

**W. D. Pyles.**

W. D. Pyles, of Prince George's county, Republican, was born March 11, 1855. He worked for his father at fruit-growing till twenty years of age. He obtained his education after he was twenty-four years old by working during the day and attending a business college at night. At the age of twenty-six he went to Austin, Texas, and joined a company of Texans. As civilization advanced and followed the troop, Mr. Pyles was selected the captain of it, as the one man in the company capable of filling the place of the teacher of a public school there. Mr. Pyles returned to Prince George's county and purchased fifteen acres of land for \$750, going in debt for it, having only money enough to buy teams, etc., to work the land. He built a house and barn and paid for all in six years, purchasing in the next few years several other small tracts. In the fall of 1889 he was appointed clerk of the county commissioners. In 1891 he was nominated for sheriff, but was defeated. Later on he sold his farm and bought a larger one near Washington.

He is a member of committee on agriculture, on public records, on temperance and regulation of liquor traffic, on currency, on internal improvements.

**George Holmes.**

George Holmes, delegate from Prince George's county, was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, in 1843, of Irish parentage; was educated at the public schools of Philadelphia, enlisted in the Union army in 1861 at the age of seventeen, and was finally discharged in 1863, after the battle of Gettysburg. He came to Washington, D. C., the same year and was engaged in the produce business until 1870. He was then appointed chief engineer of the city fire department and served as such until the change of government. Afterward he was in the hotel business, and in 1885 purchased a large tract of land at what is now Landover, in Prince George's county, Maryland, where he now resides. He has been engaged in farming, and later in mercantile business there. He ran for the House of Delegates once before, the whole Republican ticket being then beaten.

He is a member of committee on organization, on revaluation and reassessment, chairman of committee on inspections, on contingent fund.

**QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY.—3 Members.****George M. Vansant.**

George M. Vansant, Democrat, appears as a public official for the first time, never having filled any political office before. He