

city editor of the *Herald* and *Times*. He became city editor of the *Cumberland Times* in 1889, and reported subsequently on the *Philadelphia Times* and *Baltimore Sun*. In 1891-92, he was managing editor of the *Harrisburg (Pa.) Call*. He devoted every leisure hour to the reading of law, under the preceptorship of Judge Edward Stake, who himself had read law with Mr. Syester's father. In February, 1893, he was admitted to the bar of Washington county, where his rise as an active, aggressive young counsellor has been marked. He is also vice-president of the Antietam Fire Company, Hagerstown, and quartermaster-sergeant of the First Regiment of Maryland.

B. ABNER BETTS.

B. Abner Betts was born at Chewsville, Washington county, Maryland, January 8, 1852, and received his education in the common schools of that village. At 16 years of age he began to clerk in his father's store, and at the age of 20 he became a full partner with his father. He still keeps a store at the old stand. He also owns and operates four large grain elevators at Chewsville, Fairfield, South Hampton and Shippensburg. He was elected to the office of County Commissioner in 1889, and was the only Democrat elected that year in Washington county. He was nominated for the House of Delegates last September and was given the largest majority of any candidate on either ticket, except the Register of Wills and the Clerk of the Circuit Court.

NEWTON E. FUNKHOUSER.

Newton E. Funkhouser was born near Winchester, Va., in 1861, and was educated at Shenandoah Institute, Dayton, Va., and taught school for two years in Georgia. He located at Sleepy Creek, W. Va., and engaged in the mercantile and lumber business. After seven years of successful business, the firm dissolved and Mr. Funkhouser removed to Cherry Run the same year and engaged in business for himself. Mr. Funkhouser built up a large trade at that point, but, having a desire to cast his lot in Maryland, the opportunity came in 1894, when he purchased a tract of land at Big Pool, in Washington county, from the Western Maryland Railroad Company, and erected there two large dwellings and a commodious store room and hall. He is at present doing business in the