

which was the cause of considerable comment. But this fact is easily explained—the neighborhood is a nest bed of Republicans—not a single Democrat lives in the section, and not a Democrat receives his mail at York Roads.

He is a member of the committee on federal relations, on labor, on currency, on public records.

#### **Charles H. Smith.**

Charles H. Smith was born May 4, 1862, at Mt. Airy. He has been a farmer all his life. He never held office before, is married and has a family of five children, and is a member of the Methodist Protestant Church. His election to the Legislature was as great a surprise to him as it was to the Democratic party, for Carroll is a Democratic stronghold, and nobody expected it to run with the general stampede of 1895.

He is a member of the committee on organization, on militia, on amendments to the Constitution, on public buildings.

### **CECIL COUNTY—3 Members.**

#### **William J. Smith.**

William J. Smith was born in the second election district in the year 1850. His father was the late Samuel Smith, a prosperous farmer of that community. His early education was received at the public schools in the county. In politics Mr. Smith has always been an uncompromising Republican, and has always taken an active interest in the welfare of his party. He was elected sheriff in 1883 over T. Jefferson Scott, his Democratic opponent, and made a good record in office. Mr. Smith was the Republican candidate for clerk of the Circuit Court against James T. Graham several years ago, but was defeated. He was town commissioner of Elkton for one term, retiring in April last. He was prominently mentioned as the Republican nominee for Congress from the second congressional district in 1893. He was a delegate to the convention that nominated Hon. W. B. Baker. Mr. Smith married Miss Mary A. Ash, daughter of the late Miles Ash, and has a family. He is prominently identified with the Jr. O. U. A. M., being a trustee of Elkton Council No. 22, a member of National Lodge No. 37, I. O. O. F., and Elkton Conclave of Improved Heptasophs. He is also a member of the Singery Fire Company. Mr. Smith took a leading part in the debates in the Senatorial election. He was strongly in favor of observing the Eastern Shore law, but after the nomination of Mr. Wellington voted for him.