

## S. H. TEEPLE.

Conditions at the birth of S. H. Teeple did not argue a very bright future for an interesting youth. His parents, James B. and Mary (Smith) Teeple, were very poor. The father came to Indiana and settled in Adams county at an early date and followed farming and carpenter work. The success of the elder Teeple was but moderate and their son was not given the advantages even of that poor day. He was born on his father's farm in Adams county July 19, 1857. His youth was hard and filled with toil. He was one of a family of nine children and shared with them the poor comforts of his parental home. Of the family four are living: Isaac, S. H., Sarah and Mary C. It will be seen that our subject was the second of these children in order of birth. He received a poor education in the common schools of his district, but his duties at his home compelled him to forego all but a few terms in the schools. His education during his youth was necessarily incomplete, but in his after life he improved his fund of knowledge by a liberal and intelligent course of independent reading. He spent his life on the farm until 1886, when he engaged in the mercantile business at Geneva. He opened a store and it proved a successful venture. He continued to conduct the affairs of his store during the six years that followed its founding and he gained much in patronage and in material wealth. But the fascinations of farm life proved too strong for him to resist and at the end of the six years' period he retired from active connection with his store and returned to his farm. This estate he improved from time to time. It consists of one hundred and eighty-five acres and is considered one of the most attractive and productive farms in its immediate section of the county. When oil was discovered in northeastern Indiana this farm lay directly in the most productive belt. At intervals wells were drilled until a total of fourteen had been put down on the Teeple farm. Eleven of these proved productive to a marked extent and are still pumped. Three others that were among the number originally drilled have become unproductive.

Mr. Teeple has been an active partisan in politics and has been one of the staunchest supporters of the Republican party in his county. He has taken an interested part in his section of the state when matters affecting his political affiliations were considered. His reward for his faithful party work came a year ago, when he was appointed postmaster of Geneva. Until receiving this appointment he had lived on and tilled his farm since retiring from his mercantile business in Geneva. He assumed the duties of postmaster July 1, 1906.

Mr. Teeple was married in 1885 to Miss Cora A. McCollam, a daughter of Jesse and Charlotte (Kelly) McCollam, who were farmers of Adams county. Mr. and Mrs. Teeple are the parents of two children. Jesse F. is employed at the Teeple mercantile establishment at Geneva and Myrle resides at home. Mr. Teeple is a member of the Geneva Lodge, Knights of Pythias, and with his family worships at the United Brethren church.

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