

### Daniel Cobb Dies, Former Mayor Here

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other great war. He could remember seeing Bismarck and Garibaldi. He learned to speak French, German and Italian as fluently as English. Sometimes in later years he would astonish natives of those countries living hereabouts by conversing with them so easily that they thought he must be one of them.

On his return to America as a man, the South was going through



As Mayor in 1901

the turmoil of the Reconstruction; and Mr. Cobb liked to tell how he joined the White league in New Orleans which expelled the carpet-baggers from that city. A little later, he became a member of the Louisiana Crescent Rifles, the crack drill company of the country. He re-told with pride how he was nearly always the last man to be left in those stiffly competitive drills.

In New Orleans, he met and married Ida Taylor, a first queen of Mardi Gras. When depression hit the South in the late 70's, they decided to come North. Thus, in the early 80's, they settle in Highland Park, building a home still occupied by the family at Laurel and Dale. Land thereabouts, Mr. Cobb said, sold for \$5 a foot then; whereas on the bluff overlooking the lake, it could be bought for \$2.50 a foot, nobody wanting to be that far from the railroad station.

Mr. and Mrs. Cobb entered enthusiastically into the social life of the little town, in which everybody knew everybody; and the advent of a newcomer was an event. He became a charter member of many of the early civic and fraternal organizations of Highland Park. He helped organize the Highland Park club, for many years a landmark at the end of Central Ave.

For many years, Mr. Cobb was in the home office of the old North-

western Life Insurance Co., as chief correspondent and assistant-secretary. This company was located in the Home Insurance Bldg., on La-Salle St., Chicago, the first skyscraper to be erected in Chicago, just recently torn down to make room for the Field building. Mr. Cobb once remarked that he had spent some two hours a day for nearly 40 years in commuting back and forth to Chicago, a total of approximately 24,000 hours or almost three years, but that it was worth it to live in Highland Park. Besides, otherwise he would say, when would he have gotten time to read the daily paper or play his daily whist game. He was an exceptionally fine whist player.

Mr. Cobb liked to recall the days before 1900, when as he put it: the planks of the wooden sidewalks came up to meet you when you stepped on a loose one; when in those five-foot winter snows with no plows, it took an hour to beat your way to the 8:09; when it was swell fishing, swimming and boating off Fletcher's old pier; and the woods, ravines and beaches were free to roam.

Our politics of today, so he said, were mild compared to the campaigns of those days. He was Mayor of Highland Park in 1900; and claimed as achievements of his administration, the annexation of Ravinia, the building of the first filtration plant and the planting of the trees in the parkway on Central Ave. He always hinted, however, that he obtained the biggest kick during his term of office through leading the volunteer firemen to the many spectacular blazes of those days.

As in his prime, he contributed much to the building of Highland Park, so, too, in the twilight of his life, he was permitted once again to pioneer. During the Florida boom of the 20's, he went back to the South he knew so well; and in an undeveloped, wild part of Florida, bought a ten acre tract which with the help of a devoted nephew, he cleared and planted to oranges, grapes and grape-fruit. This gave him a pleasant living in the old South he loved, where he could be out and active to the end.

His was a very kindly nature. He never failed, on his annual visits back to Highland Park, his children and their families, to look up his old friends, in whatever line of life they were, to talk over the old and compare the new. Never critical of others or disparaging in his remarks, he spread much cheer by his happy outlook on life and his tales of times long past. Those who knew Mr. Cobb will long remember him as their ideal of the kindly, lovable character: Old Timer.

### U. S. Civil Service Exams Are Announced

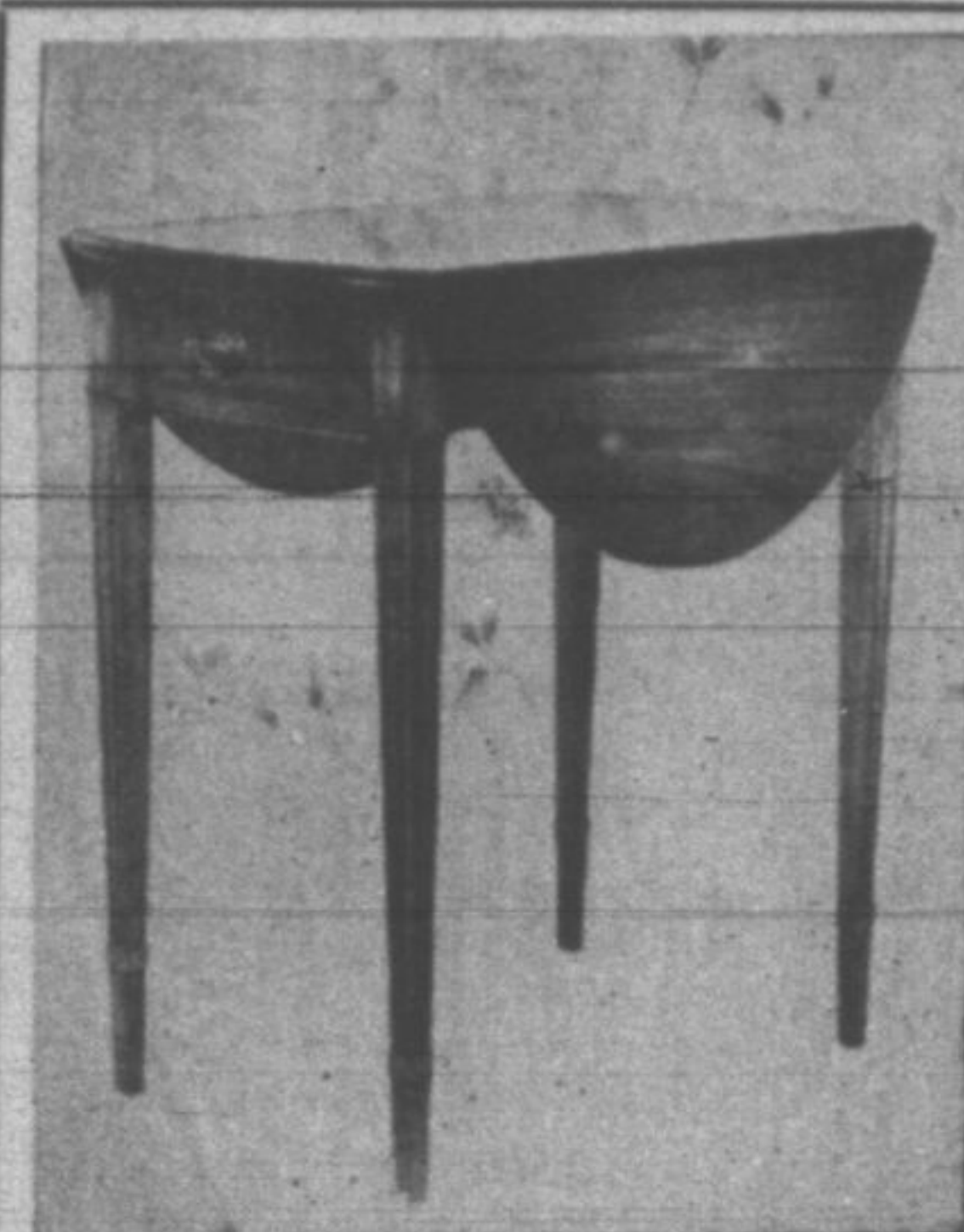
The United States Civil Service Commission has announced open competitive examinations for the positions listed below. Applications must be on file in the Commission's Washington office not later than the dates shown in each case. The salaries are subject to a deduction of 3 1/2 percent toward a retirement annuity.

Teacher in Indian Community and Boarding schools, for employment in the Indian Field Service (including Alaska), Department of the Interior. The entrance salaries range from \$1,620 to \$2,000 a year. Optional branches are: Agriculture, elementary grades, home-economics, remedial reading, special or opportunity classes, music and art. Applicants must have completed certain college education and must have had at least 2 years of appropriate teaching experience. Applicants must not have passed their 48th birthday. Closing dates for receipt of applications for this examination are: January 3 if received from States east of Colorado, January 6 if received from Colorado and States westward, July 22 for points in Alaska south of the Arctic Circle and September 22, 1941 for points in Alaska north of the Arctic Circle.

Departmental guard, \$1,200 a year, for appointment in Washington, D.C., only. Applicants must have had 1 year of experience as soldier, sailor, marine, policeman, guard, fireman, sheriff, or in similar occupations. Applicants must have reached their 21st, but must not have passed their 55th, birthday. Experience in honorary positions will not be accepted as qualifying. Closing dates for receipt of applications for this examination are: December 6 if received from States east of Colorado and December 10, 1940, if received from Colorado and States westward.

Full information as to the requirements for these examinations, and application forms, may be obtained from Frank E. Carlson, secretary of the Board of U. S. Civil

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