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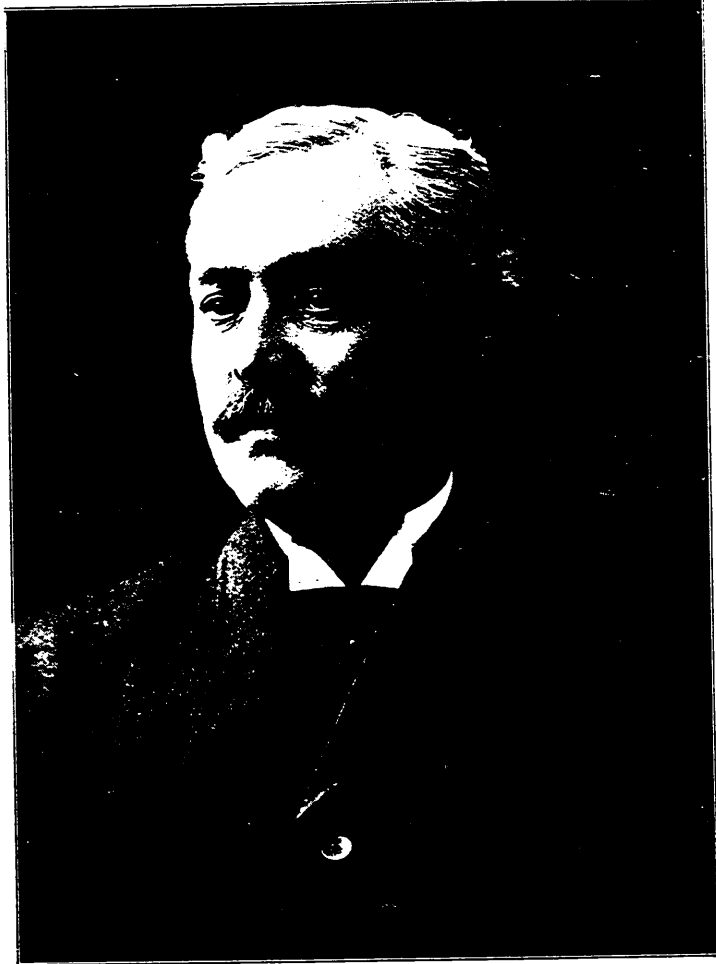
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HON. RICHARD A. BEATTY.

during the late Civil War. His ancestors on both sides immigrated to America about 1740, being a part of that great influx from Europe who sought freedom in America. Both his paternal and maternal grandfathers participated in the Revolutionary War, and made a record of which their descendants may well feel proud.

As a boy Senator Brandt worked on a farm, attending the district school, completing a course of study in the high school, and rounding out his scholastic career by graduating from Ohio State University in 1895, where he took high honors in debating and oratory. He attended law school at Ohio State University and Michigan University at Ann Arbor, being admitted to practice his profession of law in Ohio in 1901. He was superintendent of the public schools at Canal Winchester, Ohio, for three years, and taught in Columbus East High school seven years.

He began his political career in 1905 when he was nominated and elected as a Republican to the State Senate, where he served with honor as Chairman of the Committee on Colleges and Universities, and member of the Judiciary Committee. In July, 1902, he was married to Miss Josephine Chaney, of Canal Winchester, who, with their infant child, died in April, 1904. Senator Brandt is a member of the Masonic order, and a leading worker in the ranks of the Knights of Pythias.

HON. RICHARD A. BEATTY,

THE Senator from Wood county, who has the honor of representing in part the Thirty-third district, came to the Senate without any previous legislative experience, but in his first term impressed all with a high regard for his worth as a member of that body and a citizen. His record is above reproach, and during his service he stood sponsor to much excellent legislation.

Hon. Richard Alexander Beatty was born at White Oak Springs, Butler county, Pa., Feb. 23, 1859. His father was Wil-

liam Beatty, born in Scotland, who when but a few weeks old was taken to Belfast, Ireland, where he lived until he came to America in 1845, and settled in Butler county, Pa. His mother, Mary Jane Coulter, was a native of Dublin, Ireland, came to this country in 1844, and settled in Pittsburg, Pa.

Senator Beatty lived the life of a farmer's boy until he reached the age of 16 years, then going to the country and high schools and graduated at Harrisville, Pa. He afterward took a course in pharmacy at Buffalo, N. Y., and went into the drug business at Bradford, Pa. Soon after the oil business engaged his attention, and he began operations in that branch of industry, having been engaged in it ever since, a period of about thirty-two years. He is one of the most prominent oil operators in his section of the State, and has large interests in other parts of the country in the oil traffic.

He has been actively connected with the Democratic party all of his life, but was never elected to an office until chosen Senator at the election in 1905. In 1878 he married Miss Minerva Cassiday, of Berkeyville, Pa., and one daughter was the result of that union. She is happily married and lives at Bowling Green, Ohio. Mrs. Beatty died in 1896, and in 1904 Senator Beatty married Miss Rose McClurkin, of Princeton, Ind.

Senator Beatty was chairman of the Committee of Banks and Savings Societies, and member of the Enrollment, Fees and Salaries, Insurance, Labor, Mines and Mining and Railroad and Telegraph, Municipal Corporations and Public Works Committees, as well as serving as one of the members of the Senate Committee charged with investigating the charges preferred by Senator Meck in relation to the Ohio public schools.

At the first session of the Assembly he introduced the bill repealing the inheritance tax law, and had it enacted into a law. In the second session he introduced the income tax bill. The law providing for the purchase of the rifle range for the Ohio National Guard at Port Clinton was the creation of Senator Beatty, and he also offered a bill providing for the filing of chattel mortgages in the office of the county recorder.