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THE indications are that a Senator will be made Monday and that man will be Hon. John Walter Smith.

A Serious Blunder.

Senator Foxwell's first act at Annapolis, that of holding up the appointment of Mr. John P. Ahern as one of the school commissioners of Kent county, was to say the least, a serious blunder. His reason for so doing is reported to be "that he had not been consulted." This is no reason at all, because at the time of Mr. Ahern's appointment Mr. Foxwell was not Senator and had no more reason to be consulted than any other citizen. The only legitimate reason for not confirming a man under the circumstances was unfitness, but in this case Mr. Foxwell knows he cannot lay this charge.

Mr. Ahern, who is a resident of Millington, was appointed to the office on account of his ability as a business man and his worth as a citizen, being one of the most progressive and intelligent business men in Kent county, the president of Millington Building and Loan Association, the cashier and executive of the Millington Bank, the trusted agent for the large estate of ex-Attorney-General John Biggs, of Delaware, president of the Town Council of Millington, one of the most extensive lumber dealers in the county, and interested in everything that is for the welfare of the town and community.

Millington is today one of the best-lighted and best-paved towns on the Peninsula as a result of his persistent efforts. It it also one of the most orderly. Mr. Foxwell's action has simply astonished the citizens and it is looked upon and denounced as one of the smallest pieces of local politics ever attempted by a Senator from Kent county.

The Senatorial Situation.

At this writing the Senatorial situation is somewhat muddled. One fact, however, can be positively stated and that is—Rayner cannot be elected.

Last Sunday some of the leaders held a conference in Washington and determined to try and make Bernard Carter, the Pennsylvania Railroad attorney, United States Senator. Ex-Governor John Walter Smith and Isidor Rayner were not at that conference! When this plan became known the two leading candidates combined and adjourned the caucus that was called Monday night, the vote being 53 to 35. This proved a knock-out blow to some well-known politicians which we may name later and at this writing they have not quite recovered from the stunning crack.

An open vote was taken Tuesday and resulted as follows:

Isidor Rayner	35
John Walter Smith	29
Bernard Carter	9
Louis E. McComas	38
Elihu E. Jackson	5
Joshua W. Miles	4
Edwin Warfield	2
James B. Henderson	2

Necessary to choice, 63
Four Delegates were absent.

Wednesday a joint ballot was held and there was but little change, Kent voting two for Rayner and Gibbs for Smith. Rayner has gotten but 3 votes from the Eastern Shore. In Thursday's vote Rayner lost 2 and Smith gained 1, the others remaining the same.

The whole people of Kent county were aggravated at the introduction of Carter in the race at the last hour. Messrs. Smith and Rayner have made the fight and it is demanded that the honor go to one or the other of them. The most active supporters on either side have come out enthusiastically for the election of either man so as to put a seal of condemnation upon such arrogance and usurpation of dictatorship.

The voting day after day is positive proof that ex-Gov. John Walter Smith holds his forces intact, and exercises an indisputable control over the entire situation. The increase in the vote cast for Mr. Rayner is without special significance, for, as has been understood from the beginning, the larger portion of the Rayner vote is perfunctory, one delegate from Baltimore city sizing it up accurately when he said after Wednesday's ballot had been taken, "We are simply voting for Rayner until the time comes to actually elect a Senator."

The vote yesterday was about the same as on Wednesday:

Rayner	38
Smith	28
Carter	11
Jackson	7
Miles	4

This contest should be put an end to quickly for all legislation is being blocked and the patience of the public is getting near the line when it ceases to be a virtue. In the words of another "GET TOGETHER, MEN, GET TOGETHER."

THE people of Millington and of the whole county generally are indignant at the action of Senator Foxwell in "holding up" the confirmation of the appointment of Mr. John P. Ahern as School Commissioner of Kent county.

An Infamous Attack.

The Baltimore Sun in its infamous and prejudiced attack on Hon. Clarence W. Perkins has stepped beyond the bounds of fairness, to say the least. Mr. Perkins is a Senator from Baltimore city and a gentleman of upright character, and we feel confident can justify his acts and needs no defense on our part. He is a native of Chestertown, a son of worthy parents and a brother to two of our best citizens, and this attack affects them. Mr. Perkins in voting for Mr. Carter has brought down upon himself the ire of the Sun. Why? Because the Sun didn't happen to favor this man, but had another candidate. If Mr. Perkins had obeyed the behests of the Sun as dictator he would have been a saint, but as he chose the counsel of another he is in the Sun's eyes a devil and "a jelly fish." The Sun simply uses Mr. Perkins to scare the other delegates, It is advised that the public withhold judgment until they hear the other side of the case. The Sun editors have published but one view and that from jealous minds and for purposes that will not stand close scrutiny nor the light of justice.

Mr. Perkins, in voting on Thursday, gave the following explanation:

To the Democratic Voters of the Second Election District of Baltimore City:

On or about the 9th day of October, 1903, I received a letter from Mr. Isidor Rayner, asking me to state my position relative to his candidacy for the United States Senatorship. On Monday morning, October 12th, on my way to my office I met Mr. Rayner, and he asked me to let him have my reply by 11 o'clock, but I was prevented from doing this. About 1 P. M. I received a telephone message requesting me to send my reply at once to Mr. Rayner. I told the person telephoning me that when I could I would take it to him in person. I started with a friend to Mr. Rayner's office about 3 P. M., and met him and his son on the corner of Lexington and St. Paul streets. I presented my letter, he opened and read it, then mashed it up and put it in his pocket in quite an insulting way. I said: "Mr. Rayner, don't you like my reply?" He said: "I do not like the use of the words 'Democratic caucus'; you don't think I would enter any other caucus, do you?" I said "No, and you do not think I would vote for you in any other way than in a democratic caucus, do you?" He said "No," and he would not ask me nor anyone else to vote for him excepting in a Democratic Caucus. He said he would not like to show my letter to anyone with those words in it. I said "you don't like those words, you rub them out, but this is what I mean and intend to do."

He then sent his son into the Law Building to scratch out the words. After leaving Mr. Rayner my friend said to me that Mr. Rayner's manner had been quite discourteous. I thoroughly agreed with him, and the next day, October 13, I went to Mr. Rayner's office and told him that I wished to know why it was that he had treated me as he did on the previous day, that his actions had been commented on by my friend. He said he was displeased with my letter; that he had heard it reported that I proposed to vote for Governor Smith, and that I had been doing all I could to prevent the young Men's Democratic League from indorsing him, and that I had threatened to pitch out the window anyone who dared to offer resolutions before the executive committee in support of his candidacy, and that I was doing all I possibly could do generally against him. I asked him for his informers, and he refused to give them to me. Then I said: "Mr. Rayner, why didn't you send for me and ask me if such reports were true?" To this he made no reply. Before I left his office he told me that he did not believe the statements, and he then pledged me his honor that under no circumstances would he credit any reports he might hear about me or quoting me, and that if he wished to know my position on any topic or about his candidacy, he would send for me and talk to me in person and through no one else, and that he now believed that I had been and would be sincere in my support of him.

On December 24 Mr. William J. Ogden came to my office and said: "Mr. Perkins, it is reported that your brother in Chestertown has circulated and is circulating the statement that you would vote for Mr. Rayner once and then you would vote for John Walter Smith. Is it true that you propose to do this?" "I said: "Mr. Odgen, who sent you to my office?" He said: "Mr. Rayner," I said: "Which of my brothers is making this statement?" He said: "The one in the bank." I said: "I have two brothers in a bank, but in different banks." He said: "He did not know which one." I said: "Who told this to you?" He said: "Mr. Rayner." I said: "Who told Mr. Rayner?" He said he could not tell me. I told Mr. Ogden that I preferred talking to Mr. Rayner in person, and he said he thought that would be best. He did not say that Mr. Rayner wished to see me.

I went at once to Mr. Rayner's office and asked him if he sent Mr. Ogden to my office, and he said "No;" that Mr. Ogden was in his office when he said he had gotten six or seven letters from people in Chestertown saying that I would not support him after the first ballot, and Mr. Ogden said he did not believe it, and that he (Mr. Rayner) had said to Mr. Ogden: "Some time when you are down by Mr. Perkins' office you might stop in and ask Perkins if the report was true."

I demanded to know who wrote the letters, and to see them, but he refused to tell me the authors of the letter, or show them to me, saying the authors of all but one had requested him not to discuss their names, and the one who did not make this request was a Mr. Russell, in the Chestertown Bank, and this letter he had destroyed.

I said: "Mr. Rayner, these men lie." He said: "They are reputable men." I said: "So are my brothers."

I told him the whole thing was a malicious lie, from the beginning to the end. I recalled his promise on his honor to me before the election. I told him that he did not put any confidence in me, or what I did or said; that he had absolutely violated his promise to me, and that I did not wish to be sent for or have anything more to do with him; that I knew he had not been true to me, and that I did not want to have anything more to do with him. He said: "You are excited." I said: "I have cause to be excited." I told Mr. Rayner that I would ferret this matter out.

He also told me that Senator Gill was giving the dinner at the hotel so that he could meet the members of the Legislature, which was not true. I told him, also, that I did not propose to go to his dinner.

I communicated with my brothers, Eben F. Perkins and Thos. W. Perkins, and Wm. F. Russell, and they all flatly denied circulating such a report or writing to Mr. Rayner.

In view of the character and conduct of Mr. Rayner, as thus revealed to me, I do not consider him a fit person to represent the State of Maryland in the Senate of the United States.

CLARENCE W. PERKINS.

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COLLEGE NOTES.

Intermediate examinations will begin next Monday and close on the following Tuesday week. The students are mostly absorbed in their preparation for these testing occasions.

The Adelphi Society elected the following officers for the spring term last Saturday night: President, A. T. Tyler; vice-president, R. F. Gill; recording secretary, N. L. Ward; corresponding secretary, A. L. Whittington; treasurer, L. W. Nicholson; chaplain, E. A. Howard; sergeant-at-arms, E. McMaster.

The Mt. Vernon Society will elect their officers to-night (Saturday). The nominees are numerous and friendly competition will be a pleasing feature of the election. The number of those eligible for office exceeds those of the past several years. Mr. T. F. Garey, the present worthy president, will be re-elected for the spring term. The debate of last Saturday night was decided in favor of the affirmative on the question, "Resolved, that the city is a better place than the country for a university."

Manager L. B. Smith, of the baseball team for the coming season, has arranged a schedule of twelve games, nearly all to be played on the home grounds. The first game of the season will be played against Syracuse University on college campus April 11th. This will be a good game and worthy of good attendance from the citizens of Chestertown. The manager solicits assistance from all athletic friends in the way of making the coming season a successful one!

A Young Men's Christian Association was organized last Tuesday night and the following officers were elected: L. B. Smith, president; H. P. Porter, vice-president; George F. Newton, secretary, and E. Bryan, treasurer. The Young Women's Christian Association was organized on Wednesday night with Miss M. B. Powell as president. The Christian Association for the last six or eight years has been under the name of Students' Christian Association, composed of both young men and ladies. It was thought advisable to disband this association, organize separate ones and hold joint meetings on Sunday afternoons in addition to the separate meetings, one each during the week. This will bring us into much closer union with the International Y. M. and Y. W. C. A.'s.

Ice Boating.—Messrs. T. B. Elliott and Percy Rawleigh sailed to Crumpton Wednesday in an ice boat but when they got ready to start home there was no wind and they both had to walk all the way to Chestertown!

Mr. James Dunbracco had his fast boat out this week but did not venture out of sight of home.

THE general opinion among farmers in Kent is that the condition of wheat is poor and the outlook for a crop not the brightest.

NOTICE TO DELINQUENTS!

THE COUNTY TREASURER hereby notifies all delinquent tax-payers that

Taxes are Due and Must Be Paid.

The law is very plain and says: "On the first day of January in each year, taxes shall be deemed to be in arrear and interest shall be charged and collected on all taxes not then paid from September 1st; the date when they due and payable, and immediately after the first day of January the Treasurer shall deliver to each delinquent, who has not prior thereto received the same, an account of his assessment, with a notice and warning to said delinquents attached thereto, that UNLESS PAYMENT BE MADE IN FULL WITHIN 30 DAYS FROM THE DELIVERY OF SUCH NOTICE, THAT THE SAME WILL BE COLLECTED BY LAW, and said treasurer may at any time between the first day of January and the first day of April seize, levy upon and sell the property of such delinquent, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay said taxes with interest and costs thereon, &c.

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JESSE R. COPPER,
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