

OREGON CITY BUSINESS MEN

GEO. A. HARDING

Is a native of Sydney, Australia. He came to California when but a youth of 12 years of age, and after a residence there of one year he arrived in Portland, Oregon, in 1857. He commenced the practice of his chosen profes-



sion in the drug store of Dr. Alden H. Steel, and has been engaged in the drug business more or less since and continuously since 1874 at Oregon City. Mr. Harding thus has a record of more than 40 years in the drug business, which, to the best of our knowledge, is unequalled, and is still an exceptionally active man. During 1899 and 1900 he was president of the Oregon State Pharmaceutical Association. Mr. Harding was a member of the city council for four years. He has been vice-president of the Bank of Oregon City since its organization. In connection with a prosperous drug business he is ticket agent for the Portland and Oregon City Electric Line. The local office of the Oregon Telephone & Telegraph Co. is in his store.

RED FRONT TRADING CO.

Geo. T. Howard, Manager of the Red Front Trading Co., was born in London, Eng., and came to Oregon City 14 years



ago, having been connected with the mercantile business for the past 11 years. Besides being manager and chief stockholder

in the company, he does notarial work, insurance and deals in real estate for the accommodation of his patrons. The present incorporated company was organized in 1895 and carries a general stock of merchandise which it buys direct from the factory and sells for a small margin at one price to all, and aims to treat all fairly. Since its organization the company has been agents for the celebrated Standard patterns. It has built up a first-class trade, and the Red Front is known from one end of Clackamas County to the other as a good place to trade.

ELY BROS.

The firm of Ely Brothers is composed of Duane C. Ely, a native of New York, and Geo. V. Ely, a native of Illinois. They came to Oregon 23 years ago and have been in business over 13 years, and are next to the oldest general merchandise store in Oregon City, having been in business in Ely addition before moving to their present location on Seventh Street. They own two stores, one being used as a warehouse. Their stock is one of the largest in the general merchandise line in Oregon City. By constant attention to business, along with their long experience, they can sell goods cheaper than their less fortunate competitors and are enjoying a large share of the trade. They are enterprising and universally honored and respected. Recently they put up a private telephone to Ely for the accommodation of their patrons.

HERMAN SCHRADER

Proprietor of the Seventh-Street Bakery, is a native of Germany. After learning his trade he worked in the Old Country for twenty years, five years as proprietor of a bakery. He worked in some of the largest bakeries in Germany, Russia, Australia and San Francisco before coming to Oregon. That he thoroughly understands his business



goes without saying. Mr. Schrader had been employed for nearly eighteen years in the Main-Street Bakery in Oregon City before purchasing his present business, about a year ago. During his residence in Oregon City he has baked wedding cakes for two generations—parents and children. His bread and pastry gives the best of satisfaction, and is delivered free to his many customers.

