

In the State Senate during the session of 1890, Col. Smith made a most creditable record. As chairman of the important committee on elections—especially important at the last session, because of the fact that the new Australian election bill and the new registration bill, both of which elicited so much discussion in the General Assembly and throughout the State, were before his committee—he had much to do and many intricate questions to deal with. Both of the above-named bills became laws, and both received his support. He also introduced in the Senate several financial bills, the tendency of which was to relieve real estate of a portion of its burden of taxation and place the same on the rich corporations doing business in this State. These bills are now on our statute books. Indeed, in all the important business that came before the Senate of Maryland, he was always to be found on the side of the people.

Colonel Smith is a man of untiring energy of mind and body. His judgment as to men and measures is most excellent. As a public speaker he has had but little experience, because his pursuits in life have not called for the practice of oratory, but when, during his campaign in his county as a candidate for the State Senate, he made a few public speeches on the issues of the campaign, he astonished both his friends and enemies by the force of his logic and the eloquence with which he expressed his views.

He was president of the State Senate in 1894, and was the Democratic caucus nominee, again, in 1896, but political complications defeated his election. He was the Democratic candidate for United States Senate in 1896.

He is chairman of committee on education, chairman of committee on militia, chairman of committee on public institutions, on committee on rules, on committee on re-valuation and assessment.

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