



Dr. D. B. Reinhart

Dr. Reinhart Was Mayor Of Merrill For Three Terms

Dr. Dabney B. Reinhart had served the longest time in the continuous practice of medicine in Merrill at the time of his death on March 13, 1945.

He came of southern stock, having been born in Yanceyville, North Carolina, October 19, 1851.

He obtained his education first in the common schools of that 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 sheep-skin 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 remained, and the people of Merrill liked the young doctor so well that they encouraged him to stay.

Dr. Reinhart served three 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 owned the first automobile in Merrill, a steam-operated vehicle which became a familiar sight in this area.



Here's a fine load of logs measuring 5,280 feet. The picture of these 22 logs was taken about ten years ago in the Town of Hamburg.

Mayors of Merrill

T. B. Scott	1883-1884
E. L. Bump	1885
T. P. Mathews	1886
A. A. Helms	1887
J. N. Cotter	1888
Jul. Thielman	1889
L. N. Anson	1890-1891
Henry Wright	1892
Charles W. Badeau	1893
Harry H. Foster	1894
John R. Babcock	1895
Herman R. Fehland	1896
August H. Stange	1897-1898
Jul. Thielman	1899-1900
H. W. Wright and	1901
Alfred H. Wright	1902-1903
John O'Day	1904-1905
George M. Anson	1906-1907
Jul. Thielman	1908-1909
John Elsen	1910-1911
J. A. Emerich	1912-1913
F. J. Smith	1914-1917
D. B. Reinhart	1918-1923
A. R. Wittman	1924-1927
G. B. Cotter	1928-1929
A. R. Wittman	1930-1931
W. H. Aufuchon	1932-1947
Fred Reger	1947

The Old Stone Crusher

Stone crushing for paving the city streets was quite an industry in the summer time in Merrill as well as in many cities throughout the state, until the invention of concrete.

Merrill's first stone crusher stood in the block where the Court House now stands. When work got under way for the building of that structure, the stone crusher was moved up about where the city garage now stands.

Farmers would come from miles around with loads of stone and were paid about \$1.00 a load and they were big loads, too.

The stone was broken up into three sizes. The larger size was spread in the street first, then the middle size, and then the smaller size for the top dressing. After each layer was spread, a large steam roller would ply back and forth, pressing

down the stone.

About one block of street would be worked on at a time, then the work would move to the next block. It was slow work and naturally the main streets only were paved.

The City Water Works company has served the city of Merrill for 60 years, having been established here in 1857.



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