

Biographical Sketches of State Officers.

Governor of Maryland: LLOYD LOWNDES, (Republican,) of Cumberland, Allegany county.

Lloyd Lowndes was born in Clarksburg, W. Va., February 21, 1845. His father and grandfather were prominent men of Maryland, and the Lowndes family has been identified with the interests of Western Maryland almost from its settlement. Mr. Lowndes was educated in the academy at Clarksburg, in Washington College, Washington, Pennsylvania, and in Allegany College, Meadville, Pennsylvania, having graduated from the last-named institution in 1865. He studied law in Philadelphia, and, in 1867, graduated from the law school of the University of Pennsylvania. He settled in Cumberland, and soon acquired a large and lucrative practice. He was elected to Congress in 1872. When he entered the Forty-third Congress, he was but twenty-eight years of age, and was the youngest member of the House. He was a member of the national convention that nominated James A. Garfield for the Presidency, and was one of the National World's Fair Commissioners for Maryland. Mr. Lowndes was nominated for Governor by the Republican Convention, in Cambridge, on August 15, 1895, and was elected in November following. The family of the Governor includes five sons and a daughter. As Executive of the State, Governor Lowndes has been attentive to the very closest details of his office, making a capable and dignified chief magistrate of the Commonwealth.

Governor Elect: JOHN WALTER SMITH, (Democrat,) of Worcester county.

John Walter Smith was born in Snow Hill, on the 5th of February, 1845. He was sent to school at Union Academy in Snow Hill, where he pursued the English and classical course of that institution. He left school at the age of