

caucus for Speaker of the House in 1896, and was elected the day following. He has made a prompt and impartial presiding officer.

He is chairman of committees on organization, and on rules.

ALLEGANY COUNTY.—5 Members.

Delegate Albert E. Ohr.

Mr. Ohr is a native of Cumberland, and is thirty years of age. He was educated in the public schools of Cumberland, and has won his own way by his personal merits. He entered the employment of the B. & O. Railroad company, and in 1893 he was made assistant ticket agent at the Queen City depot. Mr. Ohr, for several years, has taken a prominent part in local Republican politics. He is chairman of the committee on public buildings, and is a member of the committees on ways and means, on claims and on temperance and regulation of the liquor traffic. He was selected by his colleagues as the chairman of the Allegany delegation.

David E. Dick.

David E. Dick, Republican, was born in Lonaconing, July 10, 1869. When a boy he began working about the coal mines near Lonaconing, and continued at that occupation until 1890, when he entered a business college in Philadelphia. He graduated from that institution in November, 1891, and returned to his employment in Jackson mines, where he continued working until May, 1894. He took a prominent part in the strike which occurred in 1894, and in consequence lost his position in the mines. He then opened a grocery store in Lonaconing and is still engaged in that business. Mr. Dick first became known in politics in 1894, when he espoused the cause of ex-Senator Geo. A. Pearre, who sought the Republican nomination for Congress against George L. Wellington.

Mr. Dick was one of the leaders of the Pearre faction, which bolted from the county convention that year. He is popular among the miners and other labor organizations in the county. Mr. Dick was married in 1893.

The young member astonished the House one day, when the session was half over. Up to that time he had not spoken on any subject before the General Assembly. On the day in question, the civil-service bill came up, and Mr. Dick, in burning words of eloquent fervor, delivered himself on the subject, declared the House was being tricked into what it did not want in this matter, and proclaimed his independent, God-given manhood, unbartered by gubernatorial favor or influence. His