

Lincoln County Advocate

MERRILL, LINCOLN COUNTY, WISCONSIN

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Four years ago Merrill might perhaps claim a population of one thousand. Today we can safely say we have four thousand. Four years ago there was manufactured here about one hundred thousand feet of lumber a day; we have now a capacity of seven hundred thousand feet daily. Four years ago there was not a factory of any kind here; now the industry of manufacturing sash, doors and blinds alone furnishes more employment than all industries combined four years ago. There is, more business done in one day here now than there was in sixty days four years ago.

Going back a little further we find but one sawmill with a capacity of about 45,000 feet a day. The question might be asked: What has been the cause of this wonderful growth and increase in manufacturing enterprises? The question is answered in three words—the rail road.

What did it avail us if we did have all this natural storage capacity and were located here on the very borders of this vast forest of pine and other valuable timber, as long as we had no facilities for transporting the lumber, if manufactured, without railroad facilities? We would have remained as we were.

At the late meeting of the county board, a committee was appointed to arrange for grading the court house grounds and putting in shade trees. Eight hundred dollars was appropriated to the Town of Pine River, to be expended on the road from John Hoseney's eastward and to be expended by Mr. Tracy.

A resolution was adopted instructing the county treasurer to demand of state officers all money raising from the sale of swamp lands in this county, heretofore applied on state debt. All county roads ordered discontinued.

The game of ball between the Central club and the "Merrills" of this city, played on Saturday last, resulted in a score of 4 to 14 in favor of the latter. Editor's note.—On the "Merrills" were Hill, Wright, Sarvis, Carver, Scott, Coffin, McKinley, Fuller and Hixon.

The mammoth burner of the Scott mill is beginning to loom. It will be a "pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night," and a good thing for the city, as owing to its great height it will effectually dispose of the smoke.

Those awful spikes that stick up from an eighth to a quarter of an inch above the sidewalk. Why would it not be a pious idea for those occupying buildings along the street to send a boy out with a hammer and drive them down? The ADVOCATE suggests that buyers give their preference to the merchant that keeps the walk in front of business the cleanest and in the best repair.

Boys—a word with you—and not only the boys, but with all other persons who are in the habit of gathering on the streets in the evening. There is considerable complaint being made, especially by the ladies,



This is the home of the late Congressman W. H. McCord. It is now occupied by Theo. Lokemoen. Note the outdoor "sitting room" on the left. Many of Merrill's early day pretentious residences boasted of these "sitting rooms." But we believe this to be the only one in existence in the city.

to the effect that we men folks are in the habit of getting together in large groups and blocking the walks and making it not only difficult, but disagreeable for them to pass along, especially in the evening. Now, what we want to say is, that it is very disagreeable for women folks to be compelled to crowd their way thru a crowd of men, or go out in the street to get around them; and the suggestion is thrown out that we all should be a little mindful of the rights and conveniences of others. Merrill is assuming city airs, and it may become necessary for the City Council or Marshall to interpose in behalf of free and unimpeded passage up and down for streets. It is hoped that the strict rule adopted by most cities will not be found necessary here, but that this "standing" nuisance will be abated by the gentlemen themselves.

The individual who is in the habit of visiting the new dwelling of John Schleh during the dark hours of the night, intent on pilfering, is requested to cease his visitations before the owner of said house takes to the shot gun path. John is slow to go on the war path, but when he does, "look a little out."

Eighty cars of lumber freight were shipped from Merrill during the second week of August.

November 19, 1886

Opening of the ice-rink Thanksgiving afternoon.

Large boilers for the portable sawmill six miles north of the city arrived last Wednesday.

Men are at work clearing up the timber in the districts burned over last summer.

Alderson, Flanner and Co. have orders for 75 to 100 cars of lumber ahead all the time.

Fourteen traveling men at the Lincoln House, Monday. Business is certainly not very dead in Merrill.

Changes will probably be made in baseball rules. Professionals want pitchers to stand firmly on both feet facing the batsman, until the ball is delivered.

C. C. Nelson has been giving his Double-headed Sphinx entertainment in the towns below. He says he played for a \$130.25 house at Stevens Point—the largest attendance even any entertainment there within five years.

Walter A. Scott, H. H. Curtis and George R. Gardner filed their bond as executors of the will of Thos. E. Scott, deceased, on the 16th inst. The bond is in the penal sum of \$250,000. The sureties are Walter Alexander, E. P. Mason, James McCrossen, W. C. Silverthorn, Alexander Stewart, J. D. Witter, John Edwards, Wm. Scott and John Farish. The Merrill Cornet Band, of which Walle Stroud was a member, escorted that gentleman to a train last evening in uniform and gave him a fine serenade on the eve of his departure for California.

The Lincoln County Advocate has again changed ownership—Messrs. C. H. Cummer and M. E. Northrup being the new proprietors.

Gen. Fairchild has honored our city and Lincoln Post No. 131, G. A. R., by appointing J. K. P. Coon as aide-de-camp on his staff.

Gilkey, Anson and Co. have saved over 5,000,000 feet of logs since last spring.

Wages are from \$20 to \$30 per month this year in logging camps near Green Bay. Last year the highest wages paid was \$20.

The Scott and Stewart logging operations will comprise five camps, located as follows: two on seven-mile creek (which empties into the Deer skin), one on Deer skin, one

above Eagle on the main river, and one on Mud Creek, two miles below Eagle.

WEST SIDE NEWS

Progressive euchre at Mrs. Langley's this evening.

Tuesday, H. E. Hathaway and Rev. Mr. Harjod started for a five-day hunt. The antlered buck is what they hanker for, but if they fail to get him let the chipmunk and the porcupine look well to their safety.

Monday evening Louis Collier went down cellar at Farmer and Collier's store and set his lamp on the barrel, which tipped over, breaking the lamp and creating a lively blaze. Presence of mind and a pallid of fear prevented a conflagration.

M. D. Minnick had the misfortune

to lose one of his horses by lung fever.

Peter Black has been confined to his bed with rheumatic fever for several days. His physician, Dr. Monroe, says he is improving.

Large Funeral

The first high school was located where Streeter Square now is. The building was started in 1871, and completed in 1872. The first gathering in this building was on Christmas day, when Mr. White's funeral was held. There were so many people at the funeral that this was the only place large enough to accommodate them. Over half of those in attendance were Indians, as Mr. White was well known to them and liked.

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Merrill Has Come A Long Way
Since Its Humble Beginning
In 1847

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MERRILL CONCRETE WORKS INC.



Joe Chartier, probably the oldest living pioneer. Mr. Chartier has been active in woods work in this vicinity for seventy-five years and today, in his 90's, is active and in good health.