

Hon. Thomas Renison, editor and owner of the *Gonzales Tribune*, one of influential newspaper journals in the State (notice of which will be found elsewhere in this work), and a resident of Gonzales, Monterey county, and also the present representative of the Sixty-ninth District in the Assembly, was born in the county Tipperary, Ireland, in 1850. He came to California in 1868, and located in Monterey county in 1869, beginning life here as a farm hand. His education had been obtained in the common schools of Ireland, and after coming to this county he studied law by himself, being admitted to the bar in 1881. In 1879 he was elected Justice of the Peace at Salinas, serving one term. He was appointed Deputy District Attorney under J. A. Wall, and was elected to the Assembly in 1886, and again in 1888, by a large majority. From the first he took a leading position on the floor of the House, and at once became one of its most influential members. He has been the author of several bills and resolutions of importance, and has taken no uncertain position on all questions involving the rights and privileges of his constituents. Mr. Renison is a married man, very domestic in his tastes, and fond of his home and its comforts.

Retiring in manner, yet in debate "forcible, aggressive, logical, and convincing," he is destined to many years of usefulness, as the people will not fail to take advantage of his abilities in the future, as in the past. His career is a shining exemplification of the truth that if the true metal is in a man it will be made

manifest in spite of poverty, obscurity, and difficulties to overcome. Let no man sit down to wait his opportunity, but rather, with his own hands and brain, shape it for himself.

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