

resides on. In 1856 he undertook a mercantile business at Easton—lumber, coal, phosphate, steamboating and insurance—which is still conducted under the firm name of Robert B. Dixon & Co. He also later took an active interest in many local enterprises, and became director in a number in various parts of the State. At the present time he is president of the Easton National Bank, the oldest and largest financial institution on the Eastern Shore; also treasurer Workingmen's Permanent Building and Loan Association, president Easton Furniture Company, treasurer Easton Water Company, treasurer Easton Ice Company, director B. C. and A. Railroad Company, director United States Fidelity and Deposit Company, also Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Montgomery County, and others.

In politics he is a Republican, but not a partisan, desiring to secure the very best men for office.

He is a member of the Society of Friends, his ancestors on both father's and mother's side for over two centuries being consistent members thereof.

In 1861 he married Miss Amanda Amoss, of near Belair. They have four daughters and two sons; three daughters and one son married.

In 1886 he was elected to the House of Delegates, the only political position he ever held.

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*Washington County*—B. ABNER BETTS, Democrat.

Mr. Betts was born January 8, 1852. At the age of twenty he purchased a half interest in his father's store, and later engaged in the grain and fertilizer business. In 1889 Mr. Betts was elected a County Commissioner, being the only Democrat elected on the ticket that year. In 1891 he was elected a director of the Western Maryland Railroad, serving four years. In 1895 he again received the nomination for County Commissioner, but was defeated with the balance of his ticket. In 1897 he was elected a member of the Legislature. In 1899 he received from his party a unanimous nomination for the State Senate, and was elected. In 1903 he was again renominated by acclamation for the same office, and was elected.

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*Wicomico County*—MARION V. BREWINGTON, Democrat.

Mr. Brewington, Democratic member of the Senate from Wicomico County, was born at Salisbury, Md., December 26, 1866. He entered politics when he was twenty years of age, and managed several of the hottest campaigns in Wicomico. He is junior editor of the *Wicomico News*, the Democratic