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H. J. HOFFACKER, Democrat.

Mr. Hoffacker was born in 1863 near Manchester. After the completion of the course in public schools he graduated at Eaton & Burnett's Business College in Baltimore. He was appointed postmaster in 1884, and again in 1893 received the appointment under President Cleveland. Since that time he has conducted a general merchandise business. He is a director of the Manchester Bank, and a Mason.

C. J. H. GANTER, Republican.

Mr. Ganter was born in Manchester, 1851, and received his education in public schools and Manchester Academy. His early occupation was that of a printer, but he gave that up and studied pharmacy. Mr. Ganter in 1885 was candidate for County Treasurer, and has served one term as member of the House; also Mayor of Manchester. He was postmaster during the Harrison administration, and again appointed under Mr. McKinley, and when the office was abolished and the Rural Free Delivery instituted he was appointed first carrier. Mr. Ganter is editor of the *Telephone Messenger*.

H. F. BAER, Republican.

Dr. Baer was never before a candidate for political office. He is the son of Captain Joseph S. Baer, a veteran of the Civil War, and who for many years has conducted a tannery in Carroll County. Dr. Baer was educated in the public schools, by private tutors, and at the Hopkins. He graduated in medicine from the University of Maryland, and for a time practiced in Baltimore, but on account of his health removed to the country, where he now practices. He was for several years a member of the Westminster Board of U. S. Pension Surgeons.

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BENNETT STEELE Democrat.

Mr. Steele was born in Chesapeake City in 1872 and educated in the High School of that town. At the age of twenty he became book-keeper for his father, and since 1895 has represented the Standard Oil Company. He is engaged in the coal business. Mr. Steele is a member of Cecil Lodge, A. F. and A. M., and Bohemia Lodge, I. O. O. F.