

In January session, 1896, Governor Jackson was chairman of the committee on finance, and member of the committees on executive nominations and contingent expenses of the Senate.

Governor Jackson is a man of conviction, performing his duty with a conscientious regard to his position. As chairman of the finance committee, he is painstaking, careful, watching all improper attempts on the State treasury, but just and liberal towards those matters that commend themselves to his ripened judgment. A marked characteristic of Governor Jackson is his unwavering fidelity to his friends—if he believes in a man and his cause, he is untiring in efforts on his behalf, immovable in his friendship.

WORCESTER COUNTY.

Senator John Walter Smith.

Col. John Walter Smith, Democrat, was born in Snow Hill, on the 5th of February, 1845. His father's name was also John Walter Smith. His mother's name was Charlotte Whittington Smith, the daughter of Judge William Whittington, who was one of the early judges of this judicial circuit, was a man of wealth, and owned and resided upon the property which afterwards became the residence of the late Judge William Tingle, in Snow Hill, and built the large brick house which still stands as originally constructed. He was an able lawyer and a learned judge. Col. Smith's father belonged to a family which for many years was among the most prominent in this county. He moved from Snow Hill to Baltimore, and there engaged largely in the wholesale grocery business, but owing to reverses caused by a financial panic, whereby he lost large sums of money in the South, he returned to Snow Hill, where he died in 1850, leaving the subject of this sketch an orphan, with but small means available for his education and support. After his father's death, Col. Smith's relation, the late Walter P. Snow, an able lawyer and a man much beloved in his community, was appointed guardian, and upon Mr. Snow's death, the late Senator Wilson became his guardian. He was sent to school at Union Academy in Snow Hill, where he pursued the English and classical course of that institution. At school he was noted for his studious habits and good scholarship, excelling especially in mathematics. He left school at the age of eighteen to accept a position as clerk in the large mercantile house of George H. Richardson & Brother, of Snow Hill. In this position he soon evinced an unusual talent for business, and as a result was taken in as a partner in the firm while still quite a young man. This firm, now known as Richardson, Smith, Moore & Co., after Mr. Smith became a member of it, engaged largely in the lumber business, both in