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THIRTY-THIRD DISTRICT

Composed of the counties of Fulton, Hancock, Henry, Putnam and Wood.



RICHARD A. BEATTY, Bowling Green.

RICHARD A. BEATTY was born February 23, 1859, on a farm near White Oak Springs, Butler County, Pa. He is of Scotch-Irish descent. He attended public schools until he was thirteen years old, and graduated from Harrisville High School at seventeen, married at 19. Left home without a dollar and worked in oil fields as a pumper at \$60 per month for three months. Went to Big Shanty, McKean County, Pa., and engaged in grocery business with \$10 capital. He built a cheap store room, and stocked up on credit in 1880. After being in this business for eighteen months he took an interest in an oil lease, and made money for two years. He then engaged in the drug business at Bradford, Pa., up to 1886, when he devoted all his time to oil interests until he sold his holdings in 1890.

He traveled extensively for one year when he made contract to sell goods on the road for a wholesale stationery house of Rochester, N. Y.

In 1893 he again entered the oil fields, operating in Ohio, Indiana, and West Virginia, but was not successful, and lost all he had. In 1894 he moved to Browling Green, where he now resides, and again made money in oil fields. In 1896 he went broke a second time and for three months had nothing. In 1897 he started again, this time as an oil broker and producer. In this he was most successful. Became a stock broker, and did business in all parts of the United States. Became a manufacturer of Safety Steel Derricks at Doshier, Ohio. Is now one of the directors of the First National Bank, of Bowling Green, Ohio. He promoted the L. E. and B. G. Electric Railway, and is one of its principal stockholders.

Mr. Beatty is a lifelong Democrat, casting his first vote for Grover Cleveland in 1884, and has voted for all Democrats since that time. Mr. Beatty was never a candidate for public office until 1905, when he was elected to the Ohio Senate from a Republican District. He has always been a generous contributor in political campaigns, even though not a candidate. His wife, one daughter and himself constitute his family. As Senator Mr. Beatty has had much to do with the important legislation enacted. He was chiefly instrumental in securing the repeal of the inheritance tax law.