

ant of some of the first settlers of Delaware. He was educated in the public schools of Harford county and Havre de Grace Academy, and graduated from a business college in Poughkeepsie, N. Y., in 1864. He early engaged in the lumber business in Havre de Grace. He was elected a member of the House of Delegates of Maryland in 1876, 1878, 1880, and was Speaker of the House in 1892. He was a member of the National Democratic Convention of 1892, which nominated Cleveland; of 1896, which nominated Bryan the first time; a delegate-at-large to the National Democratic Convention of 1900, and a delegate-at-large and chairman of the delegation to the National Democratic Convention of 1904, which nominated Parker. From 1888 to 1897 Mr. Vandiver was secretary and treasurer of the Democratic State Central Committee, and in 1897 became chairman of the committee by appointment of Colonel Buchanan Schley. He was reappointed chairman of the committee by Colonel L. Victor Baughman in August, 1899, with the full concurrence of the State Convention, which position he now holds. As chairman of the Democratic State Central Committee Mr. Vandiver conducted the re-organization primary campaign in Baltimore in the fall of 1898, which resulted in the precinct organization of Baltimore, of which Hon. James P. Gorter is the head. Mr. Vandiver managed the State campaign in 1899, which restored the Democratic party to power in the State, as well as exercised an influence in his advisory capacity in the municipal campaign in Baltimore in the spring of 1899, which restored the Democratic party to power in the city. From July, 1893, to October 1, 1897, Mr. Vandiver was Collector of Internal Revenue for the District of Maryland, District of Columbia and Delaware and two 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