

Mr. Syester did not refer to the present librarian in any of his remarks. The library had been in its present condition ever since he had known anything about it.

Mr. Vansant was opposed to giving any assistant to the librarian. The fact was, that in these modern days it was not fashionable for the principal in any office to do any of the work; that was all left to the assistants. The higher the salary the less service performed.

Mr. Bateman had acted as librarian for 18 months, and had performed the work without assistance, and on retiring had received the vote of thanks of the Legislature for the performance of his duties.

Mr. McKaig would be in favor of removing the Court of Appeals to Baltimore if his friends there would promise to give them the use of their excellent library.

Mr. Merrick said the law library of Congress, which was frequented by the members of Congress, the judges of the courts, &c., was in the charge of but one gentleman, whose only assistant was a colored porter. He (Mr. M.) had frequented the library, and could say from personal experience that the duties of the librarian were performed in the most admirable manner. He could lay his finger in one minute on any book that was called for. The Convention could draw the parallel, and decide whether any assistant was needed here.

On motion of Mr. Syester, the first section was again taken up.

Mr. Syester moved to amend by striking out the last sentence, and adding at the end of the section: "At the first meeting after the election or qualification, or as soon thereafter as practicable, the said commissioners shall determine by lot which of their number shall hold office for two or four years, respectively, and thereafter there shall be elected as aforesaid, at each general election for county officers, county commissioners for four years, to fill the places of those whose terms have expired; their number, compensation and duties in each county shall be fixed by the Legislature, but their powers and duties shall be uniform throughout the State."

Mr. Syester said the boards of county commissioners