

SCHROEDER AND DE VALL OLDEST PLUMBING FIRM

The plumbing business operated by A. H. Schroeder and Harry A. DeVall, located at 224 Second street, opposite the City Hall, is recognized as the oldest established plumbing firm in the city, and is operated by men of pronounced practical experience.

Mr. Schroeder, senior member of the firm, previous to 1913, was employed by lumber firms of the city, but something more definite was sought, resulting in his entering the employ of Larsen Brothers, plumbers, on August 13, 1912, with a determination to master the practical intricacies of the trade, with the result that about four years later, or to be more exact, in January, 1917, he passed the required examination, and received his master plumbers' license.

However, he continued in the employ of the Larsens until April 1, 1918, when he launched the business at the present location. This he operated individually for a number of years, when Harry A. DeVall, who had also been a fellow workman and employe of the Larsen Brothers, joined as a partner in the plumbing business, and has so continued in the present time. They carry a very complete line of modern equipment in stock, and can furnish any kind or amount that may be required.

During these years of business experience these young men have not only developed a successful business, but Mr. Schroeder has greatly improved his property occupied, until today they have not only an attractive business place, but a continually increasing business constructed on a sound basis of satisfactory service and fair dealing.

Smith Built Roads For Early Loggers, Business Concerns

Among the prominent business men of Jenny can be named O. B. Smith, Ben Cooper, Thos. B. Scott and Frank Andrews.

Smith and Cooper sold their mill in 1854 after operating it several years.

The first logging firms, besides Smith, were Newcomb & Averill, and Goodrich & Fleming. Harvey & Barnes had tote teams transporting merchandise between Jenny and Sycamore, Ill. The Goodriches had a stage line and tote teams between here and Beloit.

In 1854 Mr. O. B. Smith cut out a road from here to Wausau. The year before a road had been cut out from Wausau to Stevens Point.

In 1860 the federal government appropriated certain lands to build a road from here to Ontonagon, Mich., via Pelican—now Rhinelander—and Eagle River. This road project was turned over to the county—Marathon county—which in turn issued \$3,000 in tax certificates for the work, and Mr. Smith cut this road out from here to Pelican, paying his men 60 cents a day, the going wages in tax certificates. A man by name Joe Fox cut out the balance of the road.

BRICK PAVING DONE UNDER SMITH

The first permanent paving done in Merrill was brick paving, done under the administration of F. J. Smith in 1915.

Hamsing Shop Well Equipped With Machines

C. A. Hamsing, proprietor of Hamsing's Shoe Repair Shop on East Main street, has been in the shoe business for many years.

Before he owned his own shop, Mr. Hamsing served four years as foreman at the Tomhawk Shoe Factory.

In 1922 he bought out the Engstrom Bros. shoe repair business on the west side and occupied the building on Prospect street now held by Alfred Stuber. He stayed in that location for three years.

In 1925 Mr. Hamsing moved to his present location. He completely remodeled the building, putting in new iron sash display windows, a new floor, changing the partitions, and retaining only the walls.

At present Mr. Hamsing has one of the most complete sets of machinery in this entire territory. He has two stitchers, a stapling machine, a finisher, an electric sewing machine for attaching rubber tops, two patch machines, a sole splitter, two jacks, a sole cutter, a well-presser, an emery grinder, two cement presses, and a heel attaching device.

Mr. Hamsing himself has devised a mechanical method of grooving the soles of shoes so that they do not come off.

At present one of the features of Mr. Hamsing's shoe repair service is new method of repairing ladies' soles. Shoes at a factory, he explains, are manufactured over a certain type of last, different for each style of shoe. In order to repair a shoe so that it retains its original shape, it must be rebuilt over the same type of last. Mr. Hamsing's equipment includes a full set of lasts. When he halves a shoe the joint cannot be found, the shape of the shoe is like new, and neither nails nor stitches disfigure either sole or upper. Ladies who have been uncomfortable to wear half-soled shoes find comfort and economy with this new process. Since May Mr. Hamsing has been turning out approximately 300 of these jobs.

Men's half-soles, also, are attached so that the half-sole cannot be distinguished from the rest of the sole. There are no nails across the joint at the arch.

Dereg Boys Were Beau Brummels of Logging Days

The Dereg boys, Mike, John, Barney and William were said by the late J. N. Cotter to have been the "finest specimens of rugged manhood" he had ever seen.

When their names were being placed in this column was their fine appearance and upstanding young manhood. Mike and John were engaged in logging for some time.

Dennis and John remained here. Dennis was a resident of Merrill until he died a few years ago. John operated a hotel and saloon up at Heafford Junction until he passed away, also some years ago.

Sheet Metal Works Started 21 Years Ago

The Merrill Sheet Metal Works, owned and operated by John Reynolds, at No. 509 West Main street, has been in operation since 1913, having been established that year by George Pavlick.

John Reynolds, the present owner and operator, is an experienced man at the business, both in estimating and the actual performance of the work.

Starting to learn the trade of sheet metal worker in 1901, at Rhinelander, he later continued the trade at Manitowoc, and in 1924, purchased the building, stock and equipment from Mr. Pavlick, and has since that time operated the business under the same name.

All orders in the sheet metal line, which includes metal roof work, skylights, cheese vats, and cream tanks, blow-pipe work, and everything made of sheet metal, no matter what the design or desire, are executed in detail and correct. In this line of work Mr. Reynolds has achieved an enviable reputation for first-class work, at reasonable prices, and will be found in all congenial and trustworthy in all his dealings.

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Warren Recouped Losses In Lumber Deal With Smith

Andrew Warren, who built the first saw mill in Jenny, lost a pile of money in the Horicon railway enterprise and sold the mill to Smith & Cooper in 1853, the payments to be made in lumber. The first payment was 600,000 feet of best clear lumber, at \$6.00 per thousand.

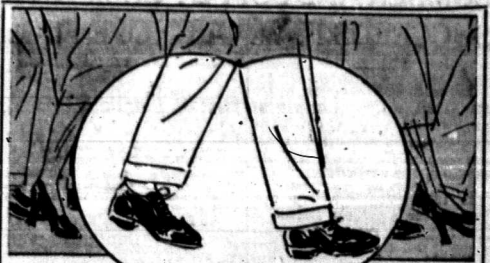
Mr. Warren floated the lumber on the Wisconsin river down to the Mississippi, and sold it for \$28.00 a thousand. It cost about \$6.00 a thousand to float the lumber to the market. So Mr. Warren made a profit of \$16, a thousand, or \$9,600 on the first payment.

As early as 1852 Holmes brothers logged at Eagle River.

E. T. Bosworth, Sr., Early Logger, Had Pine River Farm

E. T. Bosworth, Sr., was born in Clinton County, New York state, Aug. 22, 1821. He came west to Janesville, when that city had a population of about 300.

He came to Wausau in 1845, came to Jenny and engaged in logging. He lived for several years in a log shanty up on Pine River. Later he built a commodious home and other farm buildings on Pine River, on the bank of the river, near the middle bridge that crosses Pine River, and cleared up a good sized farm.



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