

appointed him postmaster at Mechanicstown, which office he resigned after he was nominated by his party for register of wills. He was elected to that office. He was a member of the House during the session of 1884, and voted for the assessment bill and free school books. Col. Rouzer was one of Senator Wellington's strongest supporters for the Senatorial nomination in 1896. He is a fearless advocate of whatever he believes in. He was a member of committee on organization, chairman of committee on militia, on manufactures, on corporations, of the last House.

HARRY E. CHAPLINE.

Harry E. Chapline is in his 29th year and is a resident of Frederick City. He was born in Shepherdstown, W. Va., his father being I. Thomas Chapline, a prominent and well-known Republican. He is a nephew of the late Judge Joseph Chapline, who came East during the late war, and took an active part in the organization of the Republican party in West Virginia. Mr. Chapline is a young man of sound judgment, and the fact that he led the Frederick county delegate ticket in the recent election speaks in high terms of his popularity. He is a journalist, having been on the reportorial staff of the *Frederick Daily and Weekly News* for the past eight years. Mr. Chapline has always taken an active interest in the politics of his party in Frederick county. Last year he was secretary of the Republican County Central Committee.

J. FRANK BUTTS.

J. Frank Butts will enter the House thoroughly qualified to fulfill the duties of the position to the best interests of his constituency. Mr. Butts is of Irish and German-English descent, and comes from a family well known in Western Maryland. His maternal ancestors were very prominently identified with the upbuilding of Southern Pennsylvania. His father came to Maryland from West Virginia when but a youth, and has ever since lived in Frederick county, conducting a successful business. The subject of this sketch was born in Petersville, on "Merry Land" tract, and has spent the most of his life in Middletown Valley. He received his elementary education in the public schools of the county, in which he has been a successful teacher for the past six years. He also pursued a course of study in law, and is now a member of the Frederick bar.