

firm until 1871, when Mr. Joseph B. Seth returned to Talbot County, and has since practiced law in the courts of said county.

Mr. Seth sat in the Legislature as a Delegate for Talbot County in the sessions of 1874, 1884, 1886, during the latter term being Speaker of the House.

By appointment of Governor Robert M. McLane, in 1884, Mr. Seth served as Judge-Advocate-General, with the rank of Brigadier, and was re-appointed by Governor Lloyd, and again commissioned by Governor Jackson. In 1890 he was appointed Commander of the State Fishery Force, and held this position for three years, resigning in July, 1903.

In politics he has always been a Democrat. He is a member of the Protestant Episcopal Church and a Mason; he is also a member of the Maryland Historical Society.

Mr. Seth was first married in 1879, his wife being Miss Sallie Goldsborough Barnett, daughter of Alexander H. Barnett, of Talbot County, and a granddaughter of Dr. John Barnett, a well-known physician of that county for many years.

His wife died in August, 1881, and her only child, a son, in September, 1881.

Mr. Seth married a second time in June, 1892, Miss Mary S. Walker, daughter of Rev. Albert Rhett Walker, of South Carolina, a granddaughter of Bishop William Boone, first Missionary Bishop to China.

Mr. Seth is devoted to athletic sports, attending baseball games whenever convenient, and is fond of tennis and golf; besides this he is an enthusiast in fox hunting and coon hunting. He is also a lover of the water and an admirer of the gun and dog, being a member of the Maryland and District of Columbia Field Trial Association, and sometimes acting as judge of their trial.

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

Mr. Betts was born January 8, 1852. At the age of twenty he purchased a half interest in his father's store, and later engaged in the grain and fertilizer business. In 1889 Mr. Betts was elected a County Commissioner, being the only Democrat elected on the ticket that year. In 1891 he was elected a director of the Western Maryland Railroad, serving four years. In 1895 he again received the nomination for County Commissioner, but was defeated with the balance of his ticket. In 1897 he was elected a member of the Legislature. In 1899 he received from his party a unanimous nomination for the State Senate, and was elected. In 1903 he was again renominated by acclamation for the same office, and was elected.