

Charles F. Markell.

Charles Frederick Markell, Republican, was born in Frederick city, Maryland, October 16, 1855, and is descended from one of the oldest families in the State. Receiving an academic and collegiate education, he graduated with the first honor from the law department of the Columbian University at Washington, D. C., in 1876, and was admitted to the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia before attaining his majority. After a considerable sojourn in Europe he returned to his native place, where he has since been engaged in the active practice of his profession. Mr. Markell represented his county in the Maryland Legislature in 1884, serving upon some of the most important committees. For three years he owned and edited a daily Republican newspaper, and has always been active upon the hustings in the advocacy of his party faith. Under the administration of President Harrison Mr. Markell was sent to Brazil as secretary of legation, succeeding J. Fenner Lee, of Baltimore, and served during the absence of Minister Conger as charge d'affaires. It was while acting in this capacity that he was successful in inducing the Brazilian government to remove the onerous expediente tax upon wheat flour, which bore with especial weight upon the export merchants of Baltimore city, and which Mr. Markell insisted was in direct violation of the reciprocity arrangement.

Mr. Markell has published a small volume of poems entitled "Chamodine," is the author of the interesting "Chaskell" papers, which for the past year have appeared in the columns of one of the Frederick journals, and has in press a novel interweaving with descriptions of ideal life in Brazil, a love story. He is also engaged on a history of Frederick city.

He is chairman of the committee on elections, member of committee on judiciary, on insolvency, on civil service.

Melvin P. Wood.

Melvin P. Wood, Republican, was born in 1848 in the town of Newmarket, Frederick county, where he now resides. He is a son of Joseph Wood, one of the original Lincoln men, and was an ardent Union man during the war, and in 1870 he was elected president of the board of County Commissioners of Frederick county. Mr. Wood was raised on the old home farm near the village, and attended the public schools during the winter months until he was fourteen years of age, when he entered a grocery store at Monrovia Station as clerk. Later he purchased the entire business. In 1885 he was nominated by the Republicans for the House of Delegates, and was the only man on his ticket elected, the Democrats electing their full ticket with this exception, by from two to three hundred majority. In 1893 Mr. Wood was