



The Hon. R. L. Horton.

Robert L. Horton, Republican nominee for Controller, was born in Pittsburg, Pa., on October 12, 1831. He actively engaged in the business of general merchandising in Austin, Lander county, and is now sole proprietor of the same house of which he was one of the founders in 1863, and which he has conducted continuously ever since that time.

He came to California among the earliest of the overland emigrants, arriving in Sacramento in July, 1850. He first settled at Horseshoe Bar in Placer county, and engaged in mining until 1852. In 1853 he opened a meat market near Auburn, Cal., and continued it for a number of years. In 1863 he formed a partnership with W. S. Gaye and C. P. Hubbel, and under the firm name of W. S. Gaye & Co., opened one of the pioneer merchandise stores of Austin, when the Reese River excitement was in its infancy. The firm did a large and prosperous business, and in 1867 Mr. **Horton** bought out his partners. Soon after he sold an interest to M. A. Sawtelle, and under the firm name of **Horton** & Sawtelle continued the business until 1881, when he bought out

Sawtelle's interest, and has since been the sole proprietor. As a successful and prosperous merchant Mr. **Horton** has acquired an enviable reputation, and is known as one of Nevada's most reliable men. During this time he has also been engaged in numerous mining operations in Lander county, and has always been found ready to aid and promote the mining and milling industries of his section, and latterly he has acquired mining interests in Churchill county.

In his domestic life Mr. Horton has been singularly fortunate. He was married in Placer county, Cal., to Miss Elmer G. Curtis, and in 1865 moved his family to Austin, where he and his wife now reside. His home is one of happy content, and noted for the generous hospitality that awaits all friends. Two children are the result of their happy union, and the oldest, a daughter, is now married.

In politics Mr. Horton was originally a Whig, and cast his first Presidential vote for the electoral ticket of General Winfield Scott. In 1856 he was one of the little band of Republicans at his home in Placer county, that first perfected the party organization, and that year he supported John C. Fremont for President, and in — he was a delegate to the State Convention that nominated F. F. Low for Governor. He has always been a consistent Republican, and in Lander county has taken an active part in politics. In 1873 he was elected to the Legislature from Lander county.