

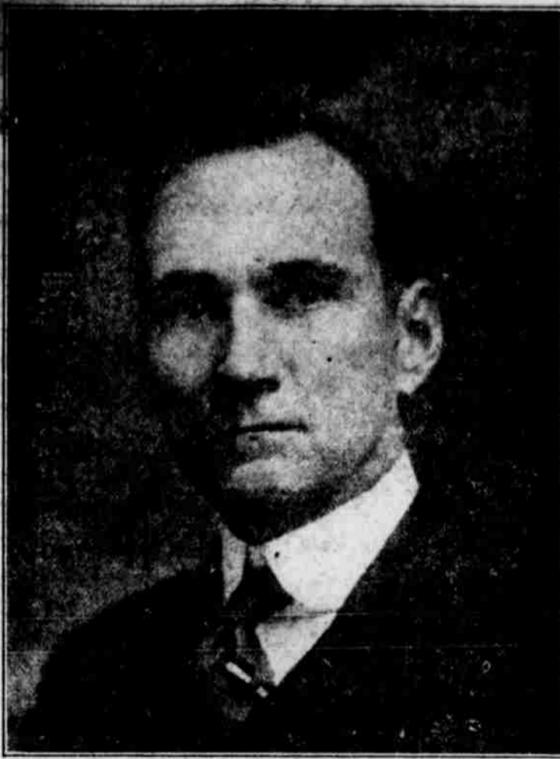
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**STEELE FOR COUNTY ATTORNEY.**

The many friends of Sol T. Steele are saying that he is the man to nominate at the coming primary for County Attorney. He measures fully up to the requirements of this important office. He is a man of experience, education, mature years, legal attainment, and with his well known honesty of purpose will make for Knox county in the capacity of County Attorney a splendid official. He is a country man, coming from the farm, taught school, and for the past number of years has successfully practiced law at the Knox county bar. Mr. Steele numbers his friends by his acquaintances, his friends and supporters through out the county are rallying to his support. He is making an active campaign, and expects to see the people and submit his claims to all the voters of the county between now and the August primary.

## PUTS ID ON CITY LIKE A GRAVEYARD When Sunday Closing Law is Enforced

Last Sunday was the first real Sabbath that Barbourville has had for sometime, when Judge Tye instructed the grand jury at the beginning of court, he told them to indict any and all who sold goods on Sunday. The editor of the Advocate told the people of the coming closing on Sunday and it worked like a charm, you could not buy anything and it looked as though some of the boys who like Coca Cola so well was so red in the face caused by thirst, and want of this widely known beverage, and the fellows who forgot to lay in a supply of smoking tobacco and cigars, was also found in a bad condition when it came smoking time; the editor himself was caught without his chewing, and so he had to use stragale to procure enough to make out until the stores opened up on Monday morning. It is a good law, it has been on the statute for a long time, but it was not rigidly enforced until now, it will soon appear to all that it is right to "remember the sabbath day to keep it holy."

## BEN H. GREGORY Leading Candidate For County Court Clerk, a Staunch Republican

In the coming Primary election for the nomination to various offices of this county there should be given each candidate the consideration necessary to qualify him for the office to which he aspires.

In order that a candidate may be qualified he should have a clean record as a moral man. He should have the educational qualifications sufficient to enable him to do such work as the law requires. The most important thing we should take into consideration is whether or not he is a Republican, Democrat or what ever party he may affiliate with.

Ben H. Gregory, the leading candidate for County Court Clerk is a staunch Republican, and member of a large family who have been life long Republicans. A family who have never held an office in this county. They have not been the kind that have to be paid for the service they give the party, but men who willingly put their shoulder to the wheel to help their party win in National, State and county offices. Ben is a young man 27 yeags of age, a man who has been heard from as an advocate of Republicanism before he was even a voter. He has made many speeches in this county to help the party win. He is such a Republican that he merits the important nomination he is now asking to be given him by the Republican voters at the Primary Saturday, August 4th.

Mr. Gregory comes before the people with a clean record, a man who is honest, sober and truthful, and a man of unquestionable character, such a record that there cannot be one thing said against it. Even his opponents acknowledge that he is the cleanest man that ever asked for an office in this county.

His educational qualifications will enable him to be of service to the people of this county. Our acquaintance with Ben permits us to say that he will give this office his personal attention and will always be sober in order to handle the business of this office with honor to himself and the citizens of this county. He is the kind of a man who makes a friend of every man he meets.

He is making an active campaign and meeting with approval of the voters throughout the county. Reports from various sections of the county have it that Ben H. Gregory is the leading candidate for County Court Clerk and that he will be given this nomination by the largest majority ever given a candidate for this office. He is the kind of a man that appreciates the vote that will be given him in this race. His many friends in this county are very enthusiastic in his interest in this race and are saying to the other candidates "we're for Gregory, he is the winner."

It is the duty of every citizen to investigate each candidates record and see if he is worthy to merit the office he is seeking. It is our duty to investigate this young man's record and then if found worthy it is our duty to give him this important nomination which will be greatly appreciated, and you will never have cause to regret it. adv

## Partin Quits the Race.

Last Monday Mr. R. C. Partin, announced to his many friends that he was no longer a candidate for sheriff. This leaves only five to contend for the nomination J. M. Carnes, R. P. Black, John H. Lawson, G. W. Hammons and J. L. Westerfield. Mr. Partin and Mr. Westerfield both live in the same community, and they agreed to leave it to three men to settle who should quit, and Mr. Partin's friends thought that altho he had a fine showing to win, that it was best for him to retire from the race. We wish to say for Mr. Partin, that he is one of Knox county's best citizens, and a man who will be hard to defeat for this office four years hence.

## Spy Bill Condemned.

Opposition of newspapers to that feature of the espionage bill which would be a menace to freedom of speech and of the press, is not due to selfish interest. The interest of the newspaper is exactly identical with the interest of all the people of the country. Editors have no desire to publish fact regarding public affairs which would jeopardize the welfare of the nation. Nor do the people desire that such information shall be published. But newspaper readers, as well as editors, desire that the law shall not be so drawn as to preclude or hamper the publication of legitimate news and discussion regarding public affairs. It is not at all to the credit of the administration that it fathered an espionage bill which has met the universal condemnation not only editors but of labor leaders and many others who are accustomed to discuss public issues. One inevitable effect will be to cause people to scrutinize most carefully every measure proposed by the Departments and tending to vest them with increased discretionary powers. Americans do not intend to fight for democracy in Europe and forfeit it here.

We are having lots of enquiries as to whether or not the road will be even graded this year. Well we are begining to wonder about the same thing.



**E. B. HEMPHILL FOR SUPERINTENDENT**

I, as you all have seen through the columns of the Advocate, am a candidate for the office of Superintendent of schools of Knox County. I believe that it is fair and just that I should tell you who may not know, who I am and about my fitness for the office I seek.

I am a son of James L. Hemphill, who most of the older citizens remember well. He was a soldier in the civil war for three years and twenty days, fighting for the side that he believed to be right, that there should be no slaves upon the soil of these United States. He, after the war, came home to take up the burdens of life again. He was elected Sheriff of Knox County three times and was the first Sheriff to summon a colored man upon the jury.

I am a Republican and have always done all that I could for its principles never failing to vote the ticket straight.

As to my qualifications, I beg to add that I attended Union College for three years and Center College at Danville for three years, and I now hold a state certificate showing my qualifications. I began teaching in public schools of Knox County when I was fifteen years old, and have taught every year since that time except one. I was then in the Spanish-American War, defending the flag that we all love so dear.

I am in this race to stay until the end, and I shall use all honorable means to win; I have no ill will toward any of my opponents but I am on the defensive; I shall make my race on my own merits, and not on the demerits of my opponents. I want to say that if I am nominated and elected, I shall give to all a square deal regardless of race, politics, religion or where you have attended school. My highest aim has always been to do something for the boys and girls of our State and I have always tried to give them the best I could when entrusted to my keeping.

I hope to see every voter before the election and to tell you what I aim to do for you and your children should I be elected to this high and responsible position.

Thanking you in advance for the support that I believe you are going to give me, I am,

Very truly yours  
E. B. HEMPHILL

It is not all over yet, the time is just coming for the great battle, it is the battle of bread, if the farmers do not do their duty, there will be famine in this land, and right here in Knox Co. Mr. Hosking, who is with Ben-ham and Trees are drilling on the Blue Gem property, which is owned by Judge Sampson, there will be famine in this land, it is said are the largest producers in the country.

## To the Voters of

### Knox County:

I come to you asking your support for the Republican nomination for the office of Jailor of Knox County. I have lived in Knox County for twenty-two years, and have always been found standing by the party of my choice and I have never held office of any kind. I am not physically able to do hard manual labor, but I am forced to do from want. I am a miner and work every day to support myself and family, and on the Sabbath of the Lord I proclaim the word of God from some pulpit. I need the office and I feel that I am qualified to fill that place with credit to myself, and full satisfaction to every voter in the county.

Thanking you one and all for your past favors, and trusting to be favored with the nomination I seek, I am

Yours truly,  
JOHN H. ALLEN,  
Wilton, Ky.

## In The Oil Fields.

Things are now moving out just right, and it looks like there will be some real oil business done here. There is about thirty drilling outfits now in the county, and some of them are doing good work, and will soon have things going their own way.

The Central Oil Co. of Ky. are drilling on the Hutchins farm, the company is composed of men who mean business. They also have received bill of lading for the second outfit which will go on the A. Y. Anderson farm near town.

Mr. C. S. Bologg of Chicago, was here the first of the week and secured some good property which his company will drill at once.

The Ohio Oil and Gas Co. are also busy, and will do a vast amount of work.

The Empire Co. of New York are doing lots of work in the way of preparations to drill

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If you are interested in farming, call at our bank and get some bulletins written by experts on "Home Gardening", "Diversified Farming", "Apple Culture" and "Grasses". We plan to furnish the farmers with one bulletin each month on timely farm topics during this year. Don't fail to get your copy.

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