

FREDERICK COUNTY—*Five Members.*

JOHN R. ROUZER, Republican.

John R. Rouzer was born near Thurmont, Frederick county, Md., May 7, 1839. He was educated in the public schools, and at the Mechanicstown Academy. He learned the trade of saddle and harness maker, and carried on business in Mechanicstown up to the time he enlisted in the civil war. He enlisted in the Union Army August 19, 1862, and Gov. A. W. Bradford commissioned him first lieutenant of Company D, Sixth Regiment, Maryland Volunteer Infantry. In May, 1863, he was promoted captain of Company B of the same regiment. He was wounded at the battle of the Wilderness, and was a prisoner of war four months in Libby, Danville and Salisbury prisons. At the close of the war he was breveted major and lieutenant-colonel for gallant and meritorious services. In 1866, he was elected on the Union ticket to represent Frederick county in the Legislature. In 1869, Postmaster-General John A. J. Creswell appointed him postmaster at Mechanicstown, which office he resigned after he was nominated by his party for register of wills. He was elected to that office. He was a member of the House during the session of 1884. He was elected member of the House of Delegates in 1895, and re-elected in 1897.

HARRY E. CHAPLINE, Republican.

Harry E. Chapline is in his 29th year, and is a resident of Frederick City. He was born in Shepherdstown, W. Va., his father being I. Thomas Chapline, a prominent and well-known Republican. He is a nephew of the late Judge Joseph Chapline, who came east during the late war, and took an active part in the organization of the Republican party in West Virginia. Mr. Chapline is a journalist, having been on the reportorial staff of the Frederick Daily and Weekly News for the past eight years. He was elected member of the House of Delegates in 1897.

J. FRANK BUTTS, Republican.

Mr. Butts comes from a family well known in Western Maryland. His father came to Maryland from West Virginia when but a youth, and has ever since lived in Frederick county, conducting a successful business. The subject of this sketch was born in Petersville, on "Merry Land," tract, and has spent most of his life in Middletown Valley.