

he began teaching, and for eleven years taught in Sudlersville. Later he combined the insurance with the lumber and fertilizer business, and by energy and perseverance built up a profitable trade. In 1898 he organized the Sudlersville Building and Loan Association, and under his careful management it has become a strong financial institution. He may well be termed a self-made man. He has never before held office.

JAMES T. BRIGHT, Democrat.

Mr. Bright, a graduate of the Conference Academy at Dover and the Maryland Law University, Baltimore, is a promising young lawyer of Centerville. Mr. Bright is about twenty-four years of age, and will unquestionably make the county a most excellent representative.

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ST. MARY'S COUNTY—*Two Members.*

THOMAS LEE MATTINGLY, Democrat.

Thomas Lee Mattingly, principal of the Leonardtown school, was born near Chaptico in 1864. He taught at St. George's Island until elected to the House of Delegates in 1887 when, notwithstanding the whole Democratic ticket was defeated, he received the entire vote of his district with the exception of two. In 1888 he was clerk in State Tobacco Warehouse, and in 1891 was appointed clerk and treasurer to the Board of County Commissioners.

CHARLES STERETT GRASON, Democrat.

Mr. Grason, son of the late Judge Grason, and grandson of Wm. Grason, the first Governor elected under the Constitution of 1837, was born in Elkton, 1856. After graduating at Charlotte Hall he taught for two years, and then was employed by the B. & O. R. R. Company. In 1882 he was admitted to the bar and engaged in the practice of his profession in Minnesota. Mr. Grason has never before been a candidate for public office.

SOMERSET COUNTY—*Three Members.*

A. LINCOLN DRYDEN, Republican.

Mr. Dryden was born at Fairmount in 1865. He is a graduate of Dickinson College, receiving the degrees of A.B. and A.M. In 1890 he was a member of the House but resigned to accept a position in the Library of the Navy Department at Washington. In 1893 he became general agent