

accustomed fight for Civil Service Reform in Maryland. His bill passed the Senate for the application of the principle to the city of Baltimore. In the House, the Act was made applicable to the entire State, with a referendum to the people in the several counties and the city of Baltimore. This was the legislative status of the bill when this work went to press. Mr. Bruce, by virtue of his office, is the Chairman on Rules in the Senate.

ALLEGANY COUNTY.

Senator James M. Sloan.

James M. Sloan, the hold-over Senator from Allegany county, is forty-four years old. He was born at Eckhart, Allegany county, August 3d, 1851. When the Senator was still a child, his parents removed to Lonaconing, where his father was employed in the mines. When Mr. Sloan was eleven years old, his father, who had been an invalid for some time, died, leaving James M. and an older brother, David, to support a large family. This fact caused Mr. Sloan to seek remunerative employment at an early age. He began working in the coal mines at the age of twelve years, and continued at that employment until 1865, when he took a position with Hennekamp & Son, grocers, of Lonaconing. Two years later he returned to the mines and continued to dig coal until, in 1870, when, associated with his brother, he established a grocery store in Lonaconing. In 1873, Mr. Sloan went to the town of Pekin and established a general merchandise store on his own account. He was appointed the first postmaster of Pekin, in 1874, and continued in office while he remained in the town. In 1877, Mr. Sloan was nominated by the Republicans for the House of Delegates, but was defeated, having run fourteen votes behind Wm. M. McKaig, who was twice elected to Congress since that time. In April, 1878, Mr. Sloan established a store at Ocean, Maryland, and has been in business in that town ever since. In 1878, Mr. Sloan was appointed postmaster at Ocean, and he held that office until elected to the State Senate in 1893.

In 1893, he was elected to the State Senate by a plurality of 1,465 votes over Henry Rehs, the Democratic candidate. He is chairman of committee on executive nominations; on committees on public institutions, on railroads and canals, on corporations.

ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY.

Senator John Wirt Randall.

John Wirt Randall, the Senator of Anne Arundel county, is fifty years of age, and was educated at St. John's College, Bur-