

and monumental stone business, in which he is now engaged. Mr. Baker was elected in 1903, and in 1905 was re-elected by a handsome majority.

JOHN B. BEARD, Republican—Williamsport.

Mr. Beard was born at Williamsport, Md., July 27, 1867. He married, in 1888, Miss Elsie V. Harsh, and has two children, both being boys. Mr. Beard has been engaged in farming the past fifteen years, and is still engaged in this vocation.

ABNER B. BINGHAM, Republican—Weverton.

Mr. Bingham is a merchant, and one of those young men who have succeeded by his own efforts. He was born in Frederick County May 13, 1871, and left school at the age of seventeen to take a position with the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad. Resigning after seven years' service to take a clerkship in his Uncle "Geo. G. Bingham's" store, whom he succeeded. This is his second term in the Legislature, having been elected in 1903 and again in 1905. He is a member of the State Central Committee; also of the following organizations: Jr. O. U. A. M., Red Men, Knights of Pythias, and Fraternal Order of Eagles.

THOMPSON A. BROWN, Republican—Hagerstown.

Mr. Brown was born in Franklin County, Pennsylvania, in 1861. His parents were Scotch-Irish Covenanters, who came to this country in the early part of the nineteenth century. Moved to Maryland in 1874. Was educated at Hampden Sidney College; taught school, read law and is now a member of the Washington County bar and of the Court of Appeals. Was nominated in 1903 for State's Attorney and was defeated.

GEORGE T. PRATHER, Republican—Clear Spring.

George T. Prather was born May 14, 1866, in Clear Spring. His parents, on both father's and mother's side, were descended from old families who were among the first settlers of the western part of Maryland. The Prathers first came into this section about the year 1737. They still have, and have had, uninterrupted possession of the same piece of land on which the first settlement was made.

His mother was a Mason, a member of the large and influential family of that name. He received his education in the common schools and Dickinson College. After leaving school he engaged in mercantile business and other enterprises; was married to Miss Mollie Bain in 1890, whose father, Francis M. Bain, although a Southern man, was loyal to the Union, and