

WILMER D. THOMPSON, Democrat.

Wilmer D. Thompson was born in December, 1865, being a son of the late John Thompson, of Fair Hill. He was educated at the public schools, and at the age of 17 went as a blacksmith's apprentice. For the past ten years he has been one of the head wheelwrights and machinists at Providence Paper Mills. He has never before been a candidate, although always an active Democrat. He was elected member of the House of Delegates in 1897.

JOHN H. JENNESS, Democrat.

Dr. John H. Jenness is a practising physician of Rising Sun. He was born in the sixth district in 1863, and has made his home there since. He is a graduate of St. John's College and of the medical department of the University of Maryland. He was elected member of the House of Delegates in 1897.

CHARLES COUNTY—*Two Members.*

JAS. DEB. WALBACH, G., Republican.

James DeB. Walbach, G., was born in Charles county in 1863, and is a son of the late T. Elzare Gardiner. In 1885 Mr. Walbach changed his name, assuming the maiden name of his mother—Walbach. He was educated at Rock Hill College, and taught school in his native county. Subsequently he read law and was admitted to the bar in 1891. On his first entrance into the political arena he was a Democrat, but he changed his political affiliations and has since been connected with the organization which is now doing him honor. He was elected member of the House of Delegates in 1897.

FRANCIS ALBERT HICKS, Republican.

Francis Albert Hicks represents the younger element of the Republican party in the lower house of the General Assembly of Maryland as a delegate from Charles county. He is a grandson of the late J. Levi Hicks, who was one of the five voters in that county who supported Abraham Lincoln when he first ran for the presidency, and was born on March 12, 1872. Delegate Hicks was educated in the public schools of Charles county, and at an early age was a clerk in a country store. He has been an active Repub-