

that gentleman was again nominated for Congress—and again in 1884, Col. Smith with others, represented Mr. Covington in the Cambridge Convention, and did all in his power to bring about his nomination, but owing to the feeling prevailing in that district against a third term, his efforts were unavailing. Finding it impossible to bring about Mr. Covington's nomination for a third term, the Worcester delegation, with Col. Smith as their leader, made a fight for Charles H. Gibson, and secured the latter's nomination. In the winter of 1884, during the contest over the United States Senatorship in the Legislature, Col. Smith was a warm advocate and supporter of the late Senator Wilson, and aided largely in bringing about the latter's election. In 1889, at the earnest solicitation of Senator Wilson, Col. Smith—though often begged to accept official positions before—consented for the first time to become a candidate for public office. He was unanimously nominated for State Senator by the Democratic County Convention, and was afterwards elected to that office by a large majority. In the contest of the Legislature of 1890 over the United States Senatorship, Col. Smith was the acknowledged leader of Senator Wilson's forces. 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. 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, 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 the logic with which he expressed his views. He was president of the State Senate in 1894,