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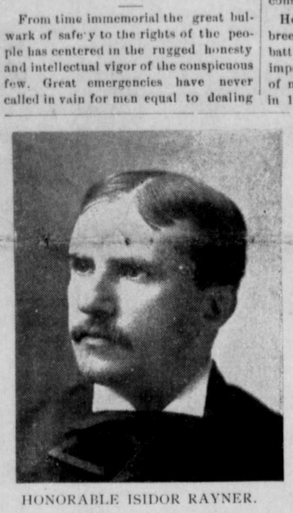
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HON. ISIDOR RAYNER.

A Champion of the People and the Democratic Candidate for Attorney-General of the State.

From time immemorial the great bulwark of safety to the rights of the people has centered in the rugged honesty and intellectual vigor of the conspicuous few. Great emergencies have never called in vain for men equal to dealing



HONORABLE ISIDOR RAYNER.

with the momentous questions involved. Conspicuous among the men of the character referred to,in Maryland, stands the Hon. Isidor Rayner, of Baltimore city, the Democratic nominee for Attorney-General of the State upon whose name he has cast so much of honor in every capacity. As a citizen, he stands foremost in the ranks of that class with whom only a chivalrous devotion to the sanctity of the home circle, comes before that great patriotism which exalts the welfare of the nation above political ambitions. As a political servant of his State and its people, the brilliancy of his service was conspicuous even when in the presence of men who had grown old in building up a greatness second only to the transcendant glory of the greatest nation of the earth.

Mr. Rayner was born in Baltimore forty-nine years ago, and, after graduating from the University of Virginia in 1870, took up the study of law. Soon after his admission to the bar, his eloquence of speech and vigor of thought, coupled with an uncompromising devotion to the rights of the masses, began to attract public attention. The people discovered in him a champion and friend. In 1878 he was elected to the Maryland Legislature, where his oratory and the soundness of his position on all matters of legislation attracted public attention, and in 1886 he was called from the prosecution of a rapidly growing law practice to serve his party in the State Senate. In this wider field his usefulness was enlarged, and his honesty of purpose and vigor of thought became more marked. At the close of his brilliant public service he again returned to the practice of the law revered by his constituency and honored by members of both parties. Momentous national issues were confronting and dividing the great parties of the country. On one side stood the petted subjects of a pernicious system of protection; on the other were the oppressed masses, paying tribute to this false method of meeting the financial demands of national government. The thunderous cry of the oppressed masses that the great political system of unjust taxation is robbery met a ready response in the breast of Isidor Rayner, and in 1888 the people called him again from the bar to espouse their cause in national legislation in the United States Congress. In Congress his first speech attracted the attention of the nation. The young Marylander's eloquence recalled the old days of Clay, Henry, Webster and Calhoun, and his intellectual vigor was no less conspicuous than his power of oratory.

He at once threw himself into the breech for the people and persistently battled for their deliverance from the impoverishment of an erroneous system of national taxation. In 1890 and again in 1892 he was returned to Congress. While in Congress he was a member ofthe Committee on Foreign Relations and on Coinage and Currency. His every act and utterance were characterized by a firm adherance to the principles of the purest democracy. Henry Watterson in the Louisville *Courier-Journal* thus comments upon him after one of his speeches in Congress:

"As an orator he has no superior in either House, and his learning is both varied and extensive. His voice isleonine, full, rich, resonant and commanding. His vocabulary is as extensive as Joe Blackburn's, and he is as fluent as Blaine of a dozen years ago. His speech yesterday on the bill to amend the inter-state law so as to afford relief to that large and useful class, commercial travellers, captivated the House and provoked vociferous applause in the galleries. As a specimen of parliamentary eloquence it will compare favorably with anything that has been delivered in the American Congress since the giants of our Augustan age left the scene. It was eloquence and argument combined, and when we recall that it was poured forth like a mountain torrent; that the man looked and acted the orator as well as spake it, it is not strange the most noisy and most disorderly body in the world that assumes to be deliberative became hushed, the members crowded around him, the spectators in the galleries leaned over so as not to lose a word, the cloak rooms emptied,and when he closed floor and galleries burst forth in tumultuous applause, which the speaker did not attempt to control or desire to cease."

As a campaigner, Mr, Rayner has but few peers. His logic is rugged in its simplicity, while his sentences are Addisonian in their purity and elegance of diction. The sweet music of a common humanity appeals to his sympathies and the great toiling masses among the people are fascinated by the grace and beauty of the language which springs into brightness and fragrance under the magic touch of the master builder. One of the great factors of his force is his unquestioned sincerity. No man ever raised a word of doubt as to the unwavering devotion of Mr. Rayner to any cause or interest which he espoused. A man of the people, the great voting masses have implicit confidence in and respect for him. While fascinated by that eloquence which moves men's souls, there is still a consciousness that the thoughts had their birth in a great well spring of sincerity and truth. His is not a talent to simply charm the ear, he reaches the profound depths of human nature and appeals to its hidden secrets.

The democracy of Maryland made a masterstroke in placing Mr. Rayner on the State ticket, and honored itself in recognizing the eminent fitness of the man for the fulfillment of the responsibilities of the place to which they would elevate him.

Mr. Rayner has a wife, and one son, William M. Rayner, who is associated with him in the practice of law, and who promises to be as talented as is his gifted father.

COL. JOHN WALTER SMITH.

A Picturesque Figure in Maryland Politics and is the Democratic Candidate for Governor.

Col. John Walter Smith, the democratic candidate for the Governorship of Maryland, is unquestionably one of the most impressive and picturesque figures in state politics; an ideal picture of the self-made man. From the quiet seclusion of an Eastern Shore town, Snow Hill, his birth-place on February 5, 1845, he has become a commanding force in State politics, a master of finance, and withal a courteous and polished gentleman.

Left motherless when only one month old, and fatherless at the tender age of five years, the eventful career of the subject of this sketch commenced. In early life as in later manhood he was a leader. Whether in the class-room or in the practical arena of active affairs, the indomitable will-power and keen insight into the business propositions which presented themselves were dealt with in a manner to wrest success from what to others would have been difficulties not to be surmounted.

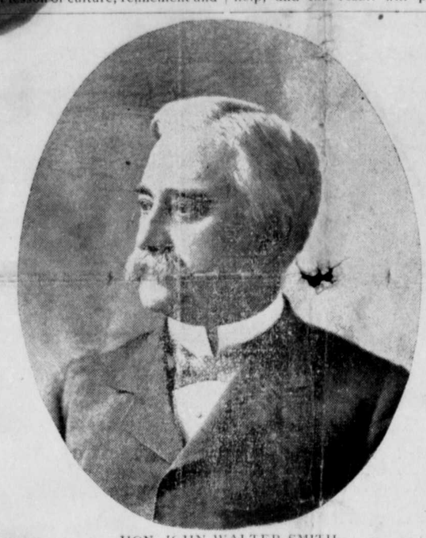
After receiving a fair education,at the age of eighteen he became a clerk, and from 1867 to 1870 was in business for himself. In 1870 he became a member of the general mercantile firm of Richardson, Moore and Smith. To the general merchandising business was added that of lumber, grain and freighting. Mr. Richardson died, and the firm became Smith, Moore & Co., and so continues.

The world of practical business and of finance developed the latent powers of the man and he became the inspiration of one of the greatest lumber enterprises of the State. Lumber mills dotted the great forests of the South; the circle of business operations continued to expand; new financial enterprises developed,giving employment to thousands of operators, and increasing the business of the firm at Snow Hill to half a million yearly.

This business contact with the great toiling masses; this insight into the needs of the people, awakened a feeling of deep-rooted sympathy in the breast of the busy man of affairs, which culminated in practical expression in the free School Book Bill in 1896.

Col. Smith is a member of the Surrey Lumber Company, of Surrey county, Va. His company owns a railroad sixty miles long, and large tracts of fine timber in Virginia and North Carolina.He also has investments in the canning industry in Snow Hill.He is president of the First National Bank of Snow Hill, and is a director in the Delaware, Maryland and Virginia Railway Company. The Snow Hill Flouring Mill is owned by his firm, and there are few enterprises in his county which have not received his material support.

His home at Snow Hill is a charming object lesson of culture, refinement and



HON. JOHN WALTER SMITH.

good taste. After the active duties of business,this Eastern Shore gentleman retires to the elegance of his home,and whenever occasion permits, despenses a royal hospitality.

Though always a democrat of the Jeffersonian type pure and simple; though a leader in local affairs, and a conspicuous member in the councils of his party, and a contributor to campaign funds, until 1889 he refused to accept any position on local or State tickets.

Industrial and political changes had been fashioning a new destiny for the State and National democracy. The demand was made by his party that he should step from the ranks to a more practical leadership. State legislation needed a sound judgment and steady hand, and it was at this time that the democracy unanimously nominated Col. Smith to the State Senate, and the people honored the selection by a rousing majority. In the Senate the long-wished for opportunity to strike a blow in behalf of the people presented itself, and Free School Books were placed in the hands of every child in the State. It matters not what may be the individual opinion as to the merits of the bill, none will question the sincerity of the motive which gave it birth. It was a master strike in the great work of placing the elevating influences of education within the reach of the poorest and most lowly citizen of the commonwealth, it was a response to the great heart-throb of the people for help, and the result will prove the soundness of the heart and mind which conceived it. From 1889 to 1898 he was a conspicuous figure in the Senate, and in 1894 served with destinction as President of the Senate. In 1895 he was made chairman of the State Democratic Committee.

Col. Smith in 1892 received quite a complimentary vote for United States Senator, and in 1896 was given the causus nomination for the same position. Last fall, at the earnest demand of his party, he entered the fight for Congress and turned a substantial republican majority into a democratic triumph. The recent democratic convention made no mistake in making Col. Smith its standard bearer in what promises to be a memorial campaign.

Mr. Smith possesses a striking personality. As a campaigner he is aggressive and tireless; As a speaker he is clear, logical and pleasing. His faculty of discovering the weak points in the enemey's line and then carrying the position by assault, has characterized all his political campaigns, and has been the secret of his success in business as well as in politics.

Kent will doubtless join every other county in the State in giving Col. Smith a ringing endorsement for govenor in next November.

THE CHESTERTOWN NATIONAL BANK.

The Oldest Banking Institution in this Section—Half Century of Uninterrupted History and Prosperity-An Important Factor in the Development of Kent County.

An able writer has well said that a great deal regarding the wealth, resources and prospects of a city may be predicted from the number, extent and standing of its banking institutions. Now the city of Chestertown is not only willing, but proud to be gauged by this standard,for in no other direction does it show to better advantage.

When a bank has existed without the slightest intermission for a period of two generations,it is not an exaggeration to declare in trumpet-tones that such an institution ranks among the guardian enterprises of Chestertown. Panics, financial disasters and periods of business stagnation and depression have oversept the country time and again since its doors first opened in 1849, but like some sentinel of stone the Chestertown National Bank has jealously guarded its trusts and deposits, increasing them, indeed, through the flight of years and throwing its mantle of protection around the savings of its patrons. Eyes long dimmed in the churchyard's mould have perceived this banks advantages; nor are those now bright with the fires of life and love slow to appreciate this sterling institution over whose green portals may be inscribed—"Esto Perpetua." Its history is an impressive study and forms the leading chapter in the development of Kent county.

The Farmers & Mechanics Bank was incorporated Oct. 1849 which included such prominent directors as George Vickers, George B. Westcott, James B. Ricaud, Richard Hynson, Hugh Wallis, William F. Smyth and many other well known citizens. They established in a small building owned by C. H. Wickes, but as the bank grew in importance the volume of business transacted required a more spacious building and they accordingly erected a building on the McClain lot. In 1865 the Kent National Bank absorbed the above institution and in 1885 the Kent National was again changed to the Chestertown National.

The Board of Directors are of our leading and most substantial citizens, who are Charles T. Westcott, president; E. S. Valiant, R. D. Hynson, Samuel Vannort, Alday Clements, Franklin H. Harper, Marion deK. Smith, James W. Chapman and Jas. S. Harris. The capital stock is $60,000 and average loans and deposits $175,000.

The present officers are: H. Rickey, cashier; W. W. Chapman, teller; R. S. Thomas, book-keeper; J. A. Thomas, runner. The stock has sold for $192, par value $100. The home of the Chestertown bank is one of the best equipped banking houses on the peninsula. It is fitted up with all modern improvements and conveniences for the business, including time-lock, fire and burglar-proof vault and treasurer chest. The institution receives approved accounts of banks, corporations, firms and individuals, buys and sells exchange on all the leading cities, makes collections upon all points,and effectually transacts a general banking business. It has always been glad to extend a helping hand to our struggling industries.

A. J. HACKETT.

Wagon Factory and General Repair Shop.

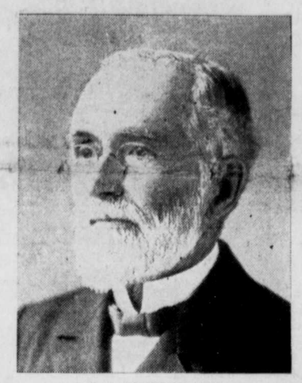
Any city which can boast of successful manufactories which take life and sustenance from home support,may well be called a solid and substantial one. It is such home industries which appeal both to reason and sentiment for public patronage. "A dollar saved is a dollar earned" has been rung down the ages by wise counsellors. A dollar spent for merchandise produced by home labor is a dollar that will remain in circulation at home, and add to the wealth of the community. As saving is the foundadation of wealth, so is patronage of home industry the keystone of local prosperity.

There is not a similar concern in Kent county which sustains a higher reputation, or secures a larger measure of public support than the wagon factory and repair shop of Mr. A. J. Hackett, of Still Pond. Here are manufactured the most substantial road wagons to be found in Kent county. Every wagon is guaranteed to be made of the best materia', put together by expert workman, while the prices will be found to be lower than any competitor giving the same class of work. Mr. Hackett also does all kinds of repairing of farm implements, wagons, buggies, plows, and makes a specialty of horse-shoeing. All work is under his personal supervision, while he only employs expert workmen, which is an additional guarantee of the high excellence in everything that leaves his shop. Mr Hackett was born in Cecil county and established his present business in Still Pond, in 1883, which has grown year by year, until he now enjoys one of the largest trades in the county. Mr. Hackett is a member of the M. P. Church and affiliates with the Heptasophs and K. of P., in fraternal circles.

DR. J. W. HERING.

An Honored Citizen of Maryland and Candidate for Comptroller on the Democratic Ticket.

In a beautiful home in Westminster, surrounded by every comfort and luxury, by innate refinement and artistic taste; happy in the loving presence of a gracious wife and trusted friends; the recipient of the grateful homage of his fellowmen, cheered by a retrospect of a useful, industrious life, crowned with good deeds and princely benefactions well-bestowed, lives Dr. J. W. Hering, candidate for the responsible office of State Comproller on the Democratic ticket, and who is pre-eminently qualified to meet the high exactions and discharge the duties in a business-like manner. His life is filled with splendid deeds, pure and unsullied, which are emulated and admired by a host of personal friends of all political creeds and parties. He belongs to another generation of luminaries, whose effulgence casts renown and glory on the escutcheon of Maryland. Dr. Hering was born in Frederick county, Md., March 8, 1833, and is a descendant of an old-time family whose prominence and distinction are conspicuous in the pioneer history of the common wealth.



DR. J. W. HERRING.

After obtaining an excellent elementary education at the schools there, he entered a commercial life, and soon after he decided to make Westminster his home, going there in 1851, at the age of eighteen. Dr. Hering continued the same line of mercantile business until 1853, when his inclinations led him to study medicine, which he did under the late Dr. Wm. A. Mathias, finishing his medical course at the University of Maryland, and graduating in 1855. He opened his office in Westminster in 1855, and immediately became one of Carroll's leading practitioners, and was appointed visiting physician to several institutions of the county, which work he relinquished after seven years, to attend to his private practice.

During his services in two sessions of the General Assembly, he became one of the best-known men in the State and no man stands higher in public esteem than Dr. Hering. He is affible, courtly and approachable by the humblest citizens, possessing the modesty of bearing of a gentle training, erudition of the studious statesman and the keenness of the diplomat. "Friend come up higher" is a Scriptural command, that was never uttered with more justice, or with a more entire realization of the fitness of things than when the late democratic convention unanimously nominated Dr. J. W. Hering ,for Comptroller of the proud old State of Maryland, and their wisdom will no doubt be endorsed by the popular sufferage of the intelligent voter, who prefers the man that the office seeks, and one who believes that a public office is a holy, consecrated trust; such a man is Dr. Hering.

He is a trustee of the Western Maryland College, and he is also treasurer and one of the governors of the Westminster Theological Seminary. A staunch democrat from earnest convictions all his life, he never aspired to any office in the gift of the people, and yet he was elected a State Senator in 1895, which post he accepted with reluctance. He accepted the nomination, not from ambition, but as a duty to his party which gave him an unanimous call to lead it in the contest.

HARRISON W. VICKERS.

In the history of this nation the names of Maryland's noblest sons are interwoven, who in the halls of Congress, on bench of justice, in the busy marts of trade, on the fields of battle, or in the forum, have gained distinction, and stamped their identity on the pages of the past. Every student is familiar with these names, and it is unnessary to enumerate them. It is, however, of the men of the present we would speak—men whose lives are allied with the present civil and political life of Maryland, and we select as a subject of our theme one of Kent county's representative citizens, a distinguished lawyer, an honorable citizen, a prominent democrat and a man closely allied with the history of Kent county—Hon. Harrison W. Vickers. Born in Chestertown, a descendant of one of Maryland's distinguished families, he is possessed of the best characteristics of our venerable commonwealth, courtesy, chivalry and irreproachable integrity. Mr. Vickers was educated at Washington College and the Military College of Pennsylvania. He was admitted to the bar in 1871, was elected State's Attorney in 1875, and filled the position until 1883 to the entire satisfaction of the public. Mr. Vickers was trained in the Jeffersonian and Jacksonian school of democracy, and has even been an uncompromising democrat, and was chairman of the county organization for a number of years.

The late democratic convention, after carefully looking over the field for a man who possessed an unblemished record and pre-eminent qualifications for State Senator, select H. W. Vickers, Esq., as the choice of this honorable body and a man who enjoys the confidence and respect of all classes regardless of party attachments or affiliations.

He is a public spirited citizen, ready at all times to contribute his means and time toward the promotion of all enterprises calculated to advance the material interest of his native county andState; was one of the promoters and organizers of the Second National Bank of Chestertown, and one of the directors who have moulded the policy of this flourishing institution from its inception. My. Vickers is largeiy interested in farms and in farming, and is closely identified by interest and sympathy with the farmers of Kent county.

The oyster interests of the county, which are large and important, has been studied by him for many years, and the oystermen uniformily regard Mr. Vickers as their champion and friend, and if elected to the State Senate of Maryland, all legislation for the betterment of the agriculturist and sturdy sons of the oyster grounds will receive his strong support. His professional work is characterized by ability, conservatism and energy, and embraces the most prominent litigations in this section. The above qualities,coupled with a keen legal mind,unswerving devotion to duty, unfaltering fidelity to truth, and a strong sense of right and justice appeals to the voters of Kent county, and has earned for Mr. Vickers the position he to-day holds in the confidence of the public.

Mr. Vickers' Speech.

Delivered as the representative of the Ladies' Improvement Association in presenting the beautiful fountain to the Board of Town Commissioners, on Tuesday, August 15th. Mr. Vickers said:

The Honorable Board of Commissioners, Our City Fathers, Ladies and Gentlemen:

The committee of ladies in charge of the important work of beautifying the town have requested me to present, in a formal manner, this public square and magnificent fountain to the commissioners of Chestertown. In making this presentation and discharging a most agreeable undertaking, you will permit the suggestion, that it would be well for the authorities of the town to continue the functions of this committee that the square may receive its finishing touches at their fair hands.

It has ever seemed natural for the human mind to embody its achievements and recollections in external objects.

The erection of public monuments has always been a source of influence on the national character, as well as the local associations of people.

What stranger standing at the base of Bunker Hill Monument, absorbed in thinking of the great struggle inaugurated there, is not destined to have his meditations interrupted by the information that it was there that Warren fell; or in our own Monumental City, whose beauties and advantages have so many times been pointed out to trangers by the distinguished gentleman who honors us with his presence here to-day, Gen'l Latrobe, the seven-times-mayor of Baltimore,who would conduct his visitor to the little monument reared in memory of the two boys, Wells and McComas, who sacrificed their lives to save the city.

There is, perhaps, no way to accurately measure the effect exercised upon the mind and character of a people by their monuments,erected to commemorate and perpetuate the spirit which the events of the past have made one's country great. The beauty of monumental architecture, together with events commemorated, force themselves on the observation of the most thoughtless, and serve to recall recollections of the perils and dangers encountered in the achievement of the glories which make the progress and grandeur of the nation.

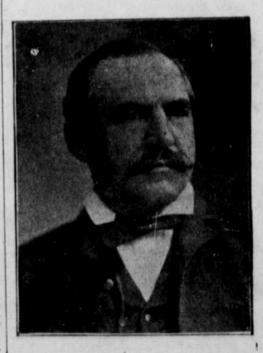
There are thousands of people who never would cast a thought upon the valor and glory of their country, or perhaps mark the periods of its decline and lapsing from the path of peace and honor, if their senses were not arrested by monuments which commemorate their country's progress, or give evidence of its decline. History makes it but too clear that many of the monuments of this world have not stood the test of time as evidence of the greatness of their country, or, indeed, were ever a pledge of its future glory and honor.

The monuments which mark the epochs of the progress of our own country have been erected at the cost of much blood and treasure. Happily our national monuments so far, have been dedicated to the principle of civil and religious liberty. The peaceful mission of our republic in the past among the nations of the world has given rise to the feeling that peace has her monuments no less than war. As citizens of a great republic, with minds inbued with the principles of national liberty and equality among the nations of the world, we should deprecate the introduction of a foreign sentiment, the offspring of monarchy, which would erect in our country national monuments commemorating the mere barter and sale and subjugation of an alien people struggling for their liberties and national life.

As true Americans, let us rather seek to erect monuments which will serve to influence the sentiments of our descendants by leaving untouched, as far as possible, the harsher feelings of our natures by creating a generous emulation of the arts of peace, which is the surest foundation for civil and religious freedom and of our common welfare as a nation.

This beautiful fountain represents in its design poetry, history and nature. Here the arts are rivals in architecture. Persons who drink of the classic waters which flow from the college springs through this fountain, can, by a single glance at its architecture embrace the revolutions of time preserved in the beauties of art.

The women of this town, armed with a peaceful zeal for the beautiful; animated by an unwavering purpose to make beautiful the unsighly; to make clean that which is unwholesome, took upon themselves the self-appointed task to personally reclaim this unsightly square. The women, undismayed by difficulties, have for the past year struggled forward, overcoming obstacles which for more than a hundred years were thought to be so great by their fathers and husbands as to deter them from such undertaking. They have made a public square in a desert place and clothed it in beauty. Here the grass, the flowers, the trees will in the future look up to heaven, and from their voiceless lips be a living sermon of praise in every bud and leaf that wooes the summer gale for the generous and noble women whose hearts conceived and fair hands made this barren spot blossom into life. One of the poets expressed the thought, common to us all, that Heaven at least lies about us in our innocent childhood days. What more fitting, then, than that the portals of this beautiful fountain should be opened and its crystal streams set free by the hand of Ida Orem Smith, a sweet little messenger of peace and love.



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THE HANDSOME "KENT SQUARE" FOUNTAIN, UNVEILED ON AUGUST 15.

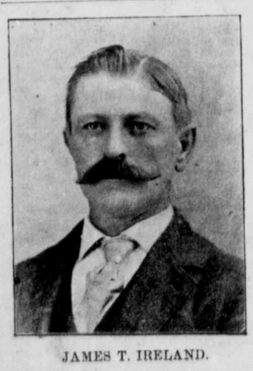
CHARLES L. GILL.

Our Popular Deputy Sheriff and Candidate for Sheriff on the Democratic Ticket.

In filling the various offices pertaining to the preservation of the peace and maintaining the good name our city has acquired as a law-abiding community, it is absolutely desirable that men be selected who possess the necessary amount of forbearance, tact and judgment to be able to control without severity or causing friction between any section or classes. Kent county has many such men, but none command those excellent qualities to a greater degree than the subject of this sketch, Mr. Charles L. Gill, our present deputy sheriff. He was born in Cecil conuty and came to Kent county more than 30 years ago, and has resided in Kennedyville and followed the occupation of farming until Mr. Beford Roe tendered him the office of deputy sheriff, which position he accepted and has filled to the entire satisfaction of the exacting public.

Mr. Gill has proven to be a man peculiarly fitted for his position, being fearless in the discharge of his duties, alert in suppressing any lawlessness,and successful in executing the orders of the court The manly and efficient manner in which he has conducted his official actions has received general commendation from all, regardless of political affiliations, and as a result he received the nomination from the democratic party for sheriff of Kent county.

Mr. Gill has always been an uncompromising democrat. His ancestors before him were democrats, and the wisdom of the late convention will be verified by Mr. Gill being elected sheriff of Kent county next November. He is a young man of unquestioned ability and deserves the position for which he aspires, and if elected, will make Kent county an able and conservative sheriff.



JAMES T. IRELAND.

WESTCOTT & DODD.

Leaders in Their Line and Popular With the Masses.

In every city,large or small,there are leaders in each business. Some men are born to succeed, but a far greater number must achieve it, must work for it, and the man or men who possess enough energy to acquire success are also those who keep their wares and themselves prominently before the public; who have always believed in a judicious use of printers' ink, realizing, as do all enterprising business men everywhere that advertising marks out the high road to success in this,the latter end of the 19th century.

Messrs. Westcott & Dodd are a particular and notable example of this class of energetic business men. They have succeeded because they have earned success; have worked for it, and won it by honesty, industry, brains and enterprise. Ten years ago was formed the nucleus of their extensive business, which has grown day by day, keeping step with the modern methods and in touch with the great commercial marts of the large cities. They have made their store the Mecca of all that is fashionable and artistic. The stock carried is composed of dry goods and notions, embracing the latest styles in foreign and domestic dress goods of all prices and qualities; the endless variety of articles which make up the term "notions," together with a line of boots and shoes, hats and caps. The grocery department is replete with every article embraced under the head of staple and fancy groceries,and the same progressive business methods are employed here as in the dry goods department.

Mr. George B. Westcott was born in Kent county, and the name of Westcott is closely allied with the early history of this section. He was educated at Washington College, has manifested an interest in local enterprises, and is now treasurer of the Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Kent county. Mr. Chas. L. Dodd, too, is a native of Kent, was educated at Chestertown public school, and is attached to his native heath. He is a member of the honorable Board of Town Commissioners and actvie in promoting all measures for the betterment of the city.

The firm of Westcott & Dodd thoroughly represents the enterprise, the business push and energy of our thriving and flourishing city, and occupies a foremost place in our commercial life.

RICHARD D. HYNSON.

A Popular and Able Lawyer.

The law is a progressive science, and with increase of our population and advancement in industrial,commercial and mechanical arts and the amazing growth of corporations, a multiplicity of new and important questions are suggested, the determination of which requires the highest order of legal talent and constant investigation. He must know,not merely the laws which the legislatures make; not constitutional and statute law alone, but that ampler and boundless jurisprudence, the Common Law,brought by our ancestors from the mother country and enriched, enlarged and amelirated by successive generations, and adapted to the wants of a progressive civilization. Where can this law be found? In volumes you count by hundreds and by thousands,filling vast libraries. Constant research and the labor of a life time are required to bringing out its boundless wealth of information.

Richard D. Hynson, the subject of this sketch, ranks among the practitioners of the Kent county bar and enjoys a clientage that is extensive. He is often engaged in the most important litigation in the county. His ancestors were the early settlers of Kent county. His father was one of the most eminent lawyers of the Peninsula. Mr. Hynson was born in 1865 in Chestertown. He matriculated from the Washington College in '83,and later was a student in Bryant & Stratton's Business College, of Baltimore; took a legal course in the Maryland Law School from which institution he graduated in '86. He was admitted to the bar in Baltimore, and has since followed the profession in Chestertown. In February 1890, he was appointed by Governor Jackson a member of the board of directors of the House of Correction and still holds this commission. He is vice-president of the Chestertown National Bank,is a large land owner and is directly and indirectly interested in the material prosperity of his native town.

Mr. Hynson has always been an active and ardent democrat, giving with a willing hand, and ready at all times to respond to the summons of his party. He is chairman of the Democratic Committee of Kent county, and has filled this position since '95. Mr. Hynson is a man of affairs, a fine organizer and has the happy faculty of harmonizing all factions and bringing into working order all the machinery of the party.

TURNER & SON.

Pioneer Merchants of Betterton—Dealers in Lumber, Building Material, Coal and Fertilizers- Extensive Buyers and Shippers of Grain.

Lumber has its history, and like all histories, has also its various chapters. It opens with the primeval forests and the woodman's axe, and ends in the homes and haunts of civilized man. What an important part it plays in the world of trade and manufacture can be best seen in the many uses to which it has been put. It is the prime factor of the building world; the industry has afforded an avenue of trade for a class of merchants who are typical "hust ers," proving equal to every emergency of prosperity or depression. Prominent among this class is found the above lumber firm, which also deals in many other side lines, such as coal, fertilizers, flour, etc., etc, In the building line you may find sashes, doors, blinds, lime and cements, while all the various grades and qualities of coal are handled in large lots and sold at prices consistent with business safety. Messrs. Turner & Son are extensive dealers in fertilizers, their operations covering the entire county. In this particular branch of their business they are prepared to extend unusual accommodations to patrons, supplying them with all the standard bone fertilizers and phosphates. This venerable firm was established in 1851 by Richard Turner,the elder,who built a wharf at this point, and throughout the varying years, the spirit of enterprise and development of the beautiful place has been handed down from father to son, until to-day, R. T. Turner, Jr., and Howard, his son,are the most conspicuous and devoted advocates of the prosperity and advancement of Betterton.Mr. R. T. Turner Jr., was born in Baltimore and came with his parents to Betterton in 1851.

The popularity of the place as a summer resort, and its importance as a commercial centre, is greatly due to Mr. Turner's personal efforts.

Mr. Howard Turner, a typical American "hustler" possessed with the energy and enterprise of the 19th century, is making rapid inroads into the trade lines of the county and is winning for Betterton a proud name in the commercial transactions of Kent county. These gentlemen are extensively engaged in buying and shipping grain in Kent. Having their own vessels, they have for years been in a position to extend to farmers rare inducements along these lines. Mr. Turner,(senior), prior to coming to Kent was one of the largest hardware dealers in Baltimore,and a representative citizen. In addition to their extensive and varied business interests the Messrs. Turner are agents for the steamers Susquehanna and Sassafras.

The Messrs. Turner have always given a conscientious support to all measures conducive to the benefit and permanent welfare of the people of Kent county, and the prosperous trade they enjoy is due to those liberal methods which win the admiration of competitors and the esteem of the public.