

of the Circuit Court against the late John W. Belt, and was defeated by only 40 votes. In 1894 Mr. Claggett came within one vote of the Democratic nomination for Congress from the Fifth district. During the four years of the administration of Governor Brown, he was one of the State Tobacco Inspectors. Mr. Claggett belongs to one of the most prominent families in Southern Maryland.

*Queen Anne's County*—WOODLAND P. FINLEY.

Senator W. P. Finley was elected in 1893 to fill the unexpired term of John B. Brown, who had been elected to Congress. Mr. Finley is a son of Dr. Washington Finley, of Church Hill, one of the most prominent and respected residents of the county. Senator Finley is forty-seven years of age, and resides near Church Hill. He has always been an active party worker, and has been identified with the "Keating wing" of the Queen Anne's Democracy. Mr. Finley has been engaged in agriculture. For several years he was a director in the Queen Anne's National Bank of Centreville, until 1868, when he resigned. He is a Democrat of the stalwart brand. He was chairman of committee on agriculture and labor, on the committees on public institutions, on pensions, on Chesapeake bay and its tributaries, on public buildings in Annapolis, on roads and highways, of the last Senate.

*St. Mary's County*.—WASHINGTON WILKINSON.

Washington Wilkinson, who is now filling his third term as Senator for St. Mary's county, is 52 years of age. His education was obtained in primary schools of the county. Mr. Wilkinson has only been once beaten, viz, in 1885, when defeated for the House of Delegates by Francis V. King, a defeat which he evened up by beating Mr. King for the Senate in 1893. Mr. Wilkinson has been prominent in the Republican party since 1880, and is at present the leader of the party in his county. When the Governor's "Green Bag" came down last session Senator Wilkinson's name was found in it for State Fire Inspector. He was promptly confirmed by his fellow senators. After he was confirmed, it was discovered that the law that created the office had been passed in 1894, whilst Mr. Wilkinson was Senator. This rendered him ineligible. He was on its committee on inspections, on committee on agriculture and labor, on committee on