

## Dr. Reinhart Dean of Local Practitioners

Dr. Dabney Balvin Reinhart, having served the longest time in the continuous practice of medicine in Merrill, deserves to have his name mentioned in these papers.

Dr. Reinhart comes of good old southern stock, having been born in Yanceyville, North Carolina, Oct. 18, 1861.

Young Dabney obtained his education, first in the common schools of the state, followed by a course in Trinity College, from which he graduated in 1879, with the B. A. degree. In 1881 he received his M. A. degree at Lake Forest College. Having obtained a fine education, he entered the University of Virginia, for the study of medicine, and later the Bellevue College, New York, from which he was graduated Doctor of Medicine in 1885.

After having obtained his sheepskin to practice medicine he went back to North Carolina for one year, then back to New York, and in 1889, he landed in Merrill. He liked the place so well that he has remained here ever since, and the people of Merrill liked the young doctor so well that they have encouraged him to stay.

Dr. Reinhart served two terms as mayor of Merrill.

It was during the time Dr. Reinhart served as mayor that the beautiful addition to the Merrill High school was built.

Dr. Reinhart, in his long years of practice here, has probably looked upon more baby faces at birth than any other practitioner.

Dr. Reinhart is a man who defies old father time in refusing to grow old. This writer has known the doctor for 45 years and can see no marked change in his features and action. May he live long and prosper!

## Three Agencies Combined With Merrill Agency

The Merrill Insurance Agency was incorporated in December, 1926, with an authorized capitalization of \$25,000. All the stock is owned locally and is distributed among many stockholders. The Agency was the outgrowth of the consolidation of the Bowell Agency, the Allen Agency and the Brassard Agency. All of the above were old well established insurance agencies in the city of Merrill. The officers and directors of the Merrill Insurance Agency are Emil Semling, president; E. A. Teske, vice president; Joe Brassard, secretary and treasurer; Herb Zimbal and Stanley Emerich. The Agency enjoys a fine distribution of business in Merrill and vicinity.



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Founder and Manager of the  
Hamlin Agency.

## Hamlin Plowed Thru Old Roads As School Head

Owing to the fact that "location" is an important feature in business, it might be practical to state at the outset, that the personally conducted activities of J. H. Hamlin, in connection with the "Lincoln County Abstract Company," and the "Hamlin Real Estate, Loan and Insurance" business, is permanently located in the rooms above the Central Cafe, at the corner of Second and Scott streets, opposite the City Hall.

With this firmly fixed in the mind of the reader, it may be permissible to briefly review the preparation of the head of these activities for his business venture and resultant success.

Mr. Hamlin began his public service as a rural school teacher, at the age of 17 years, and owing to his acquired educational abilities, he was in 1899, through having previously been awarded a "life teachers certificate" through private preparation and attendance at the Dixon College, appointed to the position of County Superintendent of Schools of Lincoln County, which position he held for more than fifteen years, during the days when roads were anything but graveled and only approximately graded. In those days the "superintendent and his team of ponies" were familiar figures to the entire population of the county.

At the conclusion of this public service in 1914, Mr. Hamlin associated himself with the now deceased Henry J. Bowell, in the abstract business, and after approximately five years in this connection, Mr. Hamlin purchased what is now known as the well established "Lincoln County Abstract Company."

To this line of endeavor has

been added the generally associated lines of real estate, loans, both old line and mutual insurance on buildings and farm crops, rentals, preparation of permissible legal papers, and a general service to his patrons within all lawful statutory precepts, as well as minor matters which may from time to time need the consideration of practical experience.

Mr. Hamlin has a competent corps of assistants and a complete office equipment occupying the entire suite of rooms, at the location mentioned, and many are those who seek information and assistance from this source which flow steadily and evenly on from day to day, all of which has come to be considered as "all in a days' work."

As a business assistant, Mr. Hamlin found Mrs. Hamlin an adept in departmental work, having previous to their marriage been well versed in secretarial service, as well as bookkeeping duties, in consequence of which the daily office activities flow steadily and smoothly on to the eminent satisfaction of all concerned.

Many problems, knotty to the inexperienced individual have been straightened out through contact with the Hamlin Agency, to the satisfaction and benefit of all concerned, and the "Hamlin Service," has come to be well established and widely known,—and is still available to all concerned or in need of its advice or affable assistance.

## Motor Finance Company Began Nine Years Ago

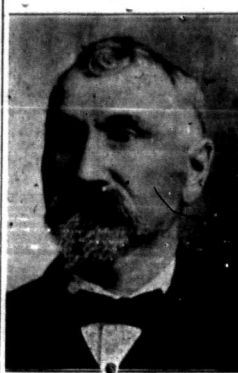
The Motor Finance Corporation, whose office is above the Citizens American bank, was organized in 1925 for the purpose of keeping local car financing at home.

Its present officers are Fred Heinemann, president and general manager; George L. Gilkey, vice-president; and Alfred T. Curtis, secretary and treasurer. These, together with Fred Eagle of Minocqua and E. A. Krembs, are the board of directors.

The Fred Heinemann Insurance Agency is associated with the Motor Finance corporation.

## EARLY POSTMASTER GOT LOWER PAY

In 1897, the salary of the Merrill postmaster was \$1900 a year; he was allowed \$200 for clerk hire, and \$400 for rent. Then he had about \$500 of his own money invested in fixtures. Out of the \$400 for rent he had to buy the fuel needed to heat the building.



W. H. KAISER, is among the widest known citizens of Merrill, having lived here many years, and served in public offices, including that of county treasurer several terms.

## PREFERRED HIGH TAXES TO LOSING FRIENDS—HEINEMAN

At one time this writer asked the late Sigmund Heineman to be permitted to use his name for some important public office, knowing him to be keenly interested in public affairs.

Naming the writer, Mr. Heineman said: "I cannot afford to. I have some friends now, but if I should enter politics I would lose them all. If my taxes are higher because of inefficiency of public officials I would rather pay the higher taxes. No office for me."

## CLARKE CUT INTO VIRGIN NORWAYS EAST OF TOWN

The virgin timber standing between Merrill and the lower Pine River bridge was cut in the winter of 1871 and 1872, by John C. Clarke, who operated a saw mill at Wausau, and for many years was an important industrialist on the Wisconsin river.

The timber was mostly Norway pine, and had never before been cut into before. Now this territory is a fine farming section.

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