

## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES

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**Members of the House of Delegates****JANUARY SESSION, 1908.**ALLEGANY COUNTY—*Five Members.*

## WILLIAM J. FORD, Democrat—Lonaconing.

Mr. Ford was born in Lonaconing, Md., June 30, 1869; went to the public school until he was 17 years of age; started to work in the mines up until the strike of 1900, when he was compelled to leave on account of being a union man. He worked in Ohio and West Virginia; came back to Lonaconing, and in 1903 he was elected Secretary and Treasurer of District No. 16, United Mine Workers of America, which position he now holds. He was Registration Officer for six years, and was Census Enumerator.

## FRANK LEE CARL, Republican—Cumberland.

Mr. Frank Lee Carl, elected to the House of Delegates from Allegany county, was born in Hancock, Washington county, Md., on May 11, 1871, his parents being Daniel A. and Annie E. Carl, both natives of Pennsylvania. His father served four years in the Union army during the civil war as infantryman and cavalryman, and was wounded in the battle of Antietam. He attended the public schools at Hancock and worked in the shop of his father, who was a harness maker by trade. He managed the postoffice for his father, who was postmaster at Hancock during President Benjamin H. Harrison's administration. He later purchased "The Star," a weekly newspaper published at Hancock, and commenced his newspaper profession, which he has since followed. He published this paper until offered a position on the reportorial staff of "The Morning Herald," published at Hagerstown, Md., which he accepted, disposing