

AVERS STANLEY BROKE PLEDGES

Col. A. H. Sommers Attacks Record of Administration in Lengthy Editorial in Elizabethtown News.

Elizabethtown, Ky., April 4.—Col. A. H. Sommers, in a lengthy editorial in his Elizabethtown News last Friday, under the caption, "Some of the Unfilled Pledges of Governor Stanley," says:

"Governor Owsley Stanley, with characteristic modesty, has issued a lengthy card, giving extravagant praise of what he claims has been accomplished for the state at Frankfort this winter. He truthfully observes that a number of the Democratic platform pledges have been carried out, and for this the Legislature is entitled to the fullest credit. But how about some of Mr. Stanley's pledges to the people, made while he was a candidate in 1915? What has he done to redeem them?"

"From every stump in Kentucky, Owsley Stanley declared himself to be the arch enemy and inveterate foe of 'invisible government,' but the sordid story of the Pike county bill is sufficient answer to this, and the liquor lobby, powerfully entrenched, was most persistent and pernicious in its efforts to control and corrupt legislation. Its minions were at Frankfort opposing every measure looking to the present laws effective.

"Instead of being driven out of Frankfort, as Candidate Stanley promised, 'invisible government' thrived this year as never before."

Hasn't Kept Faith.

Col. Sommers says the Governor did not abolish useless offices as he promised in his very earnest and artful efforts to win votes for himself upon the economy issue, but says: "We have the instance of Eli Brown, the Governor's political confidante, drawing \$3,000 a year as attorney for the State Rating Board, a position which had been vacant for some time prior to his appointment and the duties of which Attorney General Logan declared since January 1, could be performed by his (Logan's) office force, without the appointment of an attorney. Is Governor Owsley Stanley keeping faith with regard to useless offices?"

"'Turn on the light' was one of Stanley's pet phrases to catch votes in 1915," but he appointed two assistant attorneys general, at a combined salary of \$475 per month to make these investigations, and the first object of their attack was Mrs. Cora Wilson Stewart, president of the Kentucky Illiteracy Commission; the purpose of the attack was to crucify Mrs. Stewart and destroy her work in the state. Governor Owsley Stanley inspired that attack. Is that the kind of 'light' Kentuckians wanted 'turned on'?"

Tool of Interests.

He says Mr. Stanley could not have been elected Governor "if he had not unequivocally declared himself in favor of the county unit law, and its strict enforcement, and that thousands of temperance Democrats, opposed to state wide prohibition, accepted his statements as true and voted for him, but throughout the entire session he showed himself to be the plain tool of the liquor interests. His opposition to the anti-shiping bill designed to prevent bootlegging is alone sufficient to knock into a cocked hat his promise to stand for the enforcement of the county unit law."

"The administration is one of complete subserviency to the whisky and brewery trust and Stanley's pre-election pledge that he stood for the county unit law is a mockery and a shame.