

bers-elect being present, the House was now ready, under the provisions of the Constitution, to proceed to business.

On motion of Hon. John M. Gallagher, of Baltimore city,

Hon. Robert C. Combs, of St. Mary's county, was called to the chair for the purpose of temporary organization.

Hon. John M. Gallagher, of Baltimore city, and Hon. George L. Michaels, of Garrett county, conducted the Speaker *pro tem.* to the chair.

Hon. James G. Berrett, of Carroll county, nominated Hon. Murray Vandiver, of Harford county, for Speaker, and

Hon. Daniel Young, of Allegany, nominated Hon. James A. Buckey, of Allegany.

On motion of Hon. Theodore B. Fox, of Baltimore city, nominations were closed.

Hon. J. Roger McSherry, of Frederick county, and Hon. George Hosken, of Allegany county, were appointed tellers.

The House then proceeded to vote for Speaker.

Upon counting the ballots it was found that Hon. Murray Vandiver had received 78 votes and Hon. Jas. A. Buckey had received 6 votes.

Whereupon the Speaker *pro tem.* declared that the Hon. Murray Vandiver had received a majority of all the votes cast, and was therefore duly elected Speaker of the House of Delegates.

The Speaker *pro tem.* appointed Hon. James G. Berret, of Carroll county, and Hon. Daniel Young, of Allegany county, to conduct the Speaker-elect to the chair.

The Speaker thereupon delivered the following

ADDRESS :

Gentlemen :

I hardly know how to put in fitting words my grateful appreciation of the honor which you have done me in electing me with such unanimity to the high and responsible position of Speaker of this House.