Lutheran Church.

HISTORICAL Sketch of the Swedish Evangelical Lutheran Church at Bay Congregation in Marshfield, Oregon.

After necessary preparation by the Rev. P. Carlsson who visited this place the first time in Sept., 1884, a Swedish Evangelical Lutheran congregation was organized the 6th day of September, 1884, consisting of 44 communicants. A like same meeting it was decided to erect a church building 34 x 25 feet, which was dedicated in May 1885.

A roll was then extended to the Rev. C. M. Ely, who became the first permanent pastor, for the congregation. He retired Jan. 1, 1887.

A successor was received in the Rev. A. A. Nord, and he entered into his duties as pastor of the church in July 1887. He retired from the services of the church in April 1900, leaving the congregation unwast till in Aug. 1905.

The Rev. H. T. Horstmann served the congregation as its pastor one year.

At his removal in August 1904, roll was extended to and accepted by the Rev. C. M. Edgerly, who served as pastor from 1897 to 1900.

Call was extended in June 1911 to the Rev. B. F. Bergstrom, the present pastor. He entered the field in December 1911. The congregation then numbered 75 communicants and 152 members. At the present day, the number of communicants is 180, and the number of members is 480, and the congregation is self-supporting and proselytes.

Riggs’ Photographic Gallery.

Owen & Noble’s Cigar Store.

The pleasant place in town to pass away an idle hour is at Owen & Noble’s cigar store. Here a large back room is provided with tables and chairs. The latest papers are kept on file, and any one, friend or stranger, is welcome to make himself at home, as long as he conducts himself as a gentleman. It is an excellent place for a quiet game of whist or cards, and one of Marshfield’s oldest citizens, business and professional men, can be found there any evening, pitched against each other in games of skill with the cards. No gambling is tolerated at any time, and minors are strictly excluded. This is strictly a respect for good business.

A first-class stock of cigars, tobacco and snuffers articles is kept on hand, and the business is prospering, under the management of A. F. Owen, an old and popular resident of the Bay.

Marshfield Lighting Co’s Plant.

E. B. Dean & Co.

P R E H A P S the greatest factor in the growth and development of Marshfield has been the sawmill and lumbering business conducted by E. B. Dean & Co. for over 30 years.

During the great part of this time they operated the mill which now forms a saw-land (and much on the southern end of the water front. This mill was built by John Petracca in 1903. In 1891 it was purchased by E. B. Dean & Co. The first two years in San Francisco, Mr. Merchant, had seen in the employ of the lumbering business, while his partners attended to the sawing of lumber and buying of groves in San Francisco.

The mill has a capacity of about 50,000 feet a day, and it ran steadily, year after year, giving employment to many men and making Marshfield the center of activity on the upper bay. A faint idea of the aggregate amount of lumber turned out may be gained from the statement that nearly twenty blocks of the town were raised from the level of the marsh and modified with sanddirt from the mill.

In 1886 the mill in town was permanently abandoned, and the firm transferred operations to the Bay City mill, which had been purchased from the estate of A. lobster, who had built it a few years before, it was improved and given a capacity of about 60,000 feet a day and has been operated steadily to the present time.

On Dec. 1, 1893 Mr. Merchant withdrew from the firm, which was then in a prosperous condition. Four years and one month later he took charge of the store of the firm, as receiver, a position which he still holds, and his management has placed the business again on its feet.

In the past year Mr. Wilcox passed away, and his interest was later purchased by C. F. Ballman, of Sacramento a son-in-law of E. B. Dean.

O. S. Mitchell, formerly book-keeper in the San Francisco office, acts as agent there. During the temporary absence of Mr. Merchant, an attention made imperative by falling health caused by too close application to business, he is represented here by his son, W. T. Merchant, and the affairs of the firm are running smoothly as of old, and the mill is grinding along steadily with a crew, consisting of 25 men, back in the employ of the firm for over a quarter of a century.

During nearly the entire time of the firm’s operation the "Mill Store" has been headquarters for the general merchandising trade of Marshfield, and more goods have passed through that known building than any other structure in the city. Every comprehensive stock is carried, and nearly any want can be supplied.

Thomas Howard’s Jewelry Store.

A. B. Campbell’s Grocery Store.

E. B. Dean & Co.

E. B. Up To Date Grocery, of which A. B. Campbell is proprietor in the Rogers building, is one of the best located and one of the best arranged groceries in the city. This store was opened in January, 1905, by A. B. Black & Sons of Mystic Point. Mr. Campbell was employed in the store from the start, and in July of the same year by Mr. R. Black & Sons. A little over a year later Mr. Black worth, desiring to take up his chosen trade, sold out to Mr. Campbell, who still conducts a business with marked success.

Mr. Campbell was born and raised in Coos Bay, and he is one of the number of young men of whom Marshfield has reason to be proud. He studies his business and aims to keep his store worthy of its name, Up to Date. To pleasant manners he adds strict reliability, as well as a

Coos Bay Steam Laundry