democrat.

#### A Herrniess Tusk.

Governor Yates has announced his intention of personally reading all applications for appointments. This is a herculean task, but it shows that the governor is willing to endure an immenes amount of hard labor rather than not to give due consideration to all applicants for position. This will necessitate a considerable delay in making appointments, but as the positions are now all filled by good, honest and capable men and Republicans, there is not the necessity for the haste of four years ago.-Robinson Argus,

#### Not Afraid of Work.

Governor Yates has announced that he expects to read every letter or recommendation sent him in support of candidates for state appointments. It is said he has on file something like 20,000 of these letters, the reading of which will be a laborious task. But the governor is note afraid of work, and this method will insure the fair consideration of every applicant, although it will delay the announcement of his appointments which surely cannot be objected to by any aspirant.-Toledo Era.

#### Not Above the People.

Governor Yates believes in true democracy, and is not above the common people. He gives three hours a day to callers. Any man or woman can speak to him during the three hours. He has also decided to carefully consider recommendations for of fice before making appointments. This will be a very laborious undertaking, but he will have a fair knowledge of who are backing candidates.—Earlyille Leader.

#### Clean Political Wetheds.

Illinois can look forward to another four years of good government, as far as the executive department is concerned, as Governor Yatets is showing himself to be a man equal to any emergency that might arise in the conduct of his office. He is a man of clean political methods, careful and painstaking, all qualities that will make him a governor and statesman,-

#### Effingham Republican. May Want Him Again,

Governor Yates has just entered upon the duties of his office and no doubt will have to his credit four years hence a most efficient and commendable administration, such that may caus the people to demand his retention for another term. Metropolis Journal-Re

#### These Will So No Biltorness. The Democratic press finding nothing to criticise in the new governor of Illinois, has combined in an attempt to stir up dissatisfaction among Republicans, by insinuating that the claims of certain counties to recognition have

been ignored by the governor. The facts are that Governor Yates' avowed purpose to make a fair and equitable distribution of patropage in the differhearing, meets with most hearty apand Republican organizations. The Democratic press is much disappointed in view of the fact that Governor Yates did not make the mistake of act-

ing hastily in the matter. While it is true all applicants for place may not secure the coveted position, yet it is also true that they are absolutely certain that a decision will be reached only after careful and thorough consideration. This being true, the disapwill not be tinged with bitterness, nor will the executive be censured for indifference.--Virginia Gazette.

#### Good Government Assured.

Careful appointments are all that are asked of Governor Yates by the people of the state and only this sort are being made. The prospect for good government for the next four years could not be brighter.-Springfield Evening News.

#### Fair and Just.

Governor Yates' plan of distributing the state patronage is eminently fair and just. If it be adopted, every pretime in the history of Illinois politics,-Du Quoin Tribune.

#### Mr. Bryan and the Common People.

Mr. William J. Bryan takes pains to proclaim to the world that, spite of all that has passed, he retains his confidence in the common people. Whether the common people retain their confidence in Mr. Bryan is another question.

1996 Mr. Bryan created a general impression that he was an honest and sincere man who would never sacrifice a principle to expediency. During about it. But Jim H. will probably the campaign of 1900 he succeeded in creating an exactly opposite impres-

was very shifty. He was evidently afraid of the subject. He would not discuss the issue unless he was fairly forced to do so and then he would discuss it only evasively and insincerely. His course in regard to his invented "imperialism" issue was exceedingly tricky. He denounced the treaty with that he had done everything in his he had done so because he thought the treaty would be good campaign material for him in the next presidential began. election, which was to say that he had helped to commit his country to a and dangerous for the purpose of fur-No honest and sincere man was ever capable of Mr. Bryan's conduct in this justification of it.

country last fall as a dishonest demaage of the "common people" in the first that their drivers might ascertain the number of the Commoner is distinctly cause of the crowd's curiosity. Sudimpudent and offensive.

#### Business-Like Session.

Trustworthy advices from Springfield are to the effect that there is a lature in favor of a legislative policy street, totally oblivious to the excitefor the session which would render this meeting of the law-making body dispersed, and the long line of wagons quite noteworthy among the various assesblages of the kind. Commenting upon this happy condition of affairs, the Rockford Gazette says:

in the leadership have taken express cognizance of the conservative feeling which prevails in the state, and believe that that feeling should be given ef-

high a character as has ever been as- Home Companion. sembled for legislation in Illinois. Both houses have been organized with these influences in control in the initiating of measures which are to come before the general bodies for disposition.

"It will have a most welcome effect on public sentiment if Illinois can be dropping her hands in her tap and given a short and business-like session bending forward eagerly, "tell me of the legislature of this character. The about it." capacity of the Republican party to laws which tend to the best develop. hard to keep." ment of the inherent forces of the American people is shown in state as for three hours.--Chicago Times-Herwell as in national affair. Illinois has ald. been placing new leaders at the head. The new era recalls the state to the most wholesome standard. What could be more welcome to an active public sentiment which has asserted itself and given its strong support toward bringing in the above admirable order of affairs."

## THE ACT OF A HERO.

Molton Metal.

Taree men came up carrying a long iron shaft, which had been cut in two. so that an iron ring could be inserted between the two halves. An empty crucible a foot wide and deep hung in the ring. The forward end of the pole held a crossbar, making it, as it were, ent counties, and his determination to a huge T. Two men held the T part of give every applicant a full and fair the pole; the third grasped the rear end. The crucible hung between. The proval both by individual Republicans remainder of the molten metal from the caldron was tipped into one crucible, and the men trotted off with it, the two in front with strained faces, the man behind driving them complacently, the oddest team in the world. He steered them through a doorway, and they emptied their crucible into a small mold. As they went they kept step in an unusual manner. Instead of stepping out right foot with right foot the left man's right leg and the right man's pointment which must come to some left leg went forward together, knee with knee, foot with foot. We asked

> "That," said our gulde, "is to prevent them from tripping. If they should fall, you know, that metal would pour over them."

"Of course such a thing never happened?"

"Yes, it did once. One of the men went down. The other jumped clear, but the fellow on the floor swam in it." "Horrible! Of course he died instantly, poor man?"

"No; the foreman of the carrying gang, taking in the situation, made several terrific leaps for him. jumped cinct in every county in the state will right into the middle of it, picked him be properly recognized for the first up and threw him out of it bodily. Then he jumped clear himself, with the stuff dropping from his shoes, They both went to the hospital, but they are all right now. Herole, wasn't it? By the way, that's him, the foreman, Jim H., over there now. He is Downers Grove, still looking after those fellows."

We looked over to where a big muscular fellow was directing a gang of men manipulating molten metal. He was not disfigured, and he did not look During the presidential campaign of like a hero, but thereafter the grime that covered him seemed noble indeed, and he would not say a word of his feat when we sought to talk with him never want for a job as long as Baidwin's is working.-From an Article on the Baldwin Locomotive Works in His course in regard to free silver Frank Leslie's Popular Monthly.

## ONLY AN OLD SONG.

#### But It Illustrated the Curiosity of a New York Crowd.

It was only a song, and an old one at that, but it came near causing a block on the Broadway surface line the other Spain, and when it was pointed out day. The singer was as black as the coal in the cart he was driving, but power to bring about the ratification of that fact cast no shadow on his exuberthis treaty, he cynically explained that ant spirits. As he swung his charlot from Broadway into Cortlandt street he raised his voice. Then the trouble

When the notes of "Old Black Joe" rang out high and clear above the din course that he held to be dishonorable of traffic, expressions of blank amagement overspread the faces of the hurthering his own political ambitions. rying pedestrians who thronged the sidewalks. Necks were craped in a vain search for the location of some matter, nor of Mr. Bryan's unblushing newly patented phonograph. Crowds collected and gazed vacantly upon th Mr. Bryan exhibited himself to the air, as if they expected to locate the sound in some office window; teams gogueand tricky politician, undeserving were drawn up until a long line of the confidence of anybody, common or trucks extended up Cortlandt street to uncommon. His twaddlesome patron- Broadway, barring access to the street, denly a newsboy cried:

"Ah, rubber! Dontcher see it's only de nigger a-singin?"

The crowd laughed. The darky, now lustily bolding forth on "The Suwannee strong body of sentiment in the legis River," turned sharply into Church ment be had caused. The crowd then began to move once more.

"Well," exclaimed a Jerseyman on his way to the ferry, "New Yorkers call country people curious, but"- He "The experienced men who are now shrugged his shoulders and passed on. -New York Mail and Express.

Treasures of the White House. There are doubtless in every large fect in the work of the session. This city in the country larger and more valjudgment of the leaders is directed to uable collections of bric-a-brac and art excluding all unworthy or even furniture than that to be found in the suspicious measures; all measures in private apartments of the executive the form of experiments or that tend mausion, but it is a question whether to raise uncertainty and disturbance, there is in the length and breadth of and in a general way to so dispose of the land any other half so interesting. the business duties of the state and of Rarity is, of course, a universal characthe legislative needs as to leave the teristic of the artistic gems scattered natural forces free to work out their through the home of the presidents, best results, free from that interference but better than that is the fact that alwhich mischievous elements in a state most every piece is fraught with memlegislature may sometimes produce. | ories and associations that make it a "The foregoing policy is almost a prized possession. Of the whole numnovelty compared with what has pre- ber probably half are the gifts of kings vailed at some sessions. It is under- and rulers, tokens of appreciation from stood to be held in common by the friendly nations, and the remainder, leading influences in both houses, and having been fashioned especially for to have the hearty sanction of a body the White House, have no duplicates of men who probably represent as anywhere else in the world.-Woman's

#### Very Like a Scandal.

"This dollar that I hold in my hand," be said, "reminds me of a deep, dark, scandalous secret."

"Oh, George!" his wife exclaimed,

"Yes," he went on, "it reminds me of give the country administration and a secret of that kind, because it's so And then she refused to speak to him

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