

SEARCHING LIST OF QUESTIONS

To Be Asked Candidates Who Would Assess Personal Property

APPLICANT MUST SUCCEED

In Satisfying Tax Commission By Good Reputation and by Graded Test—January 3, at this City.

District Assessor John M. McMullen has been busy this week distributing the lists of questions which are asked by the Tax Commission of the men who apply for the jobs of Deputy Assessor. These questions must be answered satisfactorily and returned to the Tax Commissioners in Columbus not later than 9 o'clock Saturday morning, Jan. 3. A part of the questions are printed below, and are indicative of the detailed information required, concerning the education, physical condition, morals and habits of the men who will receive \$4 per diem for assessing personal and real property next spring.

Highland county will have 19 "district deputy assessors." There will be one for each of the 17 townships, and one each for Hillsboro and Greenfield. The examination to determine the eligibles will be held in the Washington School Building at Hillsboro on Saturday morning, Jan. 3. Mr. McMullen stated that it is probable the "test" will be under the charge of the school examiners of this county. Only the examiners, the applicants and the District Assessor will be allowed in the room. The questions will be sealed in Columbus and opened in the room where the examination is held. After the papers are filled out they will be sent to Columbus where the Civil Service Commission will grade them.

The Tax Commission expects a large number of applicants from each district. Presuming they have determined to choose three men for each district. This leaves the final choice to the District Assessor, who is supposed to pick the man best qualified for deputy assessor. As is generally known the District Assessor of Highland county is John M. McMullen. The Tax Commissioners believe they can secure superior men since the application blank gives detailed information, and the examination discloses the knowledge of the applicants.

From the published scale of grading it appears an applicant need not be educated beyond the "three R's." The educational qualifications count only 1.5 per cent. out of a possible 10, while experience counts 3, and ability to make proper reports counts 1.5.

Mr. McMullen stated Monday that while the law allows four months in which to appraise the property in a district, it does not mean that an assessor shall draw \$4 each day of that time. It is his opinion that not more than 50 working days will be necessary to assess the largest district.

The law under which the present system is empowered is known as the Warnes act. It repealed the quadrennial real estate reappraisal which succeeded the old decennial plan. Under the present law the "district deputy assessors" will appraise personal property only. However they will be required, while valuing personal, to adjust valuations of real property.

Following is a partial list of questions in the "application blank" which can be secured from Mr. McMullen or the Civil Service Commission.

The questions on the subject of "Experience" which are being distributed to applicants are as follows:

1. Age—What is your age.
2. Education—(a) State what schools you have attended; give location of each, time spent and course pursued at each. (b) What study have you made outside of school?
3. Special Experience Tending to Qualify—(a) Business training and occupation:

1. State in order each business, profession or occupation you have followed leaving school, giving the nature thereof and the period and approximate date of each.

2. Whether in business for yourself or if employed by whom and in what capacity.

3. Were you ever employed in the service of any state, county, city, town or village; in what capacity and how long?

- (b) Residence—How long have you

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MAIL SERVICE

Change Made Relieving Conditions—Judge O. H. Hughes Aids in Work.

The change in schedule was made Monday morning, correcting the evils in both the freight and mail service. The morning freight carrying the mail is now due to arrive here at 7 o'clock and the afternoon freight at 12:30. This is even better than the arrangements before the first of December.

The editor of this paper received the following letter from Judge O. H. Hughes of the State Public Utilities Commission and the General Superintendent of the B. & O. R. Co. giving promise of relief from the present poor service:

Dear Sir: Had a telegram on Thursday of this week from Vice President Thompson, of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company saying that he would at once investigate mail conditions at Hillsboro with a view to correcting them. Will write you as to any additional information I may receive.

Very truly yours,
O. H. HUGHES.

Dear Sir: I have your letter of the 19th wherein you refer to visit to this office Saturday December 6th in connection with the freight and mail service into Hillsboro.

I regret that we have not been able to show the improvement expected since your visit, but since that time we have not lost sight of the matter, but to the contrary have been endeavoring to devise ways whereby the objection could and would be overcome.

To help out the mail service at Hillsboro, it was arranged with the Post Office Department at Cincinnati that they would make a pouch for Hillsboro to be forwarded from here on No. 2, this pouch to be placed in care of the baggage master on train No. 246 to be delivered to the Post Office early in the morning, not being able to effect delivery that night account of the Post Office being closed.

We are also taking special measures to get local freight train No. 256 into Hillsboro at a reasonable hour so as to connect with the Rural Route Deliveries on the mail, and also effect an earlier delivery of the freight, and I feel safe saying to you that immediate improvement in this respect will be made.

Yours truly,
R. N. BEGLEN,
General Superintendent.

Leesburg Citizen.

The NEWS-HERALD acknowledges receipt of the first issue of Leesburg's new paper, The Citizen. W. B. Kent, formerly of this city, is the proprietor. The Citizen is a weekly paper and will appear on Thursday. Mr. Kent is an experienced newspaper man and this issue of the Citizen is in every department a witness to that fact. The local news field has been thoroughly covered. The large number of advertisements attest the appreciation of Leesburg merchants.

Leesburg is to be congratulated in having as the head of its Press a man who says in his salutary "Our desire is to serve you well, and lend material aid and substance to civic pride and community development." The NEWS-HERALD wishes the Citizen long life and prosperity.

COMMITTEES APPOINTED

For Equipping and Furnishing the Building of Highland County Hospital Company.

A meeting of the directors of the Highland County Hospital Company was held Monday night.

The following committees for the equipping and furnishing of the building were appointed:

Heating—W. N. Bean, A. H. Beam, O. A. Thompson.
Lighting—C. C. Cropper, A. H. Beam, W. Hoyt.
Operating Room—A. H. Beam, W. Hoyt, C. C. Cropper.
Furniture—Dan Morgan, C. F. Roberts, W. Hoyt.

Plumbing and Walls—Dan Morgan, Frank Emmerling, O. A. Thompson.
The officers of the company state that the committees will meet at once and the work on the building pushed.

Deputy Assessor Announced.

John M. McMullen, District Assessor of Highland county, yesterday announced that he had selected O. A. Landess as his deputy. Mr. Landess was county Recorder two terms.

Kirby Smith will leave Monday for New York from whence he will sail for Italy where he expects to spend several months.

SUDDEN DEATH OF COL. BARRERE

Taken Sick Saturday He Passed Away Early Sunday Morning

ENJOYING USUAL HEALTH

Until Stricken With Hardening of Arteries—Funeral Services Were Held Tuesday Morning at Home.

Col. George W. Barrere, for thirty years one of the owners of the NEWS-HERALD, died suddenly at his home on S. High street Sunday morning at six o'clock. He had only been sick since 10 o'clock on Saturday and death resulted from hardening of the arteries about the heart.

Until this time he had been unusually well for a man of his years and had frequently stated that he had never felt better. On Friday he had walked up town as usual and on Saturday morning arose at the usual hour. He ate a hearty breakfast and performed some chores about the place. Shortly before 10 o'clock he came into the house and laid down on the couch in the living room. He had been lying down only a few minutes when he became very ill and complained of violent pains in his arms and chest. A physician was summoned at once and the medicine taken seemed to relieve him. He was up and around the house all day and ate supper with the family in the evening, although suffering considerable pain.

Just before six o'clock Sunday morning Mrs. Barrere prepared his medicine for him. She asked him how he was feeling and he said easier. He raised up in bed took his medicine and a drink of water. Mrs. Barrere went to set down the medicine and the glass and before she could reach him he had passed away.

He was in his 83rd year and is survived by his wife and four children, Elgar, of Circleville, George W., and Granville, of this place, and one daughter, Miss Mary, of this place.

The funeral services were held at the home Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock, conducted by Dr. V. F. Brown, of Wayne Avenue M. E. church, Cincinnati, assisted by the Masonic Order. Dr. Brown paid a beautiful tribute to the deceased, telling of his pure, upright, honest life and of the value of such a life to a community. Interment was made in the Hillsboro cemetery.

A sketch of his life will be found in another column.

Lucas—Hudson.

At the noon hour on Tuesday, Dec. 23, 1913, Mr. Breed E. Lucas, of Hillsboro, and Miss Floy Hudson, of Greenfield, were united in marriage at the Children's Home by Rev. J. Howard.

After the ceremony the happy couple left for Cincinnati for a short wedding trip. They will be at home to their many friends after Jan. 1, 1914.

\$20,000 FIRE

Sardinia Has Big Loss When Odd Fellows Building Burns Saturday Night.

A fire which was discovered at 3 a. m. Sunday destroyed the Odd Fellows building and for a time threatened to devastate the business section of Sardinia. The building is occupied by the Mercantile Co. and is situated between the bank and J. N. Plummer's building.

The alarm was given by a Mr. Rich, who recently had opened a restaurant in the building. Mr. Rich was almost overcome by the smoke. He sounded the alarm which was responded to by the bucket brigade. The fire had started in the basement of the Odd Fellows building and had gained such headway that the building could not be saved. The origin of the fire is not known.

Damage done by the fire is estimated at \$20,000, which is equally divided between the Mercantile Co. and the Odd Fellows. The former had insurance of \$8,000 and the latter \$6,000. The bank suffered a loss of about \$1000 and J. N. Plummer's building only a little less. R. J. Wahl suffered the loss of canned goods stored in the basement of the Mercantile Co.

Although a great many citizens were engaged in trying to save adjoining buildings during the fire, none were injured.

INSTITUTE AT RAINSBORO

Attendance Larger, Lectures Better Than in Former Years.

REPORT BY SECRETARY

Dr. H. M. Brown and Hon. O. N. Sams, of this City, Give Interesting Addresses to the Farmers.

The Rainsboro Farmers Institute held an interesting two days' session in the K. of P. Hall at Rainsboro on Friday and Saturday of last week. The attendance numbered several hundred at every session. The NEWS-HERALD is indebted to the Secretary, Mrs. W. T. Hodge, for the following report:

President E. B. Roads, opened the first session on Friday morning and introduced the first speaker, E. C. Martindale, of Wilkinson, Ind., who announced as his subject, "How to Grow More and Better Corn." He called especial attention to the seed and gave the eight points in the standard of excellence:

- (1.) Adaptability, 25 per cent.; (2.) Seed Conditions, 15 per cent.; (3.) Shape of Kernel; (4.) Uniformity and Trueness to Type, 15 per cent.; (5.) Weight of Ear, 10 per cent.; (6.) Length and Proportion of Ear, 10 per cent.; (7.) Color of Grain and Cob, 5 per cent.; (8.) Butts of Ears, 5 per cent.

He described a good ear of corn and said the grains should be 5.8 inches in length, 5-6 inches in width and 1-6 inches in thickness. He emphasized that cultivation should be early, often shallow and late and gave a chemical demonstration to impress the fact on the minds of his hearers.

Supt. McCullough dismissed the public school during the morning session that the classes in agriculture should hear this excellent lecture and to do honor to the next speaker, Leslie Brown, who read an interesting paper on the trip to Washington, D. C., he had won in the Corn Growing Contest. His description of the places he visited and the sights he saw convinced every one that he had made good use of his opportunity. The Ladies Orchestra, of Hillsboro, then gave us some excellent music which was followed by M. L. Tressler, of Montpelier, Ohio, on "Silos—Facts about Them and Why They are Needed."

The speaker advised the co-operative plan in filling silos, the corn be cut fine, the finer the better; three men in silo to tramp and said two of them should be church members so they would do a thorough job; corn frequently is put into silos too green instead of too ripe. Mr. Tressler thought the best time is about a week or ten days after roasting ears when the kernel is dough and leaves are getting brown. Cover with fodder, tramp and continue to tramp for several days. He gave a number of feeding experiments both with dairy cows and steers, which showed those fed ensilage gave far the better results. He said in two or three years time one could easily pay for a silo by increased values and that with alfalfa and a silo a man could double the average of his farm without increasing taxes.

The President then appointed J. H. Roads, Samuel Borst and George Free committee on nominations, J. B. Davis, Wm. Montgomery and N. B. Upp committee on resolutions, and the meeting adjourned to meet at 1 o'clock.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

After music E. C. Martindale gave his lecture "How to Grow More and Better Wheat." He compared the wheat yield in Ohio and Great Britain and said our farmers should either increase the yield or discontinue the growing of this crop. By use of charts from Purdue University he showed the cost of production according to various experiments. He advised breaking ground as long as possible before time to sow and the preparation of a perfect seed bed; the use of at least one legume in the crop rotation; and as many more as possible. He states fertilization pays if proper quantity and quality are applied, but did not believe any man could afford to buy a complete fertilizer.

Mr. Martindale advised all farmers to grow nitrogen cheap through legumes and said phosphorus and potash should be turned under in plowing instead of burning it off as many do.

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KILLED IN ACCIDENT

Was Lewis Bennington, Formerly of This County, When Auto Turned Over.

Telegrams received on Friday by Mr. and Mrs. John Bennington, of near Taylorsville, announced the death of their son, Lewis Bennington, of Sheridan, Wyoming. Mr. Bennington formerly lived in Highland county and several years ago went to Wyoming where he was married and is now survived by Mrs. Bennington and two children.

The details of Mr. Bennington's death are not fully known at this time. All that can be learned is that he was driving his automobile Friday morning and that the steering gear broke, causing the automobile to turn over. Mr. Bennington was caught under the machine and killed instantly. The accident occurred about nine miles from his home.

Mrs. Bennington arrived with the body at Taylorsville last night. Funeral services were held at Union this morning at 10 o'clock.

The deceased has four brothers, three of whom live in this county. They are: Newton Bennington, of Taylorsville, Wm. Bennington, of Sonner's Chapel, and John Bennington, of Danville. Another brother, Frank, is in the Philippines.

Death of John Simbro.

John Jacob Simbro, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Simbro, died Friday at the home of his parents on the Concord pike. Death was caused by cerebral spinal meningitis. He was aged 20 years, 3 months and 16 days. Funeral services were held Sunday. Interment was made at Bridges. The deceased was the eldest son and is survived by both parents, five sisters and four brothers.

ASSESSMENT MADE

Of Twenty-Five Per Cent. on all Subscriptions to Hospital Fund.

An assessment of 25 per cent. has been made upon the subscribers to the Hillsboro Hospital Association. This action was taken at a meeting held at the Court House Monday night.

A committee to notify the subscribers of the assessment was appointed. Its members are John Matthews, O. N. Sams, J. W. Evans, the original trustees of the fund, and C. F. Whisler, L. B. Boyd, D. Q. Morrow, J. A. Head and J. W. Watts.

Prior to making the assessment the following report was made by the committee appointed at a previous meeting:

To the subscribers of the Hospital Fund, Hillsboro Hospital Association. In pursuance of instructions of the resolution adopted at a meeting of the subscribers of the Hillsboro Hospital Fund, held on Friday evening, Dec. 12, 1913, we beg leave to report, viz:

We find from the report of the Trustees heretofore made and accepted, that the subscriptions made during and since the close of the campaign, exclusive of the stock of the old company transferred to be \$12,851.16. That the disbursements have been \$1,842.16.

The per cent. of assessment on each subscriber to meet the expenses already incurred and paid is 14 per cent.

However, we are of the opinion that the affairs of the Association cannot be brought to a final settlement without some expense, and we have made no allowance for any expenses of closing up the affairs of the company or for possible shrinkage from subscriptions.

Respectfully Submitted,

F. R. AMBROSE
DANIEL MORGAN
R. A. HAYNES

A prompt response on the part of the subscribers should be made on this assessment and an attempt made to forget that a hospital campaign was ever held.

Gore—Evans.

S. Campbell Gore, of Indianapolis, Ind., and Miss Madge Evans will be married at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Evans, at 1:30 o'clock this afternoon. Rev. Father McLeigh, of St. Mary's Catholic Church, will perform the ceremony. Only the immediate members of the family will be present.

Mr. and Mrs. Gore will leave this afternoon for a wedding trip. They will spend a few days with the bride's sister, Mrs. Walter C. Curtis, at Mt. Vernon. They will make their home at Indianapolis, Ind.

Mr. Gore is the manager of the Indianapolis branch house of the Bonhoff & Joyce Co., of Cincinnati, dealers in pig iron and coke.

The bride is a very beautiful blonde and a talented musician.

JUDGE STEELE PASSES AWAY

Prominent Jurist Answers the Final Call Tuesday at Columbus

COMMON PLEAS JUDGE

And Member of the Highland County Bar Forty-nine Years—Resident of Hillsboro Seventy-six Years.

After forty-nine years' service at the bar of Highland county, Judge S. F. Steele passed away at a sanitarium in Columbus early Tuesday morning. The body was brought to the residence that night. Funeral services conducted by Rev. G. B. Beecher were held from the home yesterday afternoon. Interment was made in the Hillsboro cemetery.

Judge Steele was one of the oldest residents of Hillsboro. He was born in this city in 1837 and lived here all his life. The following obituary prepared by Judge Newby was read at the funeral services yesterday afternoon.

Circumstances and the occasion forbid that sufficient time be now taken to pay a full tribute to the memory of him whose taking away has called us together to-day. It is but a little over 24 hours since the sad intelligence was brought me by wire while in a neighboring county that Judge Steele was dead. And besides, his long life in our midst, coupled with the fact that owing to his prominence and his intimate relations with the public has served to bring around him a large circle of admiring friends, to whom to recount all his many high standards of character and manhood would be a work of supererogation.

So when a life so useful and so exemplary has come to a close, a part of these services should be devoted to a testimonial due from the living to its virtues and teachings, not alone as a mark of respect to the dead, but as a thanksgiving from the living for the lessons his life has taught. His life is done, his story is told, his book is closed and it is for us, the living, to draw from this inspiration and courage. For Judge Steele was one of those men who, though dead, will continue to speak.

Judge Samuel F. Steele, the son of Rev. Dr. Samuel Steele, for more than thirty years, and up to the time of his death, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Hillsboro, was born in Hillsboro July 5, 1837. He attended in his native town the school of Prof. Isaac Sams, a noted educator of that day, from which school he entered the sophomore class of Miami University at Oxford, Ohio. From Miami he entered Center College at Danville, Ky., and graduated from that institution in 1850. Following his graduation he served as a tutor in Kentucky until he returned to Hillsboro in 1862. Upon his return to Hillsboro he took up the study of law in the office of the late Judge James Sloane, at that time one of the leaders of the bar of Southern Ohio.

Judge Sloane early recognized the high order of legal talent possessed by his pupil and upon Judge Steele's admission to the bar in 1864 testified his appreciation of young Steele's ability and his entire confidence in his future as an attorney, by forming a partnership with him in the practice of the law. This partnership continued under the name of Sloane & Steele until the election of Judge Steele to the Common Pleas Judgeship in this district in the autumn of 1871.

April 7, 1875, at Washington D. C., Judge Steele was married to Miss Mary Poor, who with five daughters are left to mourn the loss of a loving and indulgent husband and father.

In this community where Judge Steele enjoyed a wide acquaintance and a large circle of close friendships, it is unnecessary, I deem it, to elaborate upon his pleasing social qualities. Suffice it to say that his pleasing social qualities, marked politeness, courtesy and kindness of manner and speech were felt and noted alike by all who came into his company and particularly by those who associated closely with him. Though kindness was the ruling element of his nature, he was not disposed to look lightly upon wrong-doing nor to apologize for the evil acts of others wilfully done, but on the contrary, in such a case, his sense of right would rebel and he would condemn where he thought condemnation was deserved. But all judgments of others were stamped with a generosity and charity for

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