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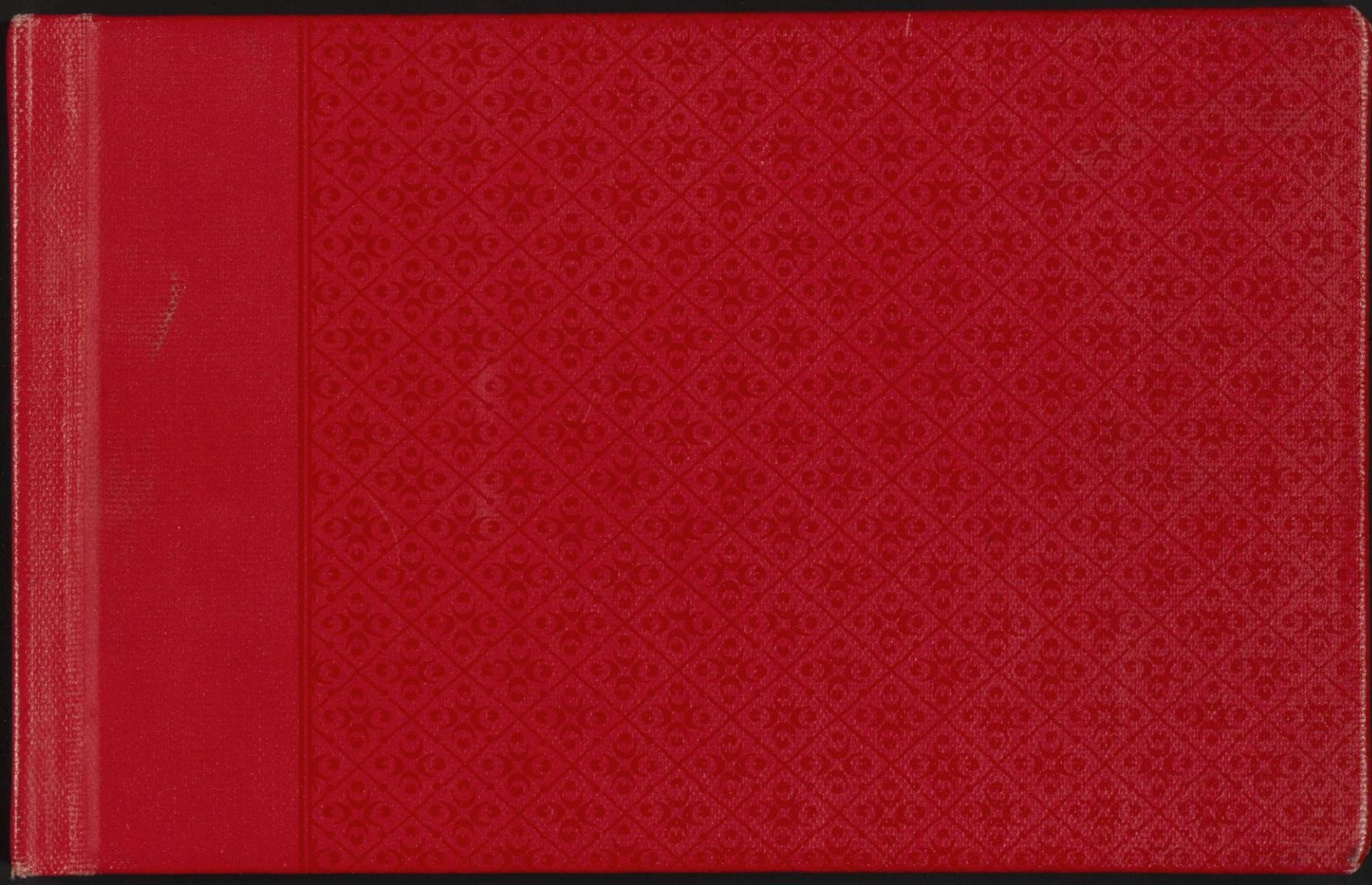
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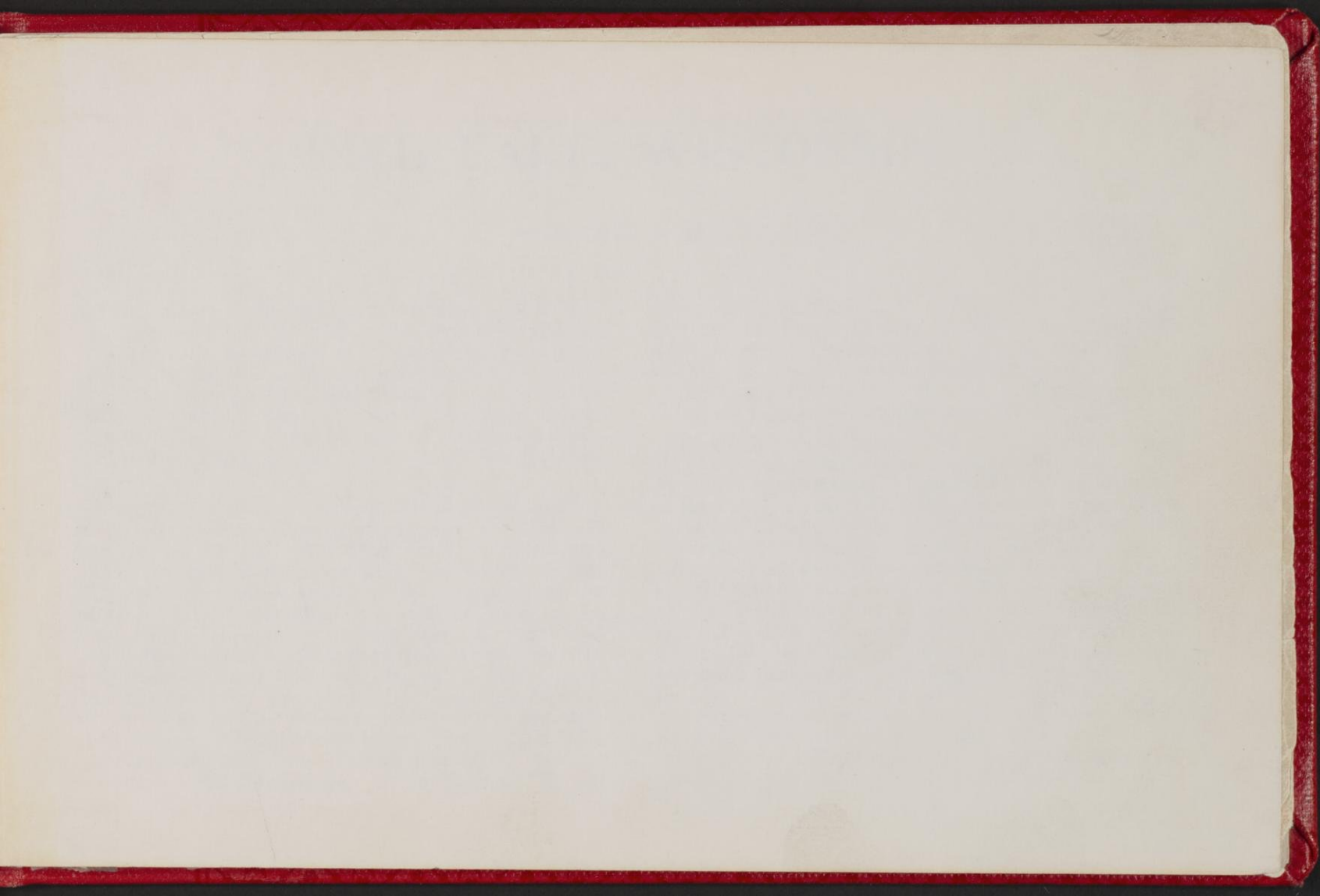
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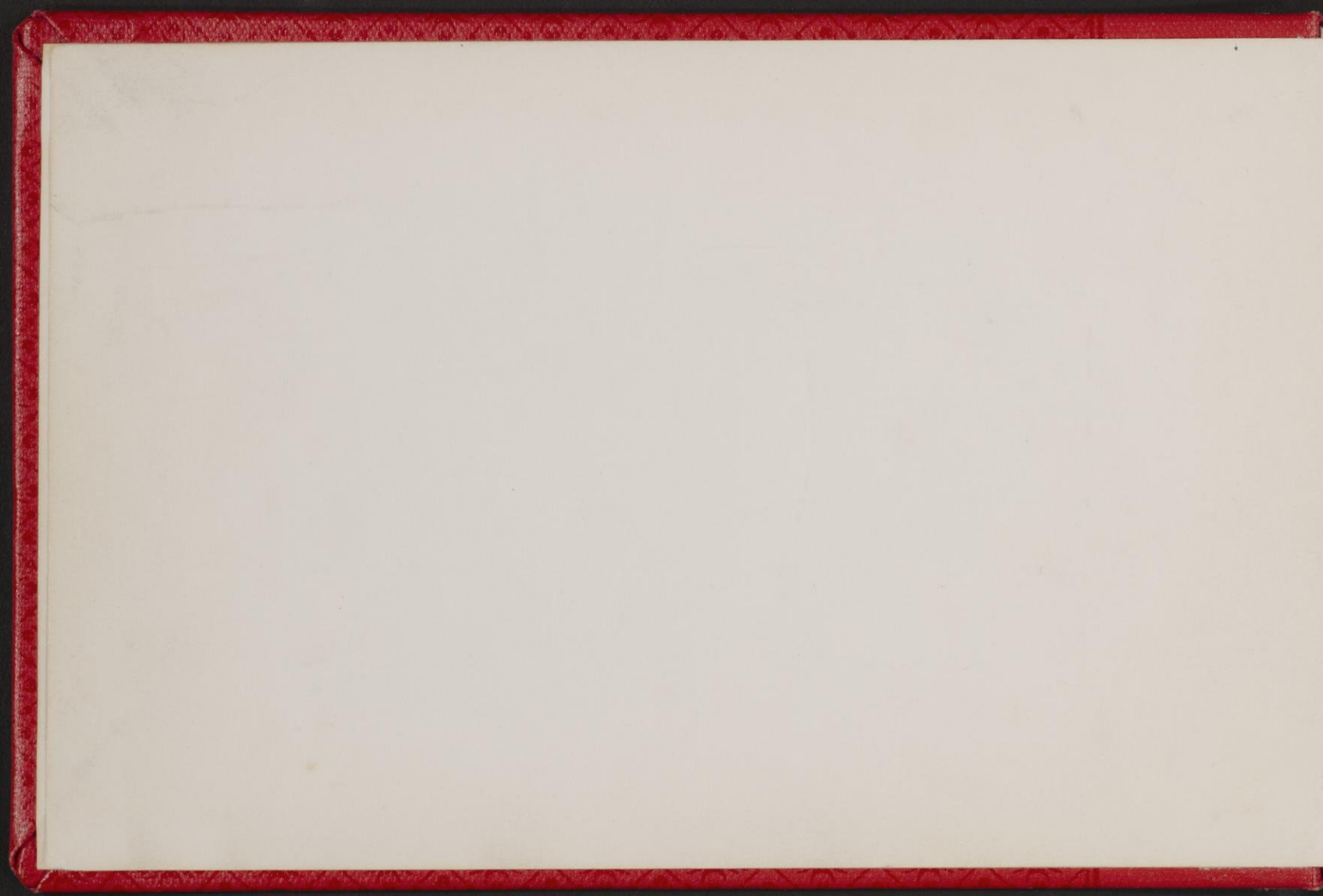
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RICE LAKE, WISCONSIN.



THE nature of this work makes it impossible to give more than a brief sketch of the early history of the town. It is our design to show this prosperous young city just as it is without exaggeration or detraction. In writing of the manufacturing industries we have endeavored to state only the facts without embellishment. In mentioning the various business and professional men, to give only a bare sketch has been our intent.

Of the very early history of this place we have but little information. Lumber prospectors were through here in the '50s. It was in 1858 that T. B. Wilson and James Bracklin visited this section in search of pine. The place was then an Indian village with a population of about 5,000 dusky aborigines and the home of the head chief of the Superior Chippewas. A white man was to the Indians in those days quite a curiosity. In 1864 logging operations were begun in this vicinity. In 1874 the town was platted by the Knapp, Stout & Co. company, and in the same year flour and saw mills were erected. The first school house was built in 1874, and the first church was organized in 1875. The first newspaper, the Chronotype, was started in 1874. In

1882 the C., St. P., M. & O. railway was built through here and the Barron County Bank was established. In 1887 the city was incorporated. In 1880 the population of the city was 479 souls; in 1890, 2,130; and the census of 1895 gave it 3,162. We do not think we exaggerate in saying the present population is 3,500.

Rice Lake is the largest city in the county; in fact, its population is more than the aggregate of any other two cities in the county. It is located on the main line of the C., St. P., M. & O. railway, which is a part of the great Northwestern system. Its site is an elevated plateau which is bounded on the east by Rice Lake, a beautiful sheet of water (three and one-half miles in length and three-fourths of a mile wide. The city is intersected by the Red Cedar river, dividing into the west, north and south sides. It is well platted, the streets are broad and laid at right angles. Main street is two and one-half miles in length and 100 feet wide. Statistics prove the city to be very healthy, which, no doubt, is largely due to the natural drainage that exists by the decline to the Red Cedar river and Rice Lake, the overflow being carried into the Red Cedar, whose swift flowing current bears it onward to swell the Father of Waters. The

population is of a mixed nationality— all the best and most industrious representatives of their country— who here have provided themselves with good churches, schools, and many benevolent and social organizations.

Such, in brief, is Rice Lake, a city destined by nature, assisted by the hands of enterprising men, to become one of the foremost in this section of the state.

The county of Barron has an agreeably diversified surface in its level and rolling lands. It is watered by numerous streams, the Red Cedar and the Vermillion rivers in the eastern part and the Hay river in the western. The latter two empty into the Red Cedar. The principal lakes of the county are Beaver, Little Chetek, Red Cedar, Rice, Bear and Long lakes. Long and Cedar lakes are both beautiful bodies of water, and are, in fact, becoming popular as summer resorts. Aside from the rivers and lakes mentioned, the county has many smaller streams, brooks and creeks, all abounding in game fish. The Red Cedar, so to speak, drains the entire county, and forms an almost unlimited water power, valuable for manufacturing purposes.

The county's resources in agriculture, timber, geological, etc., are most valuable. A large percentage of the lands in the county have been covered at one time or another with timber, either hard or pine, and as this has given away to the lumberman, the farmer has followed with the plow and reaper, and the county now has some of the best and most productive farms in the state. These lands, generally speaking, are very fertile and will grow in abundance all the cereals known to this climate.

In the county are found hemlock, oak, maple, cherry, bass wood, ash, walnut, hickory, beech, sycamore, birch, pine etc., in large quantities, and it will be seen that the timber mentioned includes all kinds entering into the manufacture of any article. The advantages here offered to manufacturers cannot be questioned.

The country adjacent to this city contains valuable formations of pipestone, a building material of merit; also limestone, sandstone and granite. Clay is also found of a quality suitable for brick-making purposes.

The officials governing the city at present are as follows:

Mayor—Dr. T. A. Charron.

City Clerk—Dr. W. H. Dunn.

Attorney—C. A. Stark.

Treasurer—W. A. Demers.

Assessor—F. R. Conn.

Street Commissioner—S. S. Morrison.

Health Officer—Dr. B. N. Webster.

Physician—Dr. O. M. Sattre.

Police—F. W. Conn, John Pedersen.

Chief of Fire Department—J. F. Henrich.

Aldermen—

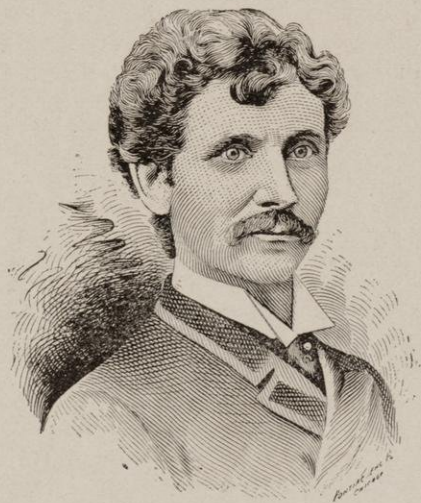
First Ward—F. C. Deery, John Signor.

Second Ward—Jonas Manhein, O. E. Wagnild.

Third Ward—Phillip Jacobs, G. A. Raynor.

Fourth Ward—Edward Smith, John Tandberg.

There are numerous manufacturing institutions, all in a highly prosperous condition and employing large numbers of laborers, a short description of each of which appears elsewhere in this book.



HON. SEWELL A. PETERSON.



COL. P. H. SWIFT.

Church Organizations.

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST SCIENTISTS—Was organized about 12 years ago; incorporated in February, 1896. Services are held every Sunday in K. P. hall. Membership about 20.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH—Located on Messenger street; organized September 9, 1883, by Rev. W. V. Chapin, with 13 charter members. Rev. Chapin served the church until 1886, and has been followed by Rev. S. Phoenix, 1886-8; Rev. Wm. Omelvena, 1889; Rev. T. M. Waller, 1890-5. The present pastor, Rev. D. C. Jones, entered upon his pastoral duties August 10, 1895. The new church edifice was dedicated in the summer of 1893. There has been a steady growth in membership. Regular Sunday and midweek services are held at the usual hours, and there are an active Ladies' Aid Society, Home and Foreign Missionary societies, and a weekly class for Bible study.

GERMAN EVANGELICAL CHURCH is located on Buroiet street, south side, and was dedicated in September, 1893. Services every Sunday at usual hours. Rev. George Scheible, pastor, is a graduate of Napierville college, Chicago, and is serving the second year of his ministry at Rice Lake.

GERMAN LUTHERAN CHURCH holds service in the Scandinavian church on Messenger street. Preaching once in four weeks.

GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH—Organized in 1881 and one of the first churches in Rice Lake. Corner stone of the edifice laid in 1883; first service held in the building June 3, 1884. Services regularly, except

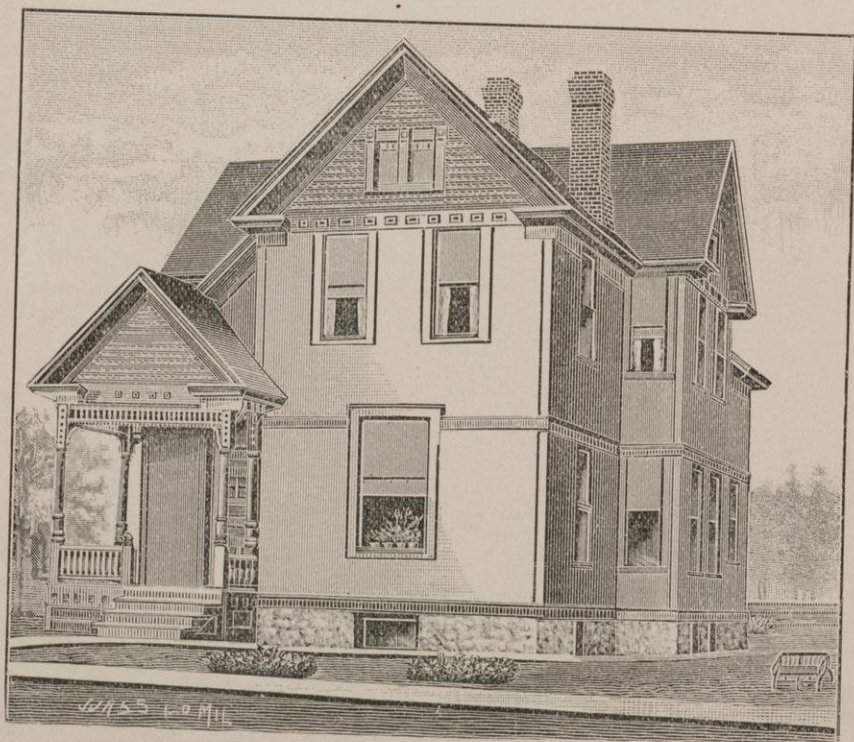
Sunday evenings. Membership about 100. Sunday school averages 80 pupils. Rev. F. S. de Mattos, Ph. D., pastor, is a native of Illinois; was educated in Scotland; entered ministry in 1884; graduated from University of Glasgow in 1887; and has served this church since November, 1896. Besides the work in Rice Lake, he has charge of the congregation at Barron.

NORWEGIAN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CONGREGATION of the United church was organized July, 29, 1875. The church building which is located on Evans street, was commenced in 1881; first service was held there in May, 1883; completed and dedicated in 1893. Membership 325; Sunday school 70; parochial school in summer averages 80 pupils. Rev. J. E. Nord, pastor, has been with the congregation since May, 1883. He was born in Norway in 1852; came to America in 1872; graduated from Augsburg Seminary, Minneapolis, in 1880, entered the ministry same year and was located at Liberty Pole, Wis., three years previous to coming to Rice Lake. He has a congregation at Hayward also which numbers about 295.

OUR SAVIOR'S SCANDINAVIAN LUTHERAN CONGREGATION belonging to the Synod was organized in 1892; incorporated 1893; located on Messenger street. Membership 120; ladies society, 25; Sunday school, 37; parochial school, 35. Rev. I. J. Kvam, pastor, was born in Norway, came to America in 1882; attended Luther college at Decorah, Ia., four years, and Luther Seminary at Robbinsdale, Minn., graduating in 1892. After nearly two years pastorate at Seattle, Wash., came to Rice Lake in 1895. He has a congregation of 100



PLANT OF RICE LAKE LUMBER COMPANY.



RESIDENCE OF N. B. NOBLE.

members at Cedar Lake, and missions at Long Lake and Spooner.

RICE LAKE M. E. CHURCH was organized in 1881. The society has a neat church and parsonage on Douglass street, the church having been built in 1884, and parsonage in 1895. Usual services are held. Membership about 100; Sunday school averages 75. There is a mission station at Ulysses, nine miles east; services every Tuesday evening. Rev. W. P. Burrows, pastor, was appointed to this charge in the fall of 1896. He was born in St. Lawrence county, N. Y.; attended the academy at Canton, N. Y., and the University at Hamline, Minn. In 1889 he entered the ministry, spent three years at Hurley, Wis., and later was pastor at Cortland, Ill. During the latter pastorate he took a three years' course at Garrett Biblical Institute of Evanston, Ill., graduating in 1895, and has taken one year post graduate work.

ST. JOSEPH'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH was organized as a mission of Our Lady of Lourdes Stanfold by Rev. J. Dole in 1880, the church structure being the first brick building in the city. The first resident pastor was Rev. M. Schoelch, who remained eight months. The church was then a mission until July 4, 1889, when Rev. P. Becker came, and the same year a parsonage was erected. In 1890 St Joseph's school was built. All the buildings are of brick, well heated and lighted, and supplied with water works. A magnificent altar was placed in the church in 1893, and the church property is valued at about \$20,000. The congregation numbers 140 families, 150 pupils attend the school.

which is conducted by the sisters of St. Francis from Manitowoc county. Rev. von Droste served the church from July, 1894, to October, 1895; and was followed by the present pastor, Rev. A. Hopdegard. The latter was born in Rouen, Normandy, and has resided in America since 1892.

SWEDISH AUGUSTANA society holds regular service on the West Side, and is contemplating the erection of a church in the near future. The present pastor resides at Shell Lake.



Societies.

PEKEGAMA CHAPTER No. 67, R. A. M.—Meets 1st and 3d Saturday evenings. Mark Eubanks, H. P.; Ernest Hartel, secretary.

RICE LAKE LODGE No. 234, A. F. & A. M.—Meets 2d and 4th Saturday evenings. Ebenezer Bassett, W. M.; W. E. Webster, secretary.

MIZPAH CHAPTER No. 65, O. E. S.—Meets 1st and 3d Thursday evenings. Chas. E. West, W. P.; Mrs. Abbie McClench, W. M.; Mrs. A. B. Bailey, secretary.

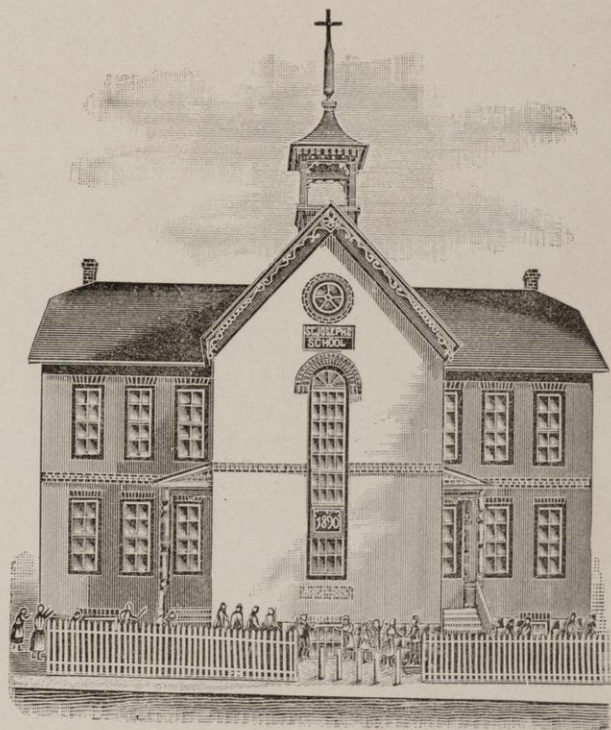
RICE LAKE LODGE No. 168, I. O. O. F.—Meets every Saturday evening. C. H. Jones, N. G.; F. W. Gass, secretary.

HIAWATHA LODGE No. 175, D. of R., I. O. O. F.—Meets 1st and 3rd Monday evenings. Mrs. Rosa Stultz, N. G.; Miss Mabel Hoag, secretary.

MONTANIS COMPANY No. 32, U. R., K. of P.—Meets for drill every Monday evening; regular business meet-



GEORGE ANDERSEN.



ST. JOSEPH'S PAROCHIAL SCHOOL.

ings 1st and 3d Monday evenings. E. K. Brayton, captain; R. M. Whittaker, secretary.

RICE LAKE LODGE No. 60, K. of P.—Meets every Tuesday evening. A. M. Fenton, C. C.; Dr. W. H. Dunn, K. of R. and S.

ISLAND CITY LODGE No. 77, A. O. U. W.—Meets 2d and 4th Monday evenings. George Andersen, M. W.; C. E. West, secretary.

M. W. HELLER POST No. 166, G. A. R.—Meets 2d and 4th Wednesday evenings. G. C. Soper, Com.; E. Bassett, Adj.

N. W. HELLER CORPS No. 109, W. R. C.—Meets 1st and last Saturday afternoons. Mrs. George Feight, president; Mrs. J. Starks, secretary.

RICE LAKE TENT No. 72, K. O. T. M.—Meets 1st and 3d Friday evenings. C. H. Jones, Com.; Dr. B. N. Webster, R. K.

RICE LAKE CAMP No. 1258, M. W. A.—Meets every Tuesday evening. John L. Bull, V. C.; F. W. Gass, clerk.

RICE LAKE BRANCH No 99, CATHOLIC KNIGHTS OF WISCONSIN—Meets 3d Sundays. A. Byer, president; Fred I. Demers, secretary; Nick Ludwig, treasurer.

INDEPENDENT SCANDINAVIAN WORKINGMENS ASSOCIATION—Meets every other Friday evening. John Tandberg, president; Louis Sather, secretary; Nels Larson, assistant secretary.

RICE LAKE LODGE No 140, I. O. G. T.—Meets every Thursday evening. W. J. Ryndies, C. T.; George Pettis, recording secretary.

Fire Department.

Perhaps in no vocation during times of peace are men called upon to exercise more physical courage or bravery than devolves upon the members of a city's fire department at such critical periods as are experienced by every community at one time or another when the fiery element, with grim terror, threatens the destruction of both life and property. Rice Lake is fortunate in having a well equipped and capable volunteer fire department. It numbers forty members, and much interest is taken in the work. There is a central station, and a hose house in the Fourth ward, to accommodate the apparatus, which consists of one steam fire engine, a hook and ladder truck and three hose carts with ample hose. Excellent pressure is furnished by the water works of the city, and fire hydrants are so placed as to insure protection to nearly every part of the city. The membership of the department is as follows: J. F. Henrich, chief; C. E. West, assistant chief; E. F. Stafford, secretary; A. A. Gabriel, treasurer; D. P. Hoag, Ole Socknes, Paul Fournier, A. Dibdahl, John Amundson, W. G. Angel, O. Robarge, E. Schultz, C. Tremper, O. E. King, August Dodge, T. B. Mitchell, A. W. Bailey, Tom Knudson, Guy Calhoun, Otto Gobler, A. Verhooven, Thos. Hayes, C. Lambert, C. Dahl, H. Jarvis, J. McNally, K. Larson, John Dorfner, Otto Witwer, J. DeMars, August Johnson, Louis Scheid, Fred Robarge, O. Rogstad, Burt Clyde, E. Falstad, C. Summercorn, Wm. Peirson, C. Saile, E. Jacobson. Regular meetings held at central station first Wednesday evening of each month.



HIGH SCHOOL.



CENTRAL SCHOOL.

Public Schools.

The standard of excellence attained in the public schools of a city in a large measure indicates the interest maintained in the proper development and culture of the youth of such place. Educational interests through the public schools of Rice Lake, are receiving more and better attention each year, and few cities of its size afford better opportunities to the rising generation. Four large buildings are taxed to accommodate the pupils, and during the past year a fifth one has been temporarily used until better quarters could be obtained. The school system consists of twelve grades or years, the last four of which comprise the high school course. The high school offers two courses of study: the general science course, giving two years to the study of English and two to German, and the English course which gives four years to the study of English in various forms. The high school requires the services of two instructors, and its graduates are admitted to the junior year of the normal schools. The enrollment in the high school reached seventy pupils during the past year, and the ensuing year gives every prospect that the enrollment will reach eighty.

In the grades below the high school there are twelve teachers employed in the four buildings and the attendance numbers 600 pupils. The efforts of Prof. E. C. McClelland, principal, in raising the standard of excellence of the schools have been fittingly acknowledged by his engagement for the ensuing year.

The board of education is composed of the following gentlemen: E. Hartel, president; J. E. Horsman, E. L.

Everts, J. W. Rogers, C. Overby, C. E. West, secretary and city superintendent.

The teachers at present employed are: Prof. E. C. McClelland, principal; Lilian J. Sterrett, Jesse P. Soper, P. A. Rockwell, Minnie Stavrum, Mrs. Lizze B. McCourt, Ida Nelson, Amanda Thorsen, J. M. Gates, Iva Feight, Louise Gunderson, Johanna Iverson, Jessie Leach, Ida Boll.



Rice Lake Public Library

Was opened to the public April 3, 1897. This library is sustained by a 1-mill tax levied by the city. There are at present 425 volumes, which are being added to as rapidly as the tax levy is turned over to the trustees. In connection with the library is a free reading room, where can be found nearly all the periodicals of the day. Daily papers are not kept, because the library is only open Wednesdays and Saturdays, afternoon and evening. A number of the citizens have donated books to the library, which is a pride and pleasure to the city. The trustees are: F. T. Watson, president; James Robins, secretary; G. H. Blystone, treasurer; Dr. O. M. Sattre, J. E. Horsman, M. P. Barry, W. H. Bundy and O. H. Ingram, Jr. Miss Corinne Howard is librarian.



Rice Lake City Band.

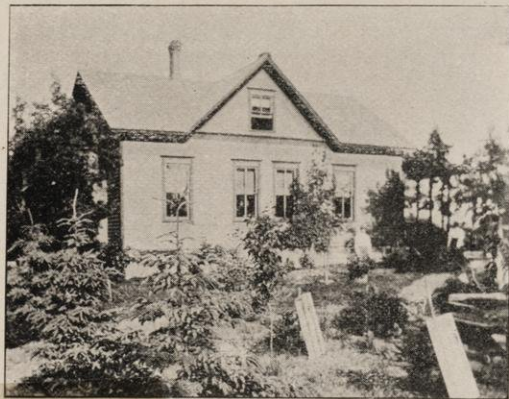
This organization was perfected and known for some years as the Columbia Cornet Band, taking that name from the year it was organized, 1892, being the Colum-



SOUTH SIDE SCHOOL.



WEST SIDE SCHOOL.



RESIDENCE OF HENRY ABST.



RESIDENCE OF A. M. FENTON.

bian exposition year. There are 17 members; they play high grade music and have a very extensive repertory of the latest and most popular selections. The band has participated in many important events, among which may be noted the anniversary exercises of the I. O. O. F. of Northern Wisconsin, held at Spooner three years ago. They have been ably drilled and present a fine appearance on parade under the leadership of J. P. Schaaf, drum major, who has acted in that capacity two years and takes great interest in the welfare of the band. Practice rooms are in the Field building, regular meetings being held Monday evenings. The instrumentation is as follows: August Boll, Eb bass and leader; Eddie Boll, Bb bass; Ed. Hanson, baritone and president; Frank Oblidinger, tenor; Ben Prince, tenor; Gust Staudinger, trombone; Fred Hanson, solo alto; Joe Erickson, alto; Frank Boortz, alto; Ernest Boll, Eb cornet; Oscar Overby, solo Bb cornet and treasurer; Carl Erickson, 1st Bb cornet; Ed Field, 2d Bb cornet; Charles Schuller, 3d Bb cornet; Jake Hanson, snare drum; Charles Beecher, bass drum and secretary.



Rice Lake Athletic Club

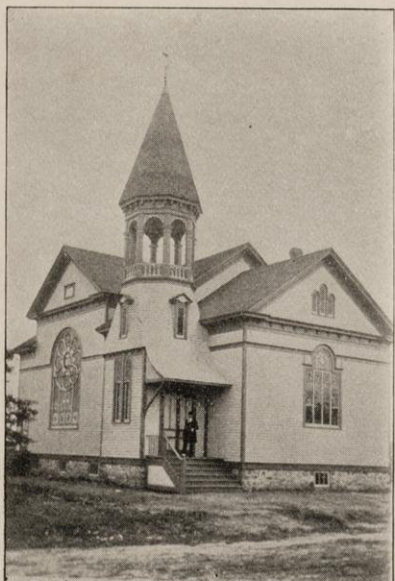
Is composed of young men of the city and was organized in January, 1897. The membership is about 30, and they have a gymnasium and club rooms in the basement of the Field building, corner of Main and Marshall streets. The present officers are: John Appleton, president; Nels Iverson, secretary; Otto Gobler, treasurer; Charles Saile, manager.

Rice Lake Lumber Company,

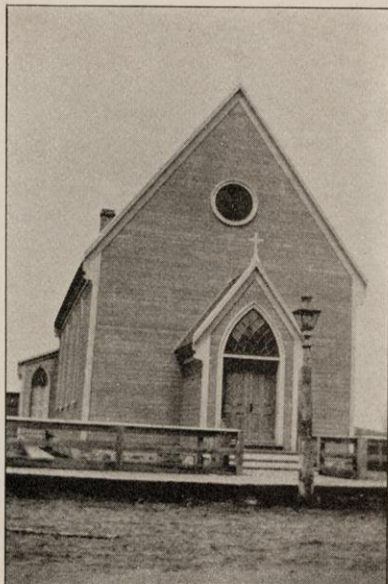
O. H. Ingram, president; William Carson, vice president; W. H. Bundy, secretary; W. K. Coffin, treasurer. The company was incorporated in 1883 with a capital stock of \$500,000, which was increased in 1888 to \$600,000. The company owns a large amount of uncut pine along the streams tributary to the Red Cedar river, which will all be sawed in this city. The company is at present operating the large steam saw mill of its own, the water saw mill which it leases from the Knapp, Stout & Co. Company, and a large planing mill. The capacity for sawing is very large, and employment is given on an average to nearly 250 men. The company also owns large tracts of lands between Long and Cedar lakes, and along Big Chetek, Slim lake and Lake Sissabagama, on which there is more or less hardwood and which are offered for sale to settlers very cheap and on reasonable terms. This is by far the largest industry in the city, and the company is ever alert to advance the interests of the city. This company is largely interested in the stock of the water and lighting company. A. L. Ulrich, ex-secretary, has been here since 1889, and has had charge of the lumber business since that time. He was engaged in the lumber business several years at Chicago before coming here.

Anderson, W. R., engineer steam sawmill, is a native of Hudson, Wis., has been with the company nine years.

Blystone, Geo. H., superintendent of the lumber yards and planing mill, is one of the stockholders of the company, and has been with the company 10 years, coming here from Eau Claire. He is a native of Crawford



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.



GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH.



A. HAUG'S STORE.



W. A. DEMERS' BLOCK.

county, Pa., and has been in the lumber business 17 years. Is serving as school commissioner at large, and member and treasurer of the library board.

Boortz, Frank, fireman at steam saw mill, has resided here eight years and worked for the company six years.

Bull, John L., foreman of planing mill, was born in Grant county, Wis., has been in lumber business 25 years, seven of which were with this company. He has been a resident 12 years.

Bundy, W. H., secretary, has been connected with the company 10 years, and a resident the same time. He is a son of Judge E. B. Bundy, and was born at Menomonie, Wis. Was one year in the engineering crew of the C, St. P., M. & O. railway company, after which he located at Chetek and was postmaster there under Cleveland's first administration. Has been a resident of this county 14 years, and when he first came to this city served as secretary of the Rice Lake Real Estate company. Is now a member of the library board.

Demarest, J. B., assistant bookkeeper, has been here about two years, coming from Eau Claire. Was born in Dutchess county, N. Y., and has never been sick a day in his life. During the war he served in Co. C, 8th Wis. Vol. Inf., the Eagle regiment, participating in every battle of the regiment except one, when he was absent as witness at court martial.

Findlay, Miss Alice, stenographer, has been with the company about three years; came here from Ashland, where she taught school five years and was stenographer in a law office about one year. Was born and reared in Philadelphia.

Gass, F. W., in charge of car loading, has been with the

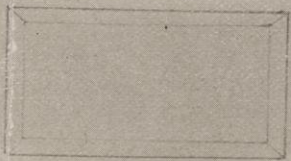
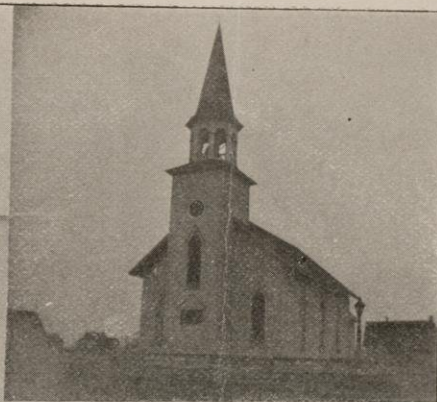
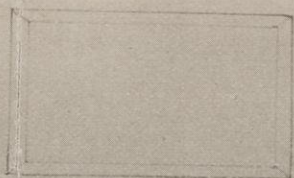
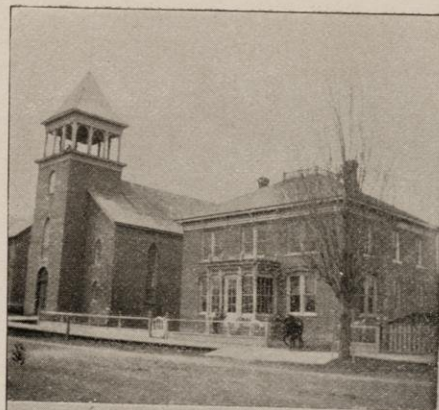
company five years. Born in Lawrence, Mass., and has followed lumbering eight years. Has served one term as alderman, is organist at the Episcopal church and a member of several societies.

Hanks, T. G., lumber salesman, is in touch with retail lumber dealers in 20 or more states in the distribution of lumber product. He was born in New York and after some time spent in Chicago came with this company eight years ago. He has been engaged in the lumber business during his business life and his time has been so fully occupied that he has never meddled with politics, although feeling interested therein. He is warden of Grace Episcopal Church and takes a deep interest in the welfare of the church.

Ingram, O. H. Jr., clerk, was born at Eau Claire, graduate from the high school, took a special course at Ripon college, spent two years with the Lea-Ingram Lumber company at Iron River, and came here in 1895. He began at the bottom and has learned the lumber business thoroughly. He is a member of the library board and chairman of the finance committee, also member U. R. K. P., Montanis Division No. 32. He is a son of J. J. Ingram and a nephew of O. H. Ingram.

Jarvis, H., in charge of the green lumber yard, has been with the company seven years, coming from Bloomer, and has been in the lumber business since 1866. During the war served in the Sixth Iowa Cavalry.

Knuteson, E., in charge of dry lumber yard, is a native of Norway, and came to America in 1881, and went to lumbering. He has been with this company 10



St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church.

Rice Lake M. E. Church.

Our Savior's Scandinavian Lutheran Church.

Norwegian Evangelical Lutheran Church.

German Evangelical Church.

years, and has served as alderman and member of school board.

Mittermiyer, John, head blacksmith, was born in Washington county, Wis.; has been a resident 15 years and with the company three years.

Morford, W. H., in charge of the logging operations, has been with the company about two years, and was formerly for many years with the Chippewa Lumber and Boom Co. He is vice president of the Half Moon Lake Shingle & Fuel company. During the war served in the army.

Parker, Eugene H., superintendent of water mill, has been here with the company three years. Born at Madison, Wis., is a millwright by trade and has followed his business since 1871 at Eau Claire, Wabasha, Minn., Superior and St. Cloud, Minn.

Perry, Henry G., fireman at steam saw mill, has been with the company seven years and a resident 21 years.

Rogers, J. W., superintendent of steam saw mill lumber manufacturing, began in the lumber business in 1872, and has been with this company and a resident here nine years. He was born at Canton, Ill., and began lumbering at Rock Island, and afterwards at Shell Lake three years and Mason three years. He has been a member of the school board ever since his residence here, and served two years as president.

Sykes, Robert, superintendent of the manufacturing department, has been in the business 31 years and with this company 10 years. He has to look after seven steam engines, machinery in two saw mills and the planing mill, and the water and electric light power plant, and he understands his business thoroughly. He was

born in Glasgow, Scotland, came to America in 1855, and before coming here was located at Eau Claire. He has served as alderman and is now a member of the county board.

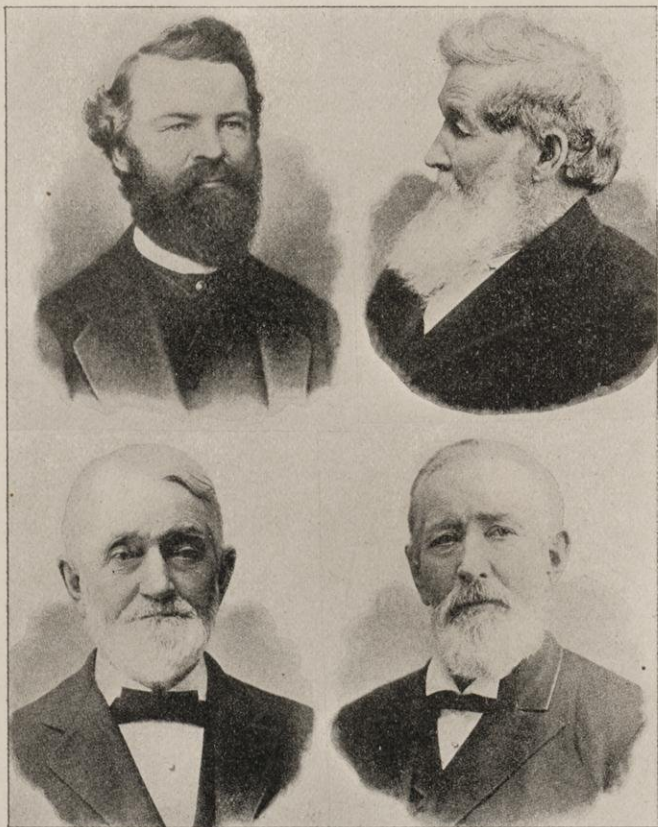
Trenper, Charles, in charge of the retail lumber yard, was born in New York state, has been a resident and in the employ of this company seven years. He is an active member of the fire department.



Knapp, Stout & Co. Company,

With headquarters at Menomonie, are engaged here principally in merchandising and manufacturing flour. The company formerly sawed lumber here, but six years ago leased their saw mill to the Rice Lake Lumber company and now run their logs to Menomonie. They own large tracts of pine lands, and a great deal of land from which pine has been removed is offered for sale to settlers at a low price. They also own the steamer Lady of the Lake, which is used to tow logs through the lake. The company are the founders of the town and have always been closely identified with its welfare and prosperity. They still employ a large number of men here. They operate blacksmith shop and general repair shop, and 25 logging camps from this place.

Andersen, George, foreman in blacksmith shop, was born in Norway in 1843; came to America in 1865. After a short stay in Minnesota he went to Menomonie, and began working for the company, and has been foreman of the blacksmith shop for 23 years. He has been a resident 26 years. Has served as alderman two terms.



JOHN H. KNAPP.
HENRY L. STOUT.

WILLIAM WILSON.
ANDREW TAINTER.

Is a member of several societies and is very popular. He came here before the town was platted, and there were but three or four houses on the townsite. His portrait appears herewith.

Atkinson, James, bookkeeper, has been with the company here 18 years, was born at St. Louis, Mo. He spent three years in Washington before coming here, and was in Philadelphia, New York and Lower Canada 15 years.

Bracklin, James, in charge of the logging operations of the company, was born in Aroostook county, Maine, and came west in 1850, when the country was a little wild, and there were a few Indians about. In 1858 he entered the employ of this company, and 10 years later left them for a period of eight years. In 1876 he returned here again and took up work for the company. He has under his command about 1500 men and is popular with them all. In the past 38 years has had charge of running more than three billion feet of logs, and never had a tie-up. He is one of the best posted and most valuable men with the company. When he first came here there was an Indian camp with about 5000 inhabitants along the lake. In 1886 he was the democratic candidate for congress against "Bill" Price. He has been mayor of the city, and member of the school board and might have had other offices if he had accepted. He is the owner of a fine residence in this city, two large farms in Grand Forks county, N. D., and other property, and is vice president of the Bank of Rice Lake. Married, in 1868, Miss Julia Vance, who died in 1886, leaving five children. In 1897, married Miss

Minnie Russell, which union has been blessed with two children.

Burby, Ephraim, cook on steamer Lady of the Lake, was born in Canada and came here in 1858, and is one of the oldest employes of the company. He is a first-class cook and has acquired considerable property.

Dahl, August T., foreman, has been with the company about 15 years, and resident here 11 years. Born in Norway, and came to America in 1872. First worked in charge of warehouse, then as shipping clerk, and then outside looking after supplies.

Deery, F. C., shipping clerk, began with the company 10 years ago. Has been a resident 22 years. Born in Menomonie, and came here when six years of age. Acquired a practical business education, and stands well with his employers. He is at present a member and president of the city council, and district deputy grand chancellor of Knights of Pythias. His portrait appears elsewhere.

Findlay, J. E., in charge of dry goods department, was born in Wisconsin but lived in Philadelphia from 1858 to 1872, when he returned here. He has been with the company 12 years. He is elder in the Presbyterian church and delegate to the Winona Assembly held at Eagle Lake, Ind.

Hoag, D. P., tinsmith, was born at Alleghany, N. Y., and began with this company at Prairie Farm 24 years ago, coming here three years later. He was chief of the fire department five years and also member of the county board. He is extensively interested in farming.

Larson, Martin L., clerk hardware department, was



P. M. PARKER CO. BLOCK.



HON. JAMES BRACKLIN'S RESIDENCE.

born in Norway, came to America in 1885, and entered employ of the company. Has been here four years.

Ludwig, Nicholas, clerk in grocery department, is a native of Prussia, and came to America in 1867. He spent eight years at Reads Landing, Minn., and then came here and entered the employ of the company. His services have been appreciated and therefore he remains with them. A picture of his residence appears in this book.

Munnall, J. W., manager of the merchandising department, was born at Washington, Pa., and came west in 1873 locating at Ft. Madison, Iowa, where he remained 10 years and then entered the employ of this company and located at Chetek, remaining 10 years, and then came here and took charge.

Peterson, Gilbert, foreman of carpenter shop, was born in Norway, came to America in 1880, locating in this city, and entering the employ of the company. He has been alderman four years.

Sims, James, superintendent flouring mill, was born in Scotland and came to America in 1852. He has been in the milling business since 1857, and with this company since 1880. Although never seeking any office he has been elected and served as mayor, member and president of the school board.

Spooner, Miss Nelle, clerk in dry goods department, was born at Bloomer, has resided here three years and in the store one year.

Watson, T. F., head bookkeeper, was born in Goodhue county, Minn., March 11, 1859, has been with the company 16 years and a resident seven years.

Webster, W. E., clerk in grocery department, was born

at Nashville, Iowa, and went to New York State when a child and remained until four and a half years ago, when he came here and entered the employ of the company. He attended University two years before coming here.

West, C. E., manager of the hardware department, was born at Plymouth, Wis., taught school four years at Cedar Falls, Wis., and nine years ago entered employ of this company at Menomonie and a little later came here. He is city superintendent of schools and clerk of the school board, and also assistant chief of the fire department.



Rice Lake, Dallas & Menomonie Railroad Company,

Organized in 1893, and constructed the railroad from Rice Lake to Cameron, where it connects with all passenger trains on the Soo road. It is the intention of the company in the near future to extend to Menomonie on the south and to Hayward on the north, lines having already been surveyed. This is a Rice Lake institution, and was constructed to benefit this town. The officers at present are: George Fuller, president; J. E. Horsman, secretary; M. P. Barry, general manager; H. E. Clark, chief engineer. The offices and depot are located on south side, but it is intended in the near future to build a new and larger depot and office buildings on the north side. The company's facilities for handling traffic are exceptionally good and they are receiving a good business. The Western Express company operates on this line.

The largest concerns here give the road a good share of their business.

Barry, M. P., general manager, has been with the company and a resident of the city since the road has been in operation. He was with C. & N. W. railway a great many years at Chicago and held various responsible positions in the general offices. Was general agent of the Wisconsin Central Lines three years before coming here. He was born at Walton, Delaware county, N. Y., and went to Chicago in 1846. In 1861, he enlisted in the 2d Wis. Inf. and served in the famous "Iron Brigade."

Allen, I. F., local agent, has also been with the company since its organization. He was born at Palmyra, Lenawee county, Mich., in 1859, and began railroading with the Lake Shore where he remained 11 years and then went to the Lake Superior Terminal & Transfer company where he remained nearly three years before coming here.



Rice Lake Manufacturing Company.

This company was organized in the spring of 1893 and their offices and factory, a picture of which is shown in another place, are located on Eau Claire street near C., St. P., M. & O., railway tracks. They do contracting and building and manufacture all kinds of bank, office and saloon fixtures, sash, doors, blinds, screens, house finishes of every description, cant hooks, peavy stocks, etc. The company consists of O. T. Johnson, J. H.

Tandberg, J. Shelrud and A. Hanson, and they furnish employment for from 10 to 20 men 10 months during the year. Mr. Johnson, foreman of the shop work, and Mr. Tandberg, contractor and foreman of outside work, both have had many years experience in their line of work and are first class workmen, having formerly been located at Chippewa Falls. Mr. Shelrud, engineer, came from Minnesota and has been about 11 years in the business. The office is looked after by B. Peterson, bookkeeper, who has been with the firm since its organization. They are prepared to do any kind of wood work and invite correspondence.



Mercier's Hardwood Saw Mill.

Located on Marshall street, west side, This mill is owned by C. Mercier, has been in operation seven years and turns out large quantities of hardwood lumber for customers. Employment is furnished a crew of sixteen men, and the mill has a capacity of about 1,500,000 feet per season. During the past four seasons the work has been in charge of D. S. Ellis, a gentleman of many years' experience and popular with patrons of the mill. Mr. Mercier also makes a specialty of contracting and building. He is a native of Canada, has resided in Rice Lake 13 years, and during that period has erected many of the finer buildings in the city, among which are: Catholic church and school, Barron county bank, opera house block, M. T. Howard's residence and many others. He is also a first class pattern maker and designer. A picture of the mill is shown in this book.

Hatten & Company's Stave Factory.

This industry in Rice Lake is the outgrowth of a mill located and erected here for Hatten & Company, of New London, Wis., by E. Hartel in 1886. Mr. Hartel superintended its construction and has had the management of the works since that time. The company manufactures flour barrel, tierce and syrup barrel stock and employs from 35 to 70 men at various seasons of the year. The mill operates two saws which have a cutting capacity of about 50,000 staves in 24 hours, or stock for about 1,000 barrels daily. The investment for stock the past winter was about \$20,000, and about \$2,200 per month are distributed in wages. Mr. Hartel, the manager, has been with the company 12 years, and has been a resident of Rice Lake since 1885. He has been a member of the board of education three years and president of the same the past year. The business office of the company is in charge of George McClusky, who has been connected with the firm since January, 1889.



Reuter Hub and Spoke Company.

This company was incorporated in 1886; capital \$24,000. Peter Reuter, president and treasurer; Henry Reuter, secretary. The works are located on Reuter avenue, west side, and are in charge of A. L. Reuter, superintendent, with Henry Wilz, foreman. They manufacture hubs and spokes exclusively and give employment to an average of 45 men. The company owns about 3,200 acres of excellent farming lands in

Barron county, as fine as can be found in Northern Wisconsin, which they offer to home-seekers at from \$3 to \$7 per acre. The lands are within three to 10 miles of Rice Lake, and one-half to three miles from Haugen, have some timber and soil of excellent quality. Correspondence is invited.



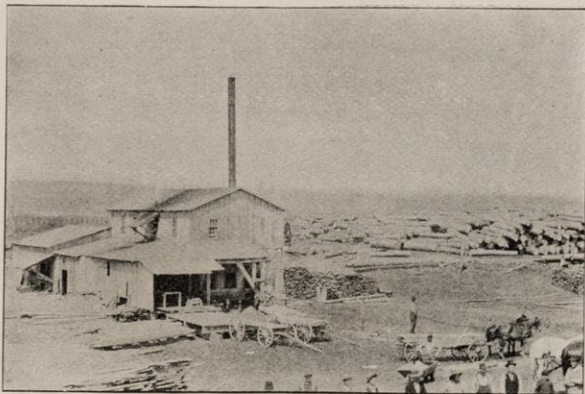
Rice Lake City Brewery,

Jacob Dick, proprietor, has been in successful operation for 20 years. Mr. Dick was a partner in the business a few years ago, and last November he purchased the entire business. Is a practical brewer and superintends the making of beer personally, producing a pure malt and hop high grade beer, the sale of which is greatly increasing, both in the city and towns around here; wherever it is tried it becomes popular. The brewery is located on Allen street, south side, and has a capacity of about 9,000 barrels annually. A bottling establishment will soon be added, and other facilities will be greatly improved and increased. Mr. Dick was born at Golden Lake, Jefferson county, Wis., and has been a brewer for eight years.



Beyrar's Brewery,

Frederick Beyrar, proprietor, is located on Cumberland road, one mile northwest of city. This brewery was conducted by Scharbillig Bros. & Co., from February, 1895, until March, 1897, since which Mr. Beyrar has conducted it alone. Mr. Beyrar was born at Witten-



MERCIER'S HARDWOOD SAW MILL.



RICE LAKE MANUFACTURING COMPANY'S PLANT.



FREDERICK BEYRAR'S BREWERY.



RICE LAKE CITY BREWERY.

burg, Germany; came to America in 1892; Mr. Beyrar learned the business in Germany and is a thorough brewer. He makes an excellent quality of pure beer, which compares well with any made in the country. He ships to a number of towns about here and there is an increasing demand for his goods. The capacity is about 5,000 barrels a year.



Rice Lake Creamery and Cheese Company,

Incorporated by local capitalists with a capital stock of \$4,000, began operations in June, 1896. The officers are: Dr. T. R. Charron, president; J. E. Horsman, secretary; P. M. Parker, treasurer; C. H. Jones, manager. The factory is one of the most thoroughly equipped in the state, and is turning out a product unexcelled, which finds a ready market. Harald Hansen is the buttermaker. Mr. Hansen was born in Denmark in 1845, where he studied chemistry and learned butter-making, which he did scientifically, and he now enjoys the reputation of being one of the most scientific and best buttermakers in the country. This creamery has a capacity daily of 600 pounds of butter and 1,000 pounds of cheese.



Business and Professional.

ABST, HENRY, merchant tailor, No. 1 Humbird street, has been in business here 14 years. He was born in Germany, March 1, 1839, learned trade of tailor and fol-

lowed the business many years in the larger cities of Germany; was in London, Eng., three years, in Paris five years, and came to this country from Zurich, Switzerland, in September, 1873. He worked in many of the large cities of this country previous to settling in Rice Lake 14 years ago. He was married in 1883 to Miss Gartmann of Rice Lake, and they have a very pretty home and grounds near the lake, a picture of which is shown elsewhere. Mr. Abst has traveled much, and visited the exposition in Paris in 1867, and again in 1889. He is author and publisher of "Der Schneiderlehrling," a book for tailors' apprentices. He owns several houses here, and has done much toward building up and improving the city.

AMBLE, KAREN, dressmaking, Main street, over Bowers' restaurant, has been in business a little more than one year and enjoys a fair patronage.

AMERICAN EXPRESS COMPANY has an office in Demers' store, corner of Main and Eau Claire streets. W. A. Demers, agent, has been in the employ of the company six years. He was born in Canada, came to Wisconsin when four years old and has resided here 28 years. For five years he was employed in the station of the C., St. P., M. & O. railway here, until his appointment as agent for the express company. Mr. Demers is now serving his second term as city treasurer, the first term being in 1893-4. He is a member of the M. W. A., and is secretary of the Catholic Knights of Wisconsin. In 1892 he erected the two-story brick building now occupied by Heintz' drug store, a picture of which is shown elsewhere.

ANDERSEN, C. A., blacksmithing and wagon work,

horseshoeing a specialty, corner Eau Claire street and Wilson avenue, was born in Norway, came to America in 1880, and settled in Rice Lake. Worked for Knapp, Stout & Co. about 10 years when he began the present business which has been in operation about seven years. A picture of the shop is shown on another page. Mr. Andersen is a first-class workman, treats everyone fairly and is popular. He is assisted by his brother, Halder Andersen, a bright young business man and an experienced workman.

APPLETON, J., barber shop and bath rooms, Main street, was born at Toronto, Can., removed to Michigan when a small boy, where he remained until he came to Wisconsin. He has been a resident of this city and in business four years, coming here from Menomonie.

BAIER BROS., (Adam and Albert), harnessmakers, Main street. Adam Baier, who conducts the business here, has been a resident six years and was at Chetek, where his brother now is, for six years. He is a native of Germany and came to this country in 1869.

Ebeldinger, Frank, harnessmaker with this firm, is a first-class workman.

BAILEY, A. W., has been a resident here 23 years, and was engaged in business until a few years ago. Was born in Andover, Mass. During the war he served in the 53d Wis. Inf.

BAILEY, F. E., dray and bus line, dealer in ice, coal, wood, lime, brick and cement, Newton street, near Main, has been here in business since 1876, and is also manager for Standard Oil company. He was born at Menomonie and has served as constable for nearly 13 years. Mr. Bailey is an enthusiastic sportsman and

knows where to find the most game, and has guided many a sportsman to the best places.

BAILEY, MRS. A. W., millinery, notions, ladies' furnishings and sewing machine supplies, was born in New York state, has been a resident 23 years and in business 19 years.

BANK OF RICE LAKE, established 1888, and incorporated 1889, has a capital of \$50,000 and undivided profits of \$7,000. Owns the magnificent two-story double block corner Main and Eau Claire streets, where the banking house is established. It is one of the best backed banks in the state. The officers are: L. S. Tainter, president; James Bracklin, vice president; E. L. Everts, cashier; B. I. Bliss, assistant cashier.

E. L. Everts, cashier, is also engaged in the fire insurance business. He is a native of Canada, located in Eau Claire county, then moved to Fall City, Dunn county; in 1881 was elected to the legislature; in 1882 moved to Menomonie, and in 1884 was appointed postmaster, serving four years. He is treasurer of the Rice Lake Water company and member of the school board.

B. I. Bliss, assistant cashier, came to Rice Lake in 1891, and entered the bank in 1892. He is a native of Evansville, Ind., went to Illinois when a child, where he remained until he came here.

BARRON COUNTY BANK, N. W. Bailey, banker, located at corner of Main and Eau Claire streets, has a capital of \$50,000. It was organized in 1882 and was the first bank started in the county; A. B. Bailey, cashier. Mr. Bailey is a native of Connecticut, but has resided in Wisconsin since 1865, having been in general mercantile business at Richland Center in firm of H. T. & N. W.

Bailey before coming to Rice Lake in 1882. He also does abstracting and has the only complete set of abstract books in the county. R. M. Whittaker is in charge of that department. Mr. Bailey is one of the largest land owners in the county, and does an extensive business in real estate. He has much choice farming land and offers special inducements to those seeking investments.

BARRON COUNTY TELEPHONE Co., was organized Feb. 8, 1896; headquarters at Barron, Wis.; local exchange office in Nunn's drug store; A. M. Fenton, manager. There are about 50 subscribers in the city. Toll lines connect Barron, Cumberland, Chetek, Cameron, Dallas, Rice Lake and Prairie Farm. Officers are: DeWitt Post of Barron, president; A. M. Fenton of Rice Lake, vice president; T. W. Borum of Barron, secretary; C. J. Borum of Barron, treasurer.

BASSETT, E., undertaker and embalmer, Main street, was born in Steuben county, N. Y., has resided here 20 years and been in business six years; was formerly a contractor and builder. During the war served in the 8th Ill. Cav., and U. S. V. V., participating in 35 general engagements and 135 skirmishes, and was wounded several times. Has served as city clerk and alderman.

BERG, G. C., saloon, Marshall street, has been in business about 20 years.

BERGERON, F., groceries and provisions, South Main street, has been a resident 13 years and in business four years. Was born in Canada.

BOEHMER, WILLIAM, saloon, 110 Main street, has conducted the business five years. He is a native of Albany, N. Y., and has resided in Wisconsin about 47 years, the

last 15 of which he has been at Rice Lake. For 10 years he operated a meat market, when he started present business. He is at present erecting a two story brick business building at a cost of \$3,500. He served two terms on the city council when Rice Lake was first incorporated.

BORNHEIMER & FINSTERWALDER, bakers, grocers and confectioners, Main street, have been in business three years.

BONE, CHAS. F., publisher and editor of the Rice Lake Times, began his newspaper career as a printer's devil, and was the first person to set type in Barron county. He came here in 1874 and formerly ran The Chronotype for nine years. The Times was started in 1884 by Chas. W. Angel and taken by Mr. Bone in 1887. He has been chairman of the town and mayor of the city, and is one of the most influential newspaper men in North Wisconsin. The Times is the only democratic newspaper in Barron county.

BORGEN, H. P., livery, feed and sale stable, corner Marshall street and Wilson avenue, has been in business here four years. Also runs stage line from Rice Lake to Grattan and Nobleton P. O., Long Lake. He came to America from Norway in 1870; settled in Rice Lake in 1873 and worked for Knapp, Stout & Co. 15 years. Was with the American Hospital Aid Association of Eau Claire two years, and was with the Union Hospital Co., of Minneapolis one year. Returning here he started in business in 1892, and built the large barn the following year.

BOWERS, W. W., dealer in groceries, fruits, con-



RESIDENCE OF E. K. BRAYTON.



RESIDENCE OF WARD L. SWIFT.



RESIDENCE OF O. C. FIELD.



RESIDENCE OF C. F. BONE.

fectionery, tobacco, cigars, etc., is located at 108 Main street and has been in business here about 15 years.

BRAYTON, E. K., manufacturer and dealer in harness, saddlery, whips, horse furnishings, robes, etc., 107 Main street, has been here in business nine years. He is a native of Dansville, N. Y., but has resided in Wisconsin 39 years. For 11 years he lived at Hudson, three years was in business at Rusk, and he was in business in Menomonie from 1880 to 1887 at which time he removed to Rice Lake. During his residence in Menomonie he was a member of the board of alderman several years, and has served in like capacity here four years. He belongs to the I. O. O. F. and is captain of the Uniform Rank, Knights of Pythias. Mr. Brayton owns a neat residence here, a picture of which is shown elsewhere.

BUCHER, CHARLES J., assistant postmaster, was born in Mayville, Wis., and came here 15 years ago, and was for some time engaged in the butcher business. He is well posted in postal affairs and popular.

CÆSAR, FRANK, blacksmith, Main street, is a native of Sweden and came to this country in 1860. He has been here in business 20 years, and brought the first blacksmith's coal here from Chippewa Falls at a cost of \$30 a ton.

CARRIER, JOHN, staple and fancy groceries, corner of Main and Marshall streets, has been in this business three years. He is a native of Quebec, came to Wisconsin in 1879, and to Rice Lake in 1882. He was engaged in saloon business several years until he opened the grocery in 1894. He carries good goods, treats customers fairly and has a profitable trade.

CHARRON, DR. T. R., physician and surgeon, has his office at residence on Newton street, west of Main. Dr. Charron was born at St. Hubert, near Montreal, Oct. 29, 1860. In 1887 he graduated in medicine from the Queen Victoria College, at Montreal, and soon after came to this city and began practicing. He is successful and popular and enjoys a very large practice. He is president of the Rice Lake Creamery company, owns considerable property in the city and surrounding country, and is one of the largest individual tax payers in the city. He has served three terms as city physician and this spring was elected mayor by the largest majority even given a candidate for that office. The doctor's portrait and a picture of his residence appear herewith.

CLEVELAND, C. H., hardware, Main street, has been a resident and in business three years. He was born at Joliet, Ill., and during the war served in the 100th Ill. Inf. and was wounded at Mission Ridge.

CLIFFORD, M. J., proprietor of Rice Lake Marble and Granite Works, manufacturer and dealer in all kinds of marble and granite monuments and general cemetery work, Wilson avenue, has been in business in Rice Lake about two years. He is a native of Hartford, Wis., where he was in business eight years before coming here. He makes a specialty of high class and artistic work and is doing a good business.

CONN, F. R., city assessor, has been a resident 20 years. Born in New York state, and came to Chippewa Valley in 1857. During the war served in company H, Third Minnesota Inf. Some years ago was foreman for Knapp, Stout & Co. company. Has served four



RESIDENCE OF DR. T. R. CHARRON.



RESIDENCE OF HON. S. A. PETERSON.



RESIDENCE OF C. OVERBY.



RESIDENCE OF NICK LUDWIG.

terms as assessor, as member and president of the city council and member of the county board.

CONN, F. W., marshal, is a native of Wisconsin and has resided in Rice Lake about 19 years. For many years he has been in the employ of Knapp, Stout & Co. company as captain of their steamer, Lady of the Lake. In 1890 he was appointed to the police force, serving three and one-half years. His present appointment was made in April, 1897.

CONNERS, WILLIAM F., has conducted a bus, dray and baggage line in Rice Lake a little more than two years. Office at Henrich's livery on Marshall street. Mr. Connors was born at Waupun, Wis., and has lived in this city since 1893. He worked for the firm of Signor & Crisler two years before purchasing the bus line. He is courteous and obliging, is well liked by everyone, and doing a successful business. A picture of bus and team is shown on another page.

CONSTANCE, L. L., attorney and collections, office in Howard's block, has been here one year. Mr. Constance was born at Waupaca, Wis., graduated from the high school and started to take a full course at Lawrence University, but sickness compelled him to give it up. He then clerked two years in a store at Cumberland, and then attended the Wisconsin University Law School, graduating in the class 1895. After one year spent in the office of C. C. Coe at Barron, he removed to this city and is serving, by appointment to fill a vacancy, as the second municipal judge of Barron county, his term expiring in May, 1899.

CRUSE, WILLIAM E., general merchant, corner of Wilson avenue and Eau Claire street, has been in busi-

ness in Rice Lake since 1888. He was born in the province of Westphalia, Germany, in 1842, came to America in 1876, and settled first at Schleisingerville, Washington county, Wis., where he was employed eight years as clerk in a large store. Came to Rice Lake in March, 1884, and was employed in the stave factory until he started in the present business. Beginning in a small way he has built up a good trade and now carries a large stock. A picture of his store is shown on another page.

C., ST. P., M. & O. RAILWAY, (Northwestern Line), depot is located between Humbird and Marshall streets. A. M. Fenton, agent, has been with the company here ten years, two as operator and the past eight as agent. Mr. Fenton was born in Iowa, came to Rice Lake in April, 1884, entered the employ of the company 13 years ago as messenger, learned telegraphy, afterwards was with the Soo road one year, later was at Heron Lake and Windom, Minn., a few months, whence he returned to Rice Lake ten years ago. Mr. Fenton has served two years on the board of alderman and was president of the council and mayor in 1895. He is also vice president and local manager of the Barron County Telephone Company. A picture of his residence is shown elsewhere in this souvenir. P. A. Helmer, operator has been here since July, 1896. Geo. Cook has had charge of the baggage room about the same length of time, and Rudolph Koch, messenger, has been in the office a little more than a year.

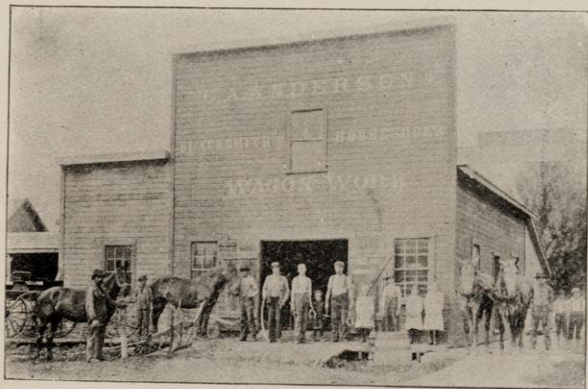
DAVIS, E., proprietor the Red Front store, dry goods, clothing and shoes, Main street, has been here in business two years. He is a native of Russia and came to



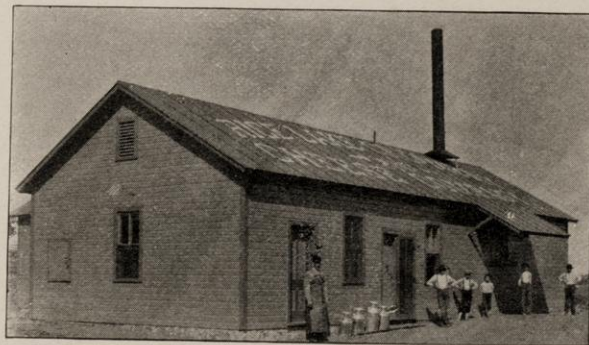
WM. F. CONNERS' BUS.



"TALENT."
Made by Putrow & Boddington.



C. A. ANDERSEN'S SHOP.



RICE LAKE CREAMERY.

America in 1883. Was in business at Central Lake, Mich., before coming here.

DEMERS, F. L., groceries, clothing, gents' furnishings shoes, etc., also shipper of hay and oats, corner Main and Eau Claire streets, has been in business here 15 years. He is a native of Canada, came to Rice Lake 27 years ago, and was engaged in farming about 12 years. Was a member of the town board of the town of Stanford five years, has served as alderman of the city from Second ward several years, and was on the county board two years. A picture of his store is shown on another page.

DEQUAUVILLER, CLARA, proprietor of the Excelsior Restaurant and grocery, Main street, has been a resident of this county 18 years. Two years ago she started in business here. Meals are served at all hours, her stock of groceries is always nice and fresh and she has a well deserved patronage. A picture of the restaurant is shown in another place.

DUNN, DR. W. H., dentist, Main street, over Cleveland's hardware store, is a graduate of the dental school, University of Minnesota, class of '90, and came here at once and opened an office where he is enjoying a very good trade. He was born at Northfield, Minn. He is quite prominent in society work, being a member of several, and now serving as first lieutenant in the U. R. K. of P. and K. of R. and S. in the subordinate lodge. Is now serving his second term as city clerk.

EUBANKS, MARK, merchant tailor, 121 Main street, has been in business in Rice Lake 10 years, and has a good patronage. A picture of his place of business is shown elsewhere. He is a native of this state and has resided

at Rice Lake about 12 years. Is a member of the M. W. A. and a past master of Rice Lake Lodge No. 234, A. F. & A. M., and E. H. P. in Pekegama Chapter No. 67, R. A. M.

FIELD, ED, dealer in jewelry, watches, clocks, silverware, etc., corner of Main and Marshall streets, has been in business here two years. He is a son of Fred. Field, was raised in Rice Lake, and is one of the enterprising young men who make business a success. He belongs to the Athletic club and is also a member of the Rice Lake band.

FIELD, FRED., dealer in general merchandise, is located at corner of Main and Marshall streets, and carries one of the largest and best stocks of goods in the city. He came from Norway in 1870, was employed as clerk in a store at Cedar Falls, from 1874 to 1882 when he came to this city and engaged in business with C. Overby as Field & Overby. The partnership continued until 1887, when Mr. Field started in business at the present location where he has built up a good patronage. A picture of the store is shown on another page.

FIELD, O. C., proprietor of Eagle Drug store, jewelry, drugs and druggists' sundries, 96 Main street, has been in business about nine years. He came to America from Norway in 1880, located in Rice Lake in 1882, and was engaged as watchmaker with Field & Overby until 1888 when he started the present business. He carries a large stock, is familiar with the business, has one of the neatest stores in the city and enjoys a good trade. A picture of his residence is shown on another page. G. Bugge, prescription clerk, has been a resident of Rice Lake five years. Spent three years in the drug store of



CLARA DEQUAVILLER'S BLOCK.



F. I. DEMERS' BLOCK.



WM. E. CRUSE'S BLOCK.



C. E. MYERS' BARBER SHOP.

Charles Nunn, then started a drug business, continuing two years, when he sold out to Mr. Field five months ago and has remained with him since that time.

FOSSUM, ERICK O., proprietor of the Central House and saloon, Eau Claire street, has been a resident of Rice Lake 18 years and has been proprietor of the Central House during that time.

GE WING, laundry, Main street, has been in business here three years, and does first-class work at reasonable prices.

GRAND OPERA HOUSE, Main street, is neatly arranged, well fitted up with scenery, and has a seating capacity of about 800 people. It is under the management of P. M. Parker and N. W. Heintz, who are careful to book only first class attractions.

HAUG, ANDREW, furniture, crockery, stoves and tinware, Main street, has been here in business three years, coming from Eau Claire. He was born in Norway and came to America in 1885. He is a graduate of the military school and served in the King's Guard at Stockholm and Christiania. Is married and has three children.

HAUGAN, N. A., merchant tailor, Main street, has been a resident and in business seven years. He was born in Norway, came to America in 1887, locating at Chippewa Falls. Is a first-class cutter, a good business man and has established a nice trade. A. O. Erstad, tailor, has been with Mr. Haugan about six years. He was born in Norway, came to America in 1888 and located at Beloit.

HEINTZ, N. W., drugs, stationery, toilet articles, bicycles, cigars, etc., 95 Main street, has been in business here seven years. Mr. Heintz was born in Appleton,

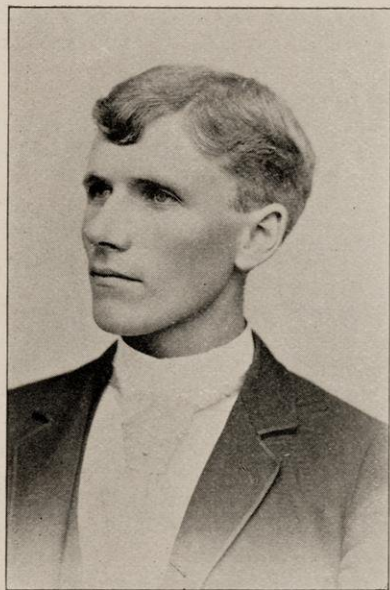
Wis., October 10, 1864; has followed the drug business about 18 years. During the past year he has been associated with P. M. Parker in the management of the opera house. J. E. Johnson, clerk, has been in the drug business seven years; came to Rice Lake recently from Eau Claire. He is a native of Racine.

HENRICH, J. F., proprietor of Rice Lake Livery, Marshall street. The business was started about 13 years ago by Miller, Signor & Co., Mr. Henrich purchasing it in 1892, when the name was changed to Rice Lake Livery. Mr. Henrich was born in Dodge county, Wis., and has been a resident of this county since 1871, having been engaged in farming. For several years he was a member of the town board and treasurer of the Town of Rice Lake. In 1890 he moved to Oconto, where he was engineer in electric light plant until he came to this place in 1892. He has 12 horses and first-class rigs; also runs stage and mail route to Doby, Loveland and Ulysses. In 1895 he was elected chief of the fire department and is now filling his third term.

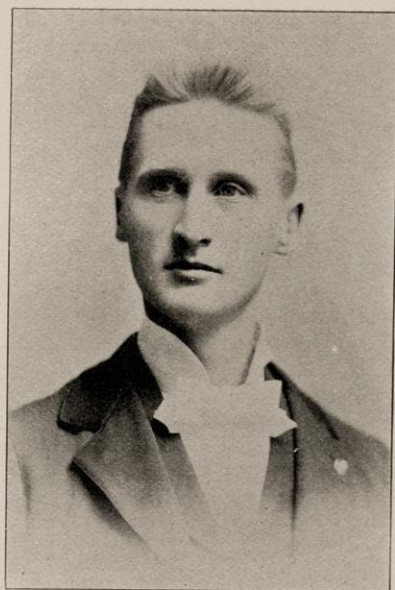
HOLDRIDGE, R. A., painter, paperhanger and dealer in wall paper, has been in business here about six years and has a good trade.

HOLTS, C. E., dealer in furniture, wall paper, organs, baby carriages, china and glassware, 113 Main street, has been in business here about 16 years.

HORSMAN, J. E., postmaster, and traveling salesman for a Duluth hardware house, has been a resident of the county many years and has been prominently identified with the politics of the county. Has served as county treasurer, member of the school board and other places.



N. A. HAUGAN.



F. C. DEERY.



C. A. STARK.

Is also director of the Creamery company and secretary of the Rice Lake, Dallas & Menomonie Railroad company.

HOUCK, A., livery and feed stable, Eau Claire street, was born in New York state, has been a resident here 15 years and in business 10 years.

HOWARD, M. T., hardware, corner of Main and Newton streets, is a native of Geneseo, Ill. He came here in 1885 and went into business. In 1890 he erected his present two-story brick block, which is one of the finest in the city, and the store is one of the best arranged in the state. He is also owner of a very fine residence and is one of the most progressive business men in the city.

JONES & SAMDAHL, (C. H. J. & J. S.), general blacksmithing, wagon and repair shop, Eau Claire street, began business here a little more than two years ago. Mr. Jones is a wagonmaker of more than 12 years experience, and came to Rice Lake from Duluth. He is also connected with the Rice Lake Creamery company. Mr. Samdahl came to America from Norway 16 years ago and has followed blacksmithing many years, having worked at Menomonie, Cedar Falls and Duluth before coming to Rice Lake. They are painstaking and careful and have a good business.

KITZMAN, G. A., groceries and fruits, Main and Newton streets, has been here in business three years. He is a native of West Prussia, came to America in 1872 and located at Eau Claire where he remained until he came here. He was head clerk in a general store at Eau Claire nearly 13 years before coming here.

KOCH, A. W. E., groceries, fruits, confectionery, tobacco, notions, etc., Marshall street, has been in busi-

ness here nine years and has a good trade. He was born in Prussia, came with parents to America when two years old and has resided in Wisconsin since nine years of age. He lived at Menomonie about 20 years, and at Eau Claire four years, coming to Rice Lake in 1887 and starting in business the year following. Besides the grocery business, he owns and operates a large farm one-half mile from the city.

KOEHLER, HERMAN, meat market, Main street, has been a resident of this city 11 years and in business seven years. Born in Saxony, Germany, came to America in 1881, his first permanent stop being at Reads Landing and Wabasha, Minn., from whence he came here. Mr. Koehler runs a neat, clean shop, understands his business thoroughly, treats his customers right and is enjoying a good business.

LEACH & STULTS, (Elmer L. and Silas S.), billiard and pool rooms, Marshall street, have been in business since January, 1897. Mr. Stults came here 15 years ago, worked at carpentering until last year, when he started a grocery store on the south side, disposing of that to engage in the present business. He served two years as marshal and is a member of I. O. O. F. Mr. Leach has lived here nine years, and worked for the Rice Lake Lumber company until he started in business. He is a member of M. W. A.

LAFAVE, S. W., groceries, notions and barber shop, South Main street, was born in Ohio and has been in business five years. He came here an invalid and is now fully recovered.

MANHEIN, J., flour, feed, seed grain and hay, Main street, is a native of Germany and came to America in



M. T. HOWARD'S BLOCK.

1862. He served three years in the Confederate army, member of the 2d Tenn. Inf. Came here and entered business 18 years ago, and has served as health officer, member of the county board, and is now alderman.

MCCLENCH, D. W., machine shop, Eau Claire street, does new and general repair work of all kinds. He is a native of Maine, came to Wisconsin in 1873, settled in Eau Claire, residing there until 1886 when he came to Rice Lake and started the present business. He served two years as alderman here; was in the war of the rebellion four years and four months, serving in the 2nd and 31st regiments of Maine volunteers. Is a member of M. W. Heller Post, No. 66 G. A. R., also of Rice Lake Lodge No. 234, A. F. & A. M., and Pekegama Chapter No. 67, R. A. M.

MCCOURT, HARRY W., is traveling representative of the National Entertainment Bureau of Minneapolis, Minn. He was formerly connected with Mr. Swift in the publication of the Rice Lake Leader.

MCLEOD, GEORGE, manager Northern Grain company's warehouse, handling hay and grain, has been with company since 1895. Was born at Augusta, Me., in 1846, and came to this county from Eau Claire in 1875, locating on a farm. He served as deputy sheriff and game warden each two terms, and is an active republican. He has lived in Rice Lake for 11 years and has been engaged in contracting masonry, and is the pioneer mason of Barron county.

MILLER, MISS JOSEPHINE, millinery, Main street, was born in Stillwater, Minn., has been a resident 18 years and in business four years. She taught school for 10 years before going into business. Her business is quite

large and steadily increasing. She enjoys quite a local reputation as a musician.

MOE, JOHN J., proprietor of the Deery House and bar, Main street, has been a resident of this city nine years and in business one year, having for several years prior worked for his brother Nels. He was born in Norway and came to this country in 1888. He is popular and enjoys a good business.

MOE, NELS J., is one of the prominent and successful men of the city. He is a native of Norway, crossed the water to this country in 1873. He came here 20 years ago and worked at his trade of shoe making for two years and then embarked in the hotel and saloon business which he continued until a year ago. He has seen considerable of the ups and downs of life, but by perseverance and hard work has amassed a comfortable fortune. He is the owner of the Deery House and much other property.

MONTEITH DAVID, carries a general stock of glassware, crockery, tinware, woodenware, notions and novelty goods, corner of Main and Marshall streets. He has been in business in Rice Lake about 10 years, having conducted a large store several years, which was destroyed by fire about four years ago. He is a native of Ohio, came to Wisconsin in 1847 and engaged in farming in Dunn county. He was town clerk there five years, member of the county board six years, and justice nineteen years. For several years he conducted a general store and hotel at Colfax, before coming to this city.

MORRISON, S. S., street commissioner, agent Western and United States Express companies, and proprietor of



M. T. HOWARD'S RESIDENCE.

news stand, was born at Berlin, Wis., and has been a resident 21 years. He is a printer by trade, and has worked in all the offices here, and served one term on the school board.

MURR, F. W., cigar manufacturer, Newton street, is a native of Milwaukee county, Wis., and has been cigar making 23 years. Four years ago he opened his factory and by turning out an excellent quality of goods has established a very satisfactory trade. His principal brands are American Beauties and Shoe Pegs. He furnishes employment for three men. Mr. Murr is a good business man, treats his customers right, and has a host of warm friends. His picture appears elsewhere in this book.

MYERS, C. E., barber shop and bath rooms, Main street, was born in Marshall county, Ind. He has been a resident three years and in business about four months. He is a first class workman and agreeable young man has worked at Menomonie and Cedar Falls, Wis. A picture of his shop appears elsewhere in this book.

NELSON, H. C., meat market, Main street, has been in business in Rice Lake nine years. He came to America from Norway in 1870, resided eleven years in Iowa, and spent seven years at Menomonie, having been in business there three years. Upon removing to this city he opened a first class market where he keeps the choicest meats and enjoys a fine patronage. A picture of his place of business may be seen on another page.

NELSON & SON, (Stephen and Nick), pumps, windmills, pump supplies, well drilling, etc., Eau Claire street near lake, commenced business here last fall.

They have been in the business eight years at Chaseburg, Vernon county, and at La Crosse. They carry a good stock of pumps, windmills and fittings which are sold at prices to suit the times. They are also prepared to do sewer work in a satisfactory manner.

NOBLE, N. B., a former prominent business man, is one of the old residents and is still identified with many of the important industries of the city.

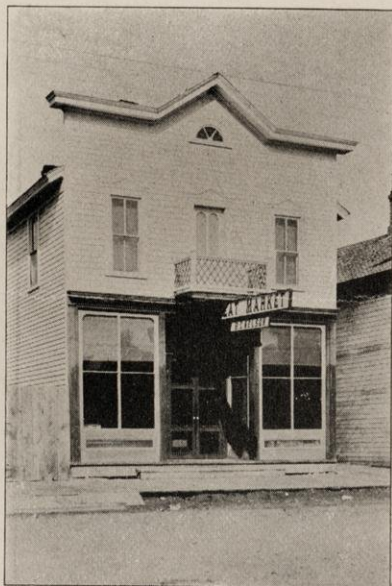
NOTT, W. J., local manager, Creditors National Association, with offices over Bank of Rice Lake. This association makes a business of collecting all kinds of accounts, and has made great success. Mr. Nott was born in Dane county, Wis., went to Menomonie 28 years ago, and in April came here. He is a hustler and is pushing his company's interests.

NUNN, CHARLES F., druggist, corner of Main and Newton streets, was born at Reads Landing, Minn., and came here 21 years ago with his parents. In 1887 he began clerking in the store of F. S. Noble, in 1891 became a partner in the business and in 1893 purchased Mr. Noble's interest and became sole owner. He is doing a large and satisfactory business, with a particularly large prescription patronage. He is the owner of several farms and considerable city property.

OLSEN, P. E., groceries, crockery, provisions, flour and gents furnishings, Main street, has been a resident 11 years, coming here from Menomonie, and in business four years; was born in Norway and came to America in 1865. Has always been an active worker in the ranks of the republican party, has served as city treasurer and member of county board. He was recently appointed post-



E. L. SOCKNES' BLOCK.



H. C. NELSON'S BLOCK.



CHRONOTYPE BLOCK.



MARK EUBANKS' BLOCK.

master of this city and will without doubt make an efficient and popular official.

OVERBY, C., clothing, furnishings, dry goods, groceries, provisions and jewelry, corner Eau Claire and Main streets, is a native of Norway and came to America in 1870. He learned the jewelry business in the old country and was engaged in that business 15 years at Menomonie, before coming here 10 years ago. He is doing a large and lucrative business and carries a very large stock. He is now serving his third term on the school board. He has a valuable assistant in his son Oscar, who is the bookkeeper, and who has thoroughly prepared himself in bookkeeping and commercial methods.

Ed. Hanson, clerk, has been with Mr. Overby eight years and is a careful and obliging clerk.

Miss Mary Fournier, clerk in the dry goods department, has been in the store six years and is very well posted in the business.

PARADIS & STAUDINGER (V. H. P. and L. S.) manufacturers and jobbers of cigars, 101 Main street, have been in business here since April 1, 1897. They furnish employment for five persons, and manufacture the celebrated "Santa Clara," "Elsa," "Columbia," and "Golden Tips" brands of cigars, five and ten cent goods that are rapidly becoming favorably known to both local and outside trade. Both gentlemen are thoroughly familiar with the details of their business, their goods are giving universal satisfaction and it is their intention to make their brands leaders wherever introduced.

PARKER, P. M. Co., department store, Main street. This business was begun in a small way in 1888 and has grown until the annual volume of business transacted exceeds \$100,000, and is the largest mercantile concern in the county. The firm sells almost everything, and spends more money advertising than any other firm in this section of Wisconsin; also owns the Rice Lake Produce company. P. M. Parker, the head of this concern, was born at Wonewoc, Wis., in 1862, and after being in business at Cameron for a time, came here nine years ago and entered business. He is one of the most progressive men in the city, and is energetic in behalf of anything that will benefit the city. He is treasurer of the Creamery company, and one of the managers of the opera house and an active member of several societies. He is the kind of man that builds cities. Mrs. P. M. Parker, who has charge of the dry goods and millinery departments, is a thorough business woman and a strong aid to her husband. She was born in Dane county (*nee* Myra Mussen.) Their daughter, Fernie Parker, is clerk in the dry goods department.

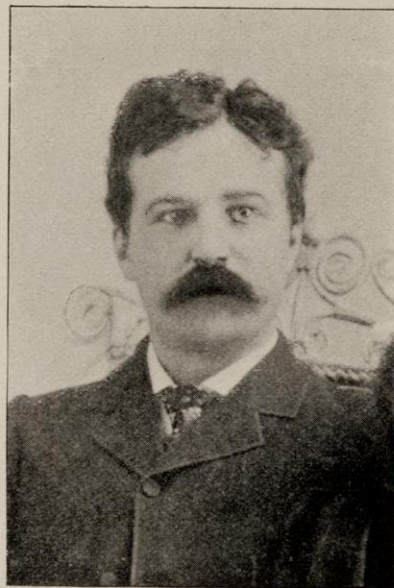
Bohn, Archie J., clerk in dry goods department, was born at Wonewoc, where he worked six years in a general store before coming here last August, and entering employ of this firm. He has always made it a point to give his employer his best efforts.

Norman, Harry, clerk, has been with the firm about a year, coming here from Baldwin, where he worked in a general store. He was born in Norway and crossed the water in 1893.

Olson, Miss Carrie H., milliner, came here from Kil-



MR. AND MRS. M. P. PARKER.



DR. T. R. CHARRON.

bourne City a year ago and began work with this house this spring.

Roberge, A. C., clerk in dry goods department, was born at Standford, Wis., has resided here five years and worked two years for this firm. In January last he was united in marriage to Miss Anna Olson, who has been with the company nearly four years, in the millinery department, where she is still employed. She was born at Lake Crystal, Minn.

Sather, Louis, clerk in the clothing department, was born in Norway, has been a resident here four years and with this firm 15 months.

PEDERSEN, JOHN, policeman, was born in Norway and came to America in 1881. He was a soldier in the old country. He has been a resident 13 years and was in the saloon business several years. He was appointed policeman this spring, but had served as special officer before.

PETERMAN, M. W., barber, Main street, came here from Chetek and opened his business in January. He was born in Ohio, and when three years of age located at Austin, Minn., where he remained for several years.

PETERSON, SEWELL A., was born Feb. 28, 1850, in Norway, and came to Wisconsin from the old country in 1864. He received his education in the common schools and at a business college in LaCrosse. He resided in Dunn county until 1887, when he removed to Rice Lake, where he now resides. In early life he worked on a farm, in the woods, on the drive and at teaching school, but has been engaged in the mercantile business since 1882, and also owns and operates a farm of 240 acres in Dunn county. He was town treasurer of

Sand Creek, Dunn county, in 1874 and 1875, register of deeds of Dunn county from January, 1876, to January, 1882, and alderman of Menomonie in 1886 and 1887, city clerk of Rice Lake from 1880 to 1890, city treasurer in 1891, mayor in 1893 and 1894, and member of assembly in 1893. While he was at Menomonie, he was first lieutenant of Company H. Third Infantry, Wisconsin National Guard. He was elected state treasurer in 1894, and re-elected in 1896.

Gabriel, A. A., manager of store, is a native of Madison, Wis., and has been with Mr. Peterson 10 years, and has followed mercantile trade 15 years. He is a member and treasurer of the fire department, and is popular with all classes. He is a brother-in-law of Mr. Peterson.

Schie, Miss Mollie, clerk, has been with this house five years. She is a native of Milwaukee and has resided here six years.

PERKEY & LAVIGNE, (Peter Perkey & Joe Lavigne), saloon, Allen street, in business 10 years.

PUTNAM, W. H., proprietor of the Racket store, 97 Maine street, carries a stock of general notions, dry goods, stationery, etc., and has been in business in Rice Lake about two years. He is a native of Big Lake, Minn., and conducted a large general store there several years. Later spent a few months at Monticello, Minn., coming from that place to this city in 1895. His goods are first class, he sells them cheap and has a good trade.

PUTROW & BODDINGTON, are the manufacturers of the "Talent," a high grade bicycle which is sold at a low price, a cut of which is shown in this book. they also do repairing of all kinds and sell bicycles and bicycle sundries. This firm has been in



C. OVERBY'S BLOCK.



BANK OF RICE LAKE BLOCK.



DEERY HOUSE.



FRED FIELD'S BLOCK.

business only about three months, but are enjoying a good trade. The business was opened last August by J. B. Putrow, who is an expert machinist and who personally superintends all the work. He was born in Green Bay, Wis., and was in business at Antigo before coming here. E. T. Boddington attends to the business. He was born in England, near London, and has been a resident 24 years. After coming here he ran a shoe shop three years, was postmaster seven years, and ran a grocery. He served as town clerk, member of town and county boards and nearly every local office. He is also the owner of the Riverside farm, a little more than a mile from city.

RASMUSSEN, K. E., lawyer, in Howard block.

RIED, H. C., photographer, Main street, has been a resident of this city and in business since 1892, he has followed the photo business for the past 14 years and is a thoroughly first class workman and is doing a very nice business.

REITEN, C. H., saloon and boarding house, 19 Eau Claire street, has been in business here 12 years. Came to America from Norway in 1879, settled in Rice Lake and worked for Knapp, Stout & Co., five years before commencing business for himself.

REVORD BROS., (Louis H. and F. O.) manufacturers and shippers of hardwood lumber, have been in the business about five years, this being their first season at Rice Lake. They buy large quantities of hardwood logs and saw them into lumber on contract orders. Their headquarters in Rice Lake are at Mercier's hardwood sawmill.

RICE LAKE CHRONOTYPE, E. N. Bowers, publisher, was established Sept. 9, 1874, with C. W. Carpenter, as editor and proprietor, and was called the Barron County Chronotype. It was then a 7-column folio. In May 1879 the Townsite company purchased the office and installed A. Dewey as editor. Later Knapp, Stout & Co., got it and C. F. Bone was editor. P. H. Swift owned it for several years and sold to H. M. Hilleker, who with H. H. Lampman ran it about 18 months when the present owner purchased. Mr. Bowers has a good education having taught school for 10 years, and is well fitted to make a success of business. The Chronotype is the oldest paper in the county, republican in politics, fearless in advocating the right at all times. The paper is one of the most influential in northern Wisconsin. The publisher is here to make his home and intends to improve the plant and keep pace with the town.

RICE LAKE LEADER, Ward L. Swift, editor and publisher, was established about a year ago as a republican newspaper. It has a first-class printing outfit, and the paper is rapidly coming to the front as a force in the politics of the state. Mr. Swift is a thorough newspaper man, having grown up in the business.

RICE LAKE STEAM LAUNDRY, N. Orbom and Thomas H. Wold, proprietors, was started last November and is doing an extensive business. Their work is of the best grade. They are now just finishing a new building on Eau Claire street, which will give them more room and better facilities. Mr. Orbom is a native of Sweden and came to America in 1892. He has been in business at Wilmar, Aitkin and Little Falls, Minn. Mr. Wold is a

native of Norway, came to America in 1891, locating here.

RICE LAKE WATER WORKS COMPANY, organized 1892, with a capital stock of \$30,000. The officers are: C. A. Chamberlain, president; E. L. Everts, treasurer; W. H. Willard, secretary and manager; George B. Short, superintendent. This company also operates the electric light plant. Both plants are well operated and liberally patronized. Mr. Short is a native of Iowa, and after spending eight years in Eau Claire came here and assumed charge last November. He has been an electrician 13 years.

ROBBINS, JAMES, attorney at law, offices over Bank of Rice Lake, graduated from the Wisconsin University Law school in 1879, and came here in 1890. He has served several terms as city attorney.

RODIER, E., saloon, Main street, has been in business here 17 years, came to United States from Canada 28 years ago, spent several years in Denver, Col., and St. Paul, Minn., before locating in Rice Lake in 1877, where he began business two years later, which has been continued since that time.

ROSS, T. A., proprietor of the Ross House, has been a resident five years. He is a native of Tennessee and during the war served in Company C, 6th Tenn. Cav. He was captured at Ponola, Miss., and was confined at Libby prison before being paroled. He located at Chippewa Falls in 1872 and remained until he came here. Mr. Ross is an accommodating landlord.

SATTRE, DR. O. M., physician and surgeon, is a graduate of Rush Medical college, in class of 1888. Born in Winneshiek county, Iowa, attended Luther college at

Decorah, and then the medical college. After graduating spent six years as surgeon in the hospital of the Penn Iron Mining company at Norway, Mich. He came here three years ago and is enjoying a good practice. Is at present erecting a fine residence near the lake side. He is now city physician and surgeon for the C., St. P., M. & O. Ry. Co.

SCHARBILLIG, J. & P., saloon, Main street, have resided here 12 years and been in business eight months. They are natives of Germany.

SCHNEIDER, JOHN, meat market, Main street, has been a resident 22 years, and in his present business three years. Born in Germany. Has served as alderman, constable, etc. His son, J. P. Schneider, a bright young business man, has charge of the market.

SCOTT, W., cigars, confectionery, billiards and pool, Main street, has resided here 11 years and been in business one year. Born in Chautauqua, N. Y., came to Wisconsin 1857, locating in Jefferson county, removed to Oshkosh in 1863, and in 1867 moved onto a farm in Trempealeau county, from which place he came here.

SHERVEY, ANDREW, saloon and boarding house, 19 Marshall street, came from Norway 17 years ago and settled in Rice Lake. Worked for Knapp, Stout & Co. five years. In 1891 he started in the livery business which he continued two years, then began the present business.

SHERVEY, NELS, saloon and livery, 45 Marshall street, has been a resident here eighteen years and in business sixteen. Served as alderman four years.

SIGNOR & CRISLER, (J. C. S. and J. S. C.), dealers in all kinds of farm machinery, buggies, wagons, etc.,

are located on Marshall street and have been in business under the present name six years. The business was started by Mr. Signor about 15 years ago. He has lived at Rice Lake about 24 years, was president of the board of education one term, and is a member of the council and deputy sheriff of Barron county. Mr. Crisler came to Rice Lake in 1873, worked for Knapp, Stout & Co. company until he entered the present firm in 1885.

SIGSTAD, OLE, general merchandise, corner Reuter avenue and Messenger street, west side, has been in business here four years. He was born in Norway, came to America in 1871, resided at Trempealeau three years, and at Eau Claire. Seventeen years ago he opened a store at Sand Creek, Dunn County, which he continued until he moved here. He served as county supervisor in 1896.

SIMPSON, J. T., proprietor The Tourist Hotel, has been here three years. Mr. Simpson was born in Canada. He served five years as railway postal clerk and then railroaded five years; then went into the hotel business at Black River Falls, and has since followed that business at Charlotte, Mich., Minneapolis, Superior, and this city. He is an affable gentleman, popular with the traveling public, is running a good hotel and enjoying a good business.

SOCKNES, E. L., dealer in boots, shoes, and all kinds of footwear, 124 Main street, has been in business here 11 years. He was born in Norway, came to America in 1880, settling at Rice Lake. Was cook one year in the woods, then followed shoemaking until he began business in 1886. He carries a fine line of goods, does first class repair work promptly at reasonable prices and has

a large trade. A picture of his store is shown elsewhere.

SPRAGUE, E. M. Mrs., millinery, 97 Main street, has been in business four years, having come to Rice Lake from Dunn county in 1893. Mrs. Sprague was formerly Miss Euseba Livingston, her birthplace being in Vermont. She was married to George Barnes 39 years ago, and after his death she married Horace Sprague in 1878. She has been a resident of Wisconsin 30 years, they having been in hotel business at Eau Claire several years, and afterwards in farming in Dunn county until Mr. Sprague's death in 1893.

STARK, C. A., attorney at law, has offices in the Barron County Bank building, corner of Main and Eau Claire streets. Mr. Stark is a native of Randolph, Dodge Co., Wis., and a graduate from the law department of the University at Madison in 1878. He spent three years in practice in Chicago, and several years at Randolph before coming to Rice Lake in 1887 where he has since been engaged in practice. He was superintendent of the city schools one term, and is now serving his sixth term as city attorney. Besides he has done much towards the development of the city, and has been active in promoting immigration into northern Wisconsin.

STECK, M., proprietor Rice Lake Bottling Works, began business here last September, coming here from Prentice. Was born in Waupaca county, this state, and has been in this business three years. He makes all kinds of carbonated goods and ciders.

TAYLOR, MRS. A. A., millinery and dressmaking, corner Main and Newton streets, is a native of New York, came here from Augusta six years ago and has been in business one year.

TRANSUE, MARIE, dressmaking, Main street near Hotel Tourist, has been in business here nearly four years. She understands the art of dressmaking well, and has a good patronage.

VALBY, DR. J. P., physician and surgeon, office in Howard building, is a graduate of the Rush Medical College, class of 1890. Was born in Denmark, came to America in 1868, and resided on a farm in Southern Minnesota until 1881, then clerked in a drug store two years at Fergus Falls, Minn., and four years at Salem, Oregon. After graduating he practiced one year in Chicago and has been here three years.

WANGNILD & HOWARD, hardware, stoves and tinware, plumbing, tinning, sheet iron roofing, furnace work, steam and hot water heating, Main street, has been in business about four months, succeeding Mr. Wangnild, who was in business about four years. O. E. Wangnild was born in Norway, came to America in 1871. He served as postmaster four years, has been city treasurer, and is now member of the city council. Bert Howard, was born in Illinois and has resided here 10 years. He is a first class workman and has charge of the firm's outside and shop work.

WEBSTER, DR. B. N., physician and surgeon, with office over Bank of Rice Lake, is a graduate of Hahnemann Medical College at Chicago in 1886, after which he served as hospital surgeon. He practiced at Shell Lake and Superior before coming here in 1894. He is a native of St. Croix county, and has given close attention to his profession, is a diligent student, and enjoys a good practice. He is city health officer, medical examiner for the M. W. A., K. O. T. M., L. O. T. M.,

A. O. U. W., and Fidelity Mutual Life, U. S. Examining surgeon, and local surgeon of the R. L., D. & M. Ry. company.

WEEKS, L. D., dealer in groceries, fruits and vegetables, corner Hartel street and Hatten avenue, west side, has been in business here four years. He was born in Sauk county, Wis., in 1855; followed engineering and farming many years. In 1891, he opened a general store at Cartwright, Wis., continuing two years, removing thence to Rice Lake in 1893. Mr. Weeks carries first class goods, sells them cheap and has a good trade.

WEISS, Ed, meat market, Main street, was born in Germany, came to America in 1882. He has been a resident of this city 12 years, and in business two years.

WHITNEY, DR. D. C., homœopathic physician and surgeon, Humbird street near Main, has been in practice here a little less than two years, and has built up a good practice. Dr. Whitney was born in Michigan, but was raised near Merillan Junction, Wis. He attended medical college at Cincinnati, O., graduating in 1888, and has been in practice since that time, having come from Rapid River, Mich., to Rice Lake in 1895. He also attended the National Medical college of Chicago, graduating from that institution in 1896.

WILSON, H., grocer and confectioner, Main street, was born at Clayton, Winnebago county, Wis., and came here six years ago. In January he entered business and is establishing a nice trade.

YOUNGBAUER, F., dealer in boots, shoes, gloves and mittens, is a native of Germany, has been in business here about 12 years, and carries a good stock.

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