

manufacturer of the deep water oyster tongs, that are now in general use in the waters of Maryland and Virginia. During the years 1896 and 1897 he was a member of the county school board. He was elected to the State Senate in 1897.

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*Carroll County*—JOSHUA W. HERING, Democrat.

Dr. Hering was born in Frederick county in 1833. He studied medicine and graduated from the Maryland University in 1855. In 1867 he was elected cashier of the Union National Bank of Westminster, with which institution he is still connected. He was one of the founders of the Western Maryland College. • Dr. Hering is a prominent member of the Methodist Protestant Church. He was elected to the State Senate in 1895 and served during the sessions of 1896 and 1898.

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*Caroline County*—ROBERT M. MESSICK, Republican.

Mr. Messick was born in Delaware in 1842. On the death of his parents, at the age of twelve years, he moved to Caroline county, Maryland. He was postmaster at Williston under Lincoln's first administration. He is at present engaged in the canning business near Bethlehem. He was elected to the State Senate in 1897.

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*Cecil County*—AUSTIN L. CROTHERS, Democrat.

Mr. Crothers was born near Conowingo, Cecil county, in 1860. He was educated in the public schools and at West Nottingham Academy. He taught school for a time in Cecil county and subsequently entered the law department of the University of Maryland, whence he graduated in 1890. He served one term as State's Attorney for Cecil county. In 1897 he was elected to the State Senate.

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*Charles County*—GEORGE T. C. GRAY, Republican.

Mr. Gray was born in Charles county in 1855. He was educated at the public schools and afterwards engaged in farming and merchandising. Mr. Gray was a member of the Board of County Commissioners in 1895, and was chosen president of the Board. In 1897 Mr. Gray was elected to the State Senate.