

*Queen Anne's County*—JAMES E. KIRWIN, Democrat.

Mr. Kirwin was born in Baltimore city, June 9, 1848. His father was Capt. Lemuel Kirwin, of Dorchester county. At the age of 16, he took command of the schooner William Barnes and continued as master of different Chesapeake bay schooners for a number of years. For two years he was department commander of the oyster navy, and was one of the most active men in the service. While still commander of a bay vessel, he engaged in mercantile business in Stevensville, Kent Island, and made himself one of the most successful business men in the county. He is a large real estate owner on Kent Island, and is a director in the Centreville National Bank. He is connected with Arcanna Lodge of Masons, in Baltimore, and is also a member of the Improved Order of Heptasophs and Knights of Pythias on Kent Island.

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

Washington Wilkinson is now filling his third term as Senator for St. Mary's county. His education was obtained in the primary schools of the county. When the Governor's "Green Bag" came down, in 1898, Senator Wilkinson's name was found in it for State Fire Marshal. 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 last elected to the State Senate in 1897. Mr. Wilkinson is an attentive member to the business of the session, and believes in a broad system of advanced State government.

*Somerset County*—LEMUEL E. P. DENNIS, Republican.

Mr. Dennis was born in Somerset county. He is a successful merchant of Crisfield. He served a term as collector of the port of Crisfield. His high character brought him a large vote in his native county.

*Talbot County*—H. CLAY DODSON, Republican.

H. Clay Dodson was a member of the House of Delegates in 1888 and also in 1896. He is slightly over fifty years of age, was born and raised in St. Michael's, and is a prominent drug merchant there. He was elected to the State Senate in 1897.

*Washington County*—B. ABNER BETTS, Democrat.

Mr. Betts was born January 8, 1852, and raised in Chewsville, Washington county, being the son of the late Luther D. Betts. At the age of 12 years he became clerk in the