

control and to promote honest and intelligent business methods in its administration. Moreover a painful experience has shown conclusively that annual registration in Baltimore is an indispensable condition to fair elections.

This is no time for re-actionary legislation in Maryland. Baltimore must now foster, not impair, public confidence, both at home and abroad, in the honesty and efficiency of its City Government. No moment would be less fit than the present for us to abandon the control of that government to partisan mismanagement when we need all possible aid for the city's credit and must offer every reasonable inducement for capital to repair the ravages of the recent fire. The League therefore requests that it be accorded a hearing at an early date before any Committee to which the said several bills may be referred.

All whereof is very respectfully submitted.

(Signed) WM. KEYSER,

President.

(Signed) CHARLES J. BONAPARTE,

Chairman Executive Committee,

Secretary Baltimore Reform League.

Which was read and referred to the Committee on Elections.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

By Mr. Tighe,

A bill entitled "An Act to repeal and re-enact section 27 of Article 56, of the Public General Laws, so far as the same applies to Prince George's county, title 'Hawkers and Peddlers,' as amended by the Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland 1892, chapter 410 and Acts of 1898, chapter 183 be and the same are hereby repealed and re-enacted with amendments to read as follows.

Which was read a first time, and referred to the Prince George's delegation.

By Mr. Morrison,

A bill entitled "An Act to repeal and re-enact with amendments sections 5, 7, 9, 10, 11, 16, 17, 17 B, 17 C,