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CONGRESSMAN Wachter has decided not to take an appeal from the decision of the Judges recently rendered in favor of Mayor McLane in the mayoralty contest. This is wise on the part of the Congressman. He may now devote all his time to "stirring things up" in his own party.

GOV. JOHN WALTER SMITH sent his message to the Maryland Legislature on Wednesday. It is a clear and comprehensive document, dealing with such questions as most particularly concern the various interests of the State, and is extremely business like in its utterances. Gov. Smith will retire from the Governorship with the commendation of the entire Democratic party.

DON'T LET'S HAVE any "dark horse" in the election of a United States Senator. The avowed candidates are Gov. Smith, Ex-Gov. Jackson, Ex-Congressman Miles and Hon. Isidor Rayner. The people are never given a chance to consider the qualifications and fitness of a "dark horse," and the fight has been waged among these four candidates. It's very bad politics these days to select a "dark horse" without giving the people a chance to discuss his availability.

JOHN E. HURST, one of the most prominent merchants of Baltimore city, and one of the most conspicuous figures in the Democratic party in the State, died at the Johns Hopkins Hospital on Wednesday evening. The death of Mr. Hurst is a severe blow to the business interests of Baltimore city. He was a man of unstinted liberality, and was connected with some of Baltimore's largest city enterprises. He was the candidate for Governor of the State of Maryland in 1895 and went down with his party in defeat. He has not been actively engaged in politics since, but has taken a great deal of interest in the deliberations of his party.

THE SENATORSHIP.

As the time for the election of a United States Senator draws nearer, the determination on the part of the politicians to force the election of Gov. Smith upon the people seems greater, and the determination of the people to elect Mr. Isidor Rayner in not one whit weaker. Now the question for the politicians to consider is this "can they afford to force Gov. Smith upon the people when they know such action is suicidal to the Democratic party?" A prominent organization Democrat remarked some days ago, "Oh, yes, I know the people want Mr. Rayner, but we are not going to elect him." This is very dangerous ground upon which to stand. The fight which the people of the State of Maryland are making for the election of Isidor Rayner to the United States Senate is a fight for the perpetuation of the Democratic party in power for years to come, for the simple reason that the demand for his election comes from the *people*, the source of all power. It must be remembered also that the fight which the people of the State are making for Isidor Rayner for United States Senator is a fight for the maintenance of the organization of the Democratic party now in power, and when the politicians flaunt Gov. Smith in the faces of the people and say "you must take this man, and no one else," they are simply setting a trap to cause their own political death. It cannot be charged that the supporters of Mr. Rayner want him elected because they know it will destroy the Democratic party; but is it not extremely dangerous, judging from past experience, for the leaders of the party to force upon the people a man whom they do not want to fill such a high and responsible position? Experience is always the best teacher and when the managers of the party fail to profit by the experience of the past then the people administer a stinging rebuke. If the people of the State had desired that Gov. Smith should be their representative in the U. S. Senate, they would have made their wishes known as surely as they have in the case of Mr. Rayner, and since they do not want the Governor, for the sake of party harmony and for the continuation of the present management, the politicians should submit to the demand of the people. The leaders are certainly standing very much in their own light to oppose Mr. Rayner, because his election would mean so much to the people. If Maryland goes Republican in the Presidential and Congressional election the leaders of the Democratic party will be responsible for it, because of their refusal to heed the request of the people.

FOR WARFIELD INAUGURAL.

Chairman Murray Vandiver has been working energetically during the last few days upon the preparation for the inauguration of Governor-elect Warfield, which will take place at noon in Annapolis on January 13. Mr. Warfield will leave the Belvedere Hotel at 9 o'clock in the morning and, escorted by the Fifth Regiment Veteran Corps, with the officers of the Fourth and Fifth Regiments, will go to Camden Station, where the party will board the Gubernatorial special provided by the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad.

Annapolis will be reached about 11 o'clock, and Governor-elect Warfield, with his family, will be escorted to the Executive Mansion. They will proceed to the State House just before noon, entering by the north door. Upon the portico the farewell address of Governor Smith and the inaugural address of Mr. Warfield will be made, after which the oath of office will be administered in the new Senate chamber. A reception will follow in the old Senate chamber which will conclude the ceremony.

SAY RAYNER'S FIGHT IS WON.

After looking over the situation as shown at Annapolis Tuesday and Wednesday Mr. Rayner's friends are distinctly encouraged and are confident that he has the fight won, notwithstanding the claims of Governor Smith's adherents. The scurrilous attacks that have been made upon Mr. Rayner in the shape of anonymous pamphlets and advertisements have been met by him in dignified silence as unworthy of answer. His friends have urged him to reply, and say that if he chose to open up the acts of certain gentlemen connected with the Smith administration it would be a revelation to the people of the State. He does not, however, it is said, propose to enter into any perfonal fight or discussion, but will conduct his campaign to the end upon the lines he mapped out in the beginning.

Before the vote on the Senatorship is taken, it is understood, Mr. Rayner's friends will take steps to make the sentiment for him in the various counties apparent to the Delegates and Senators in a way they cannot mistake, and they have little apprehension of the ultimate result.

BUSINESS MAN ON SITUATION.

Found Sentiment in all Parts of the State for Mr. Rayner.

A prominent business man, who travels throughout the State of Maryland for one of the most prominent houses in Baltimore and who is a close observer of politics in this State, on Sunday said:

"I have visited since the election almost every county in the State that has sent Democratic representatives to the Legislature, and I never saw such a sentiment in favor of anyone as there is for Isidor Rayner for the United States Senate. Wherever you go and whatever class of people you come in contact with the feeling runs high in this direction. I have been through Washington, Alleghany, Montgomery, Prince George's, Carroll, Baltimore, Harford, Howard and Anne Arundel counties, and I believe they comprise with the exception of St. Mary's, all the Western Shore counties that have elected any Democratic members, and I hardly met a man that is not intensely interested in the matter—so much so that they all say there will be a great gloom and disappointment if the people should be turned down.

"I have also met nearly every man who has been elected to the Legislature from these counties, and with hardly a single exception they all admit that the sentiment of the people is in favor of Mr. Rayner and they would be glad to give expression to it. On the Eastern Shore—especially in Queen Anne's, Kent, Dorchester, Somerset, Wicomico and Talbot—the same feeling exists among the people, as can easily be verified by anyone who visits these places.

"It's a mistake to suppose that the politicians are against Mr. Rayner. As a rule they know how the sentiment of the people runs, and they do not hesitate to say so. Of course a great many of them are waiting to hear what action Senator Gorman will take in the matter. A great many of Senator Gorman's closest political friends, especially those in Howard county, are outspoken for Mr. Rayner, and they do not regard Mr. Rayner as being in any manner opposed to Mr. Gorman. On the contrary, they know that Mr. Rayner nominated Senator Gorman in the State Senate for the United States Senate and that the last time Mr. Gorman was elected Mr. Rayner worked for him as hard as anyone in Maryland did.

"My own judgment is that when senator Gorman finds out how the people feel in this matter he will not enter into any scheme to defeat Mr. Rayner. Of course, Senator Gorman has friends upon the other side, but I believe all this talk about his purpose to defeat Mr. Rayner as against the popular will, at all hazards, will die out and will be found to have no foundation when the whole situation is before him."

AMENDMENT TO ELECTION LAW.

Prepared by J. P. Poe, Esq.,—Provides for Constitutional Convention.

The Democratic managers as has been before stated, propose to introduce the bills, to which the party is committed, affecting the Election law and the franchise, at the very beginning of the present session of the Legislature. At the conference at Senator Gorman's house in Washington on Saturday last, it was generally understood that Mr. John Prentiss Poe would be one of those who would prepare not only the constitutional amendment, but the proposed changes in the Election law as well.

Mr. Poe, has since the conference, been at work on the subject and has drawn an amendment which he believes will meet the requirements of the situation. Incidentally Mr. Poe's plan involves a constitutional convention.

MR. POE'S AMENDMENT.

Section 1—All elections by the people shall be by ballot. Every male citizen of the United States, whether native born or naturalized, of the age of 21 years or upward, who has resided in this State for one year and in the Legislative district of Baltimore city, or in the county in which he may offer to vote for six months next preceding the election, and who, moreover, is duly registered as a qualified voter, as provided in this Article, shall be entitled to vote in the ward or election district in which he resides at all elections to be held hereafter in this State; and in case any county or city shall be so divided as to form portions of different electoral districts for the election of Representatives in Congress, Senators, Delegates or other officers then to entitle a person to vote for such officer, he must have been a resident of that part of the county or city which shall form a part of the electoral district in which he offers to vote for six months next preceding the election; but a person who shall have acquired a residence in such county or city, entitling him to vote at any such election shall be entitled to vote in the election district from which he removed until he shall have acquired a residence in the part of the county or city to which he has moved. Every such male citizen of the United States having the above prescribed qualifications of age and residence shall be entitled to be registered so as to become a qualified voter if he be—

First—A person able to read any section of the Constitution of this State or of the United States submitted to him by the officers of registration and to give a reasonable explanation of the same; or if unable from physical disability or otherwise to read such section, able to understand and give a reasonabe explanation thereof when read to him by the registration officers; or,

Second—A person who on the first day of January, 1869, was entitled to vote under the laws of this State or of any other State of the United States wherein he then resided; or,

Third—Any lineal descendant of such last mentioned person until the year 1916.

No person not thus qualified by coming under some one of the above descriptions shall be entitled to be registered as a qualified voter, nor be entitled to vote.

THE PEOPLE WANT RAYNER.

MESSRS. EDITORS:—May I add another letter to the number already recommending Isidor Rayner for the United States Senate? It seems to me it is a matter which ought to be very easily settled. Undoubtedly nine-tenths of the people want Rayner, and as our represenatives are elected by the people, there is nothing for them to do but vote for the man they (the people) want.

We Democrats are in power now, and we do not care to see a mistake made that will sap our very vitality. Remember the State convention of 1895. The people were not consulted then, and what was the result? Total defeat, and such a proceeding cannot help but weaken us now.

By his straightforward, manly conduct Rayner has endeared himself to us, and Eastern Shore men as well as Western Shore men want him where we know we shall have no cause to be ashamed of him.

ONE OF THE REGULARS

Still Pond, Kent co. Md., Jan. 1, 1904.

MARYLANDER'S WIFE KILLED.

Mrs. John G. Aldridge a Victim of the Iroquois Disaster.

Among those who lost their lives in the Iroquois Theatre catastrophe was Mrs. John G. Aldridge, wife of a former resident of Cecil county, Maryland, who moved to Chicago about 20 years ago.

Mrs. Aldridge was an Illinois woman and besides her husband is survived by a daughter, Miss Mabel Aldridge, now 15 years old. Mrs William B. Hammond, of 1519 East Biddle street, is a sister of Mr. Aldridge, and yesterday recieved a letter from Miss Aldridge apprising her of the bereavement.

Mrs Aldridge, Mr. Hammond states, was greatly afflicted with rheumatism and went out but little. On the fateful afternoon, feeling better than usual, she concluded to have a little diversion and went to the Iroquois, presumably with a friend. The daughter did not accompany her, being away from home. Miss Aldridge in her letter gave no details about the circumstances under which her mother's body was found or the extent to which it was disfigured announcing merely that her mother had been suffocated.

Mr. Aldridge has a number of friends in Baltimore and is a member of the Chicago Corn and Flour Exchange, Mr. J. Kennard Aldridge, of Chestertown, is his cousin.

LEGISLATURE IN SESSION.

General Assembly Organizes at Annapolis and Prepares for Work.

The organization of the two houses of the State Legislature took place on Wednesday. The opening of the session of 1904 was unmarked by any incident, except that it took place in the new apartments. The program of the Democratic caucuses was carried out by the election of the various officials named at the caucus on Tuesday night. The following is a list of the officials:

SENATE.

President, Spencer C. Jones, Montgomery County.

Secretary, Robert T. Moss, Anne Arundel County.

Reading Clerk, Albert J. Almoney, Montgomery County.

Journal Clerk, Alfred Ritter, Frederick County.

Chief Engrossing Clerk, Llewellyn Kerr, Wicomico County.

Sergeant-at-Arms, George W. Shawer, Carroll County.

HOUSE.

Speaker, Dr. George T. Everhart, Baltimore County.

Chief Clerk, Dr. Benj. L. Smith, Dorchester County.

Reading Clerk, Humphrey D. Wolfe, Howard County.

Journal Clerk, John T. Burch, Prince George's County.

Sergeant-at-Arms, I. T. J. Brown, Somerset County.

The Republican caucus nominees for the respective places were:

For United States Senate, Louis E. McComas.

State Treasurer, Thos. J. Shryock.

President of Senate, R. H. M. McCullough, Cecil County.

Secretary of Senate, Samuel H. Tattersall, Baltimore City.

Reading Clerk of Senate, G. W. Engle, Garrett County.

Speaker of House, Jas. E. Godwin, Baltimore.

Since the Republicans are in the minority in both houses of the Legislature, the above nominations amounted only to party honors, and to designate Senator McCullough the leader of his party in the Senate and Mr. Godwin the same capacity in the house. After a session of about three hours the two houses adjourned to meet at 7.30 o'clock next Tuesday evening. A caucus will be held on that evening for the ostensible purpose of nominating a candidate for State Treasurer, who, it is presumed, will be Gen. Murray Vandiver, and to discuss matters pertaining to the election law. Some think that it is possible the United States Senator may be nominated that night. Senator Robinson, of Harford county, who by general consent and by virtue of his proposed appointment as chairman of the Finance Committee, will be the leader of the Democratic party in the Senate, was made President pro tem, and administered the oath of office to the new Senators and made an excellent speech. Both President Jones and Speaker Everhart made addresses arguing the keeping of party pledges.

President Jones appointed the following Senate standing committee.

On Elections—Senators Wilson, Brewington, Gorman, Perkins, Kirwan, McCullough and Palmer.

On Rules—The President, Senators Gill and Dixon.

HOUSE COMMITTEE.

The Speaker announced the following committees:

On Rules—The Speaker, Messrs. Collins, Bosse, Wills and Harvey.

On Elections—Messrs. Linthicum, Hill, Dennis, Andrews, Mitchell, Wall, Smith and Hopkins.

Committees were appointed from both the Senate and House to notify Governor-etect Warfield of his election. It is very probable that much important legislation will be passed during the very early part of the session.

Treasurer's Report.

County Treasurer Jesse R. Copper, has submitted the following report to the County Commissioners for December:

Dr

To balance from Nov. report		$19,736 35
To county taxes collected for December, 1903	$65 275 49	
Certificates issued for Registration and Election Fund	1000.00	66,275.49
Total		$86,011.84

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By disbursements for December, 1903	6,490.71
To balance on hand	$79,521.13

Found a Cure for Indigestion.

I use Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets for indigestion and find that they suit my case better than any dyspepsia remedy I have ever tried and I have used many different remedies. I am nearly fifty-one years of age and have suffered a great deal from indigestion. I can eat almost anything I want to now.—Geo. W. Emory, Rock Mills, Ala. For sale by M. A. Toulson, Druggist.

A Prisoner in Her Own House.

Mrs. W. H. Layha, of 1001 Agnes Ave. Kansas City, Mo., has for several years been troubled with serve hoarseness and at times a hard cough, which she says, "Would keep me in doors for days. I was prescribed for by physicians with no noticeable results. A friend gave me part of a bottte of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy with instructions to closely follow the directions, and I wish to state that after the first day I could notice a decided change for the better, and at this time after using it for two weeks, have no hesitation in saying I realize that I am entirely cured." This remedy is for sale by M. A. Toulson, Druggist.

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PUBLIC SALE

—OF—

Household and Kitchen FURNITURE

BY VIRTUE of an order of the Orphans' Court for Kent County, Md., the undersigned, administrator of Jennie Lamb, deceased, will offer at public sale at her late residence in Fairlee, on

Monday, January 25 1904,

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1 BUGGY, NEW SURREY, SLEIGH, &c.

TERMS OF SALE—All sums of $10 and under, cash; over that amount a credit of Eight Months on note with rpproved security, with interest from date.

MARION DEK. SMITH,
CHARLES B. LAMB,
jan6-ts. Administrators.

EXECUTOR'S SALE

—OF A—

House and LOT of LAND,

Situated at Edesville, in Kent County, Md.

UNDER and by virtue of an order of the Orphans' Court and of the power contained in the last will and testament of Caroline Bennett, dated the 21st day of March, 1902, duly executed, admitted to probate, and recorded in "Wills," Liber C. S. H., No. 1, folios 59, etc., the undersigned, executor of said Will, will offer at public sale in front of the Court House Door, in Chestertown, Kent County, Maryland, on

Saturday, January 16th, 1904,

between the hours of 11 A. M., and 12 o'clock noon,

All That Part Of a Lot Of Land

with the improvements thereon, lying and being at Edesville, formerly "Forktown," and described as lot No. 1, on Plot No. 2, of the real estate of Richard Hodges, deceased; and also all that lot designated on the plot aforesaid, part No. 2, as lot No. 2, of the said land, which is fully described in a deed for the same from Samuel J. Wickes to Caroline Bennett, bearing date December 28th, 1878, duly executed, acknowledged and recorded in Liber S. B. No. 1, folios 622, etc., one of the Land Records of Kent County aforesaid.

The person now occupying the said house is Charles Schreiber. This lot of land adjoins property of John E. Hadaway and Walter H. Hadaway on the South, the lands of Samuel Burgess on the North, and fronts on the public road leading from Chestertown to Edesville, with a front thereon of forty-five feet more or less and runs back to a point two hundred feet in the rear. It is improved by

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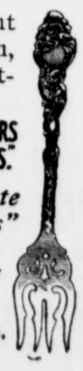

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