

years ago, and studied law in Elkton, in the office of Hon. Albert Constable, and for a time was associated with him. Cecil County was carried in 1901 by the Democratic party, but Mr. Clayton was elected by twenty-seven votes.

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CHARLES COUNTY—*Two Members.*

JAMES DEB. WALBACH, Republican.

Mr. Walbach enters upon his fourth term as a member of the House of Delegates. He changed his name by legal process, adopting the maiden name of his mother, who was the daughter of Gen. Walbach, U. S. A. Upon the completion of his course at Rock Hill College he taught in Baltimore and Charles Counties, and during that time read law and was admitted to the bar in 1891. In that year he changed his political faith and refused the nomination for the House of Delegates, Register of Wills and School Commissioner. In 1895 he declined the nomination on the Republican ticket, though he took an active part in the campaign. In 1897 he was nominated for the House by acclamation, and again in 1899 he was elected. As an evidence of the high regard which his colleagues entertain for him, he was made the leader of his party and assigned to important positions on the Ways and Means and other committees. He introduced the first anti-trust bill ever introduced in the House. Mr. Walbach resigned a lucrative and important position as Special Inspector of the Rural Free Delivery Service to accept the nomination again.

T. J. JACKSON SMOOT, Republican.

Mr. Smoot led his ticket at the election in November last. He was born in Charles County, 1876, and after completing the course at Charlotte Hall Military Academy, 1895, he managed his father's farm for two years. He then studied law under the late John H. Mitchell, and was admitted to the bar in 1900. He graduated at the University of Maryland in 1901. Mr. Smoot died September 1st, 1902.

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DORCHESTER COUNTY—*Four Members.*

TILGHMAN R. HACKETT, Democrat.

Mr. Hackett is a democrat from a family of democrats, but has never before had political aspirations. He is a merchant and also engaged in the timber and boating business. He is a native of Dorchester County and was born in 1863.