

Franklin E. Cox.

Franklin E. Cox, Republican, is a successful oysterman, residing in Fairmount district, in Somerset county. He is thirty-three years of age, and has been active in the councils of his party since reaching his majority. He has been frequently a member of the Republican county conventions, and was a member of the Congressional convention of 1894 that nominated A. Lincoln Dryden for Republican nominee for the First Congressional District. Mr. Cox's ancestors were among the first to settle in Somerset county, and he belongs on his mother's side, as well as his father's, to the oldest colonial stocks. His mother was Miss Leach. Mr. Cox's people on both the paternal and maternal sides, as well as himself, have always been identified with those interests that protect and propagate the products of the water, as the inhabitants of his section are all engaged in and dependent upon, the fish and oyster for their living. He is, therefore, pre-eminently interested in good legislation for the Chesapeake bay and its tributaries.

He is a member of the committee on printing, on expiring laws, on the Chesapeake bay and its tributaries.

TALBOT COUNTY—3 Members.**H. S. Hall.**

H. S. Hall, Republican, was born in Columbia county, N. Y., and was brought up on a farm. He received a common school education. When about eighteen years of age he was apprenticed to a carpenter at Cornwall-on-the-Hudson. After learning his trade he was employed for a year on the government works at West Point. In 1852 he removed to Jamestown, Chautauqua county, and for several years followed his trade. He cast his first vote for General Scott, voted for Fremont in 1856, and for every Republican Presidential candidate since. In 1862 he engaged in the manufacture of woodenware, which he continued for twenty-two years. In 1882-4 Mr. Hall invented and patented some machines for making furniture springs. He held a number of offices in his town. His health being somewhat impaired, he deemed it prudent to seek a milder climate, and in 1886 removed to Talbot county and purchased a small farm, upon which he now resides. Two years ago Mr. Hall was a candidate for the House of Delegates on the Republican ticket, but was defeated.

He is a member of committee on federal relations, on manufactures, on agriculture.

H. C. Dodson.

Henry Clay Dodson, Republican, was born in St. Michael's, Maryland, October 5, 1840, in the same house that had been the