

G. W. COSDEN, Democrat.

Mr. Cosden was born in Elkton in 1854. He attended the Elkton Academy, and after leaving school entered the service of an important railroad company. At present he is interested in a number of business enterprises, and is a gentleman of high character.

JOSHUA CLAYTON, Republican.

Mr. Clayton is a member of the family of Claytons which has given three United States Senators to the country, one of whom was joint maker of the famous Clayton-Bulwer Treaty. Mr. Clayton was born near Middletown, Del., about thirty years ago, and studied law in Elkton in the office of Hon. Albert Constable, and for a time was associated with him. Cecil County was carried in 1901 by the Democratic party, but Mr. Clayton was elected by twenty-seven votes.

CHARLES COUNTY—*Two Members.*

JAMES DEB. WALBACH, Republican.

Mr. Walbach enters upon his fourth term as a member of the House of Delegates. He changed his name by legal process, adopting the maiden name of his mother, who was the daughter of Gen. Walbach, U. S. A. Upon the completion of his course at Rock Hill College he taught in Baltimore and Charles Counties, and during that time read law and was admitted to the bar in 1891. In that year he changed his political faith and refused the nomination for the House of Delegates, Register of Wills and School Commissioner. In 1895 he declined a nomination on the Republican ticket, though he took an active part in the campaign. In 1897 he was nominated for the House by acclamation, and again in 1899 he was elected. As an evidence of the high regard which his colleagues entertain for him, he was made the leader of his party and assigned to important positions on the Ways and Means and other committees. He introduced the first anti-trust bill ever introduced in the House. Mr. Walbach resigned a lucrative and important position as Special Inspector of the Rural Free Delivery Service to accept the nomination again.

T. J. JACKSON SMOOT, Republican.

Mr. Smoot led his ticket at the election in November last. He was born in Charles County, 1876, and after completing the course at Charlotte Hall Military Academy, 1895, he