

counties of Virginia, being appointed by President Cleveland and serving at the time of the preparation for the collection of the income tax. Mr. Vandiver resigned as Collector of Internal Revenue to take effect October 1, 1897, and upon his retirement was highly complimented by the Commissioner of Internal Revenue upon the very efficient and satisfactory condition of his office, the national administration at that time being Republican. On January 11, 1900, Mr. Vandiver was elected Treasurer of the State of Maryland, receiving the entire vote of his party in both the Senate and House in open session and without party caucus, which office he now fills, having been elected at the sessions of the General Assembly of 1902 and 1904 without opposition. Mr. Vandiver was appointed on the staff of the late Governor Robert M. McLane with the rank of colonel, and on the staff of Governor John Walter Smith with the rank of brigadier-general. He is a director in the First National Bank of Havre de Grace, Third National Bank of Baltimore, the Commonwealth Bank of Baltimore and the American Bonding Company of Baltimore, the National Bank at Port Deposit, a director in the Delaware Railroad and was one of the World's Fair Commissioners for the State of Maryland appointed by Governor Brown in 1892. He is a director in nearly all the incorporated companies located at Havre de Grace, and was Mayor of the city in 1885 and 1886. He wrote the charter which incorporated Havre de Grace as a city in 1878.

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Mr. Straus was born in Baltimore on the 24th of March, 1871. His early education was by private instruction and at the Baltimore City College. In 1887 he entered the Johns Hopkins University and graduated there with the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1890. Having won a university scholarship, he remained at the university for a post-graduate year, continuing his studies in Roman law and political science. In the meantime he read law in the office of the Honorable Isador Rayner and entered the Law Department of the University of Maryland, where he graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Laws in 1892, when he was admitted to the Bar. In January, 1900, he was appointed General Counsel to the Board of Supervisors of Elections for Baltimore city and held that place until nominated for the General Assembly in the fall of 1901. In November, 1901, he was elected to the House of Delegates and was the leader of that body during the session of 1902. In 1904 he was appointed and served for several months as a member of the