

He became a member of the Democratic State Central Committee in 1878, and was Chairman of the Executive Committee in 1885. In the Presidential contest of 1884 he was an active worker for Mr. Cleveland, and rendered special services as a correspondent of the Democratic National Committee.

Mr. Warfield in 1882 bought the *Ellicott City Times*. He edited this paper, in conjunction with the practice of law, until 1886. In 1886 he originated and organized the meeting that resulted in the establishment of the Patapsco National Bank of Ellicott City. He was a director in this institution until 1890, when he resigned because of the pressure of other business.

In 1887 Mr. Warfield bought the *Maryland Law Record*, and in 1888 changed it to a daily issue, under the name of the *Daily Record*.

Since May 1, 1890, when his term as Surveyor of the Port expired, Mr. Warfield has not been actively engaged in politics, but has devoted his time to the affairs of the Fidelity and Deposit Company of Maryland, of which he was the founder and is now president. He was a Delegate-at-Large to the National Democratic Convention in 1896. He was a member of the Committee on Credentials, and fought against the unseating of the delegates from Michigan, headed by Don Dickinson, and after a continuous session of twenty-four hours succeeded in accomplishing his purpose. Mr. Warfield voted for ex-Governor Pattison, of Pennsylvania. Although his choice did not win, he felt that, as he had participated in the convention, he was in duty bound to support the nominee, and he voted for Mr. Bryan at the regular election.

Mr. Warfield is a director of the Central Savings Bank, the Farmers and Merchants' National Bank, both of Baltimore, and the Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Montgomery County. He is a member of the Board of Trade of Baltimore and one of its directors. He is a member of the Maryland Historical Society, Maryland Club and several patriotic and professional societies and social organizations, among which are the Maryland Society Sons of the Revolution, the Society of the War of 1812, the American Bar Association, the Baltimore and the Maryland Bar Associations and the Maryland Society Sons of the American Revolution. He was President-General of the National Society of the S. A. R. in 1903.

On September 16, 1903, Mr. Warfield was nominated by acclamation by the Democratic State Convention as the party's candidate for Governor. On November 3, 1903, he was elected Governor by a plurality of 12,625 votes over his Republican opponent.