

1885, when defeated for the House of Delegates by Francis V. King, a defeat to which he evened up by beating Mr. King for the Senate in 1893. Mr. Wilkinson has been prominent in the Republican Party since 1880, and is at present the leader of the party in his county.

When the Governor's "Green Bag" came down this session, Senator Wilkinson's name was found in it for State Fire Inspector. He was promptly confirmed by his fellow senators. After he was confirmed, it was discovered that the law that created the office had been passed in 1894, whilst Mr. Wilkinson was Senator. This rendered him ineligible.

He is on committee on inspections, on committee on Agriculture and labor, on committee on engrossed bills, on committee on public institutions, on committee on Chesapeake bay and tributaries.

### SOMERSET COUNTY.

#### Senator A. Lincoln Dryden.

A. Lincoln Dryden, Senator from Somerset county, was born at Fairmount, Maryland, on the 18th of February, 1865, on his grandfather's farm, where he remained until eight years of age. In 1873 he removed with his father to Crisfield, where he attended the public school, and at the same time was manager of his father's oyster-packing house in that town, which gave employment to one hundred men. Having always cherished the desire for a collegiate education, young Dryden had accordingly been economical as well as industrious in business, and in the fall of 1884 was successful, in a competitive examination for a scholarship from Somerset county to St. John's College, at Annapolis. Here he remained for two years, and at the expiration of that time he entered Dickinson College, at Carlisle, Pennsylvania, where he graduated on the honor list in 1888. Mr. Dryden's last year at college was an eventful one. His funds were insufficient to defray his college expenses, and to complete the course, and to reach the goal toward which his youthful ambition had ever been directed, he was compelled to tutor under-graduates, teach afternoons in the preparatory school and solicit sales for oysters in the near-by Pennsylvania towns. After graduating, Mr. Dryden returned to Crisfield, and in 1889 was nominated by the Republicans for the House of Delegates, to which he was elected with the entire Republican county ticket. In 1894 he was named by the Republican convention at Ocean City as their candidate for the Fifty-fourth Congress from the first congressional district, and succeeded in reducing the democratic majority in this district to 1,000. In July last he was nominated by his party for the State Senate, and was elected