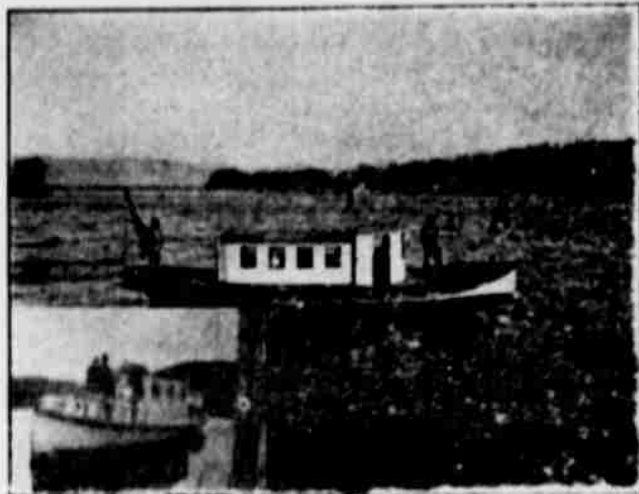


Catching Slough



Give herewith a view of the two gasoline launches used by Capt. W. C. Harris on the Catching slough route between Sumner and Marshfield. A comparison of these swift and comfortable boats with the single open rowboat which did all the light business on this route a few years ago, will furnish an indication of what can be done by one man of energy and progressive ideas.

Capt. Harris came to the Bay from Humboldt, with his fam-



The SumnerBoa's.

ily, in July 1898. At that time the route from Sumner to Marshfield had been served by a row-boat running about three times a week. Capt. Harris placed on the route a stern-wheel gasoline which he had brought from Humboldt. Next spring he rented L. M. Nobles fine farm at Sumner, and commenced bringing his milk to the creamery. At that time the Catching slough country was supplying 18 cans of milk a day to the creamery. By furnishing satisfactory delivery service and giving a very incouragement to the industry, Capt. Harris at once increased this output. The following year, 1900, the launch shown in the smaller pictures was built and placed on the route. She served the trade until this summer, a larger, faster and much more commodious craft was ordered of John Blomquist, and she was placed on the route this Fall. The older boat was repaired and will be also used in handling the increasing business. The benefit to the traveling public may be seen from the fact the fare on the gasoline is but 25 cents, while in former days the writer has often paid 50 cents for the privilege of spending 4 or 5 hours in a row boat on the way from Sumner to Marshfield, working his passage with the oars a good part of the way to keep warm.

In the mean time Capt. Harris installed a cheese plant at his place at Sumner in 1901 and commenced the manufacture of a high-class full cream cheese, for which a good market was at once established, both on the Bay and at Eureka, Cal. This cheese has taken first premium at the state fair for the last two years. Some butter of a prime quality has also been made, but cheese is the principle output.

The opportunity afforded farmers of the Sumner and Catching slough country, to turn their attention particularly to the dairying industry. The output of milk delivered to the creamery has increased from 18 cans of milk a day in the Summer of 1899, to 70 cans of milk and cream, equivalent to over 100 cans of milk, a day in the Summer of 1902, many of the farmers having put in separators and sending only their cream to the creamery. They have also improved their herds by the infusion of better blood, and the production will be doubled within the next few years. The section named is one of the richest in Oregon in its grass-producing qualities and is particularly well adapted to the dairying business. The settlers are prosperous and progressive and are inclined to make the most of their splendid opportunities. They are improving their stock and their places, dyking to more marsh land, clearing up more bottom, getting better buildings and in a general way keeping up with the procession.



Corner of Red Cross Drug Store

John Bear's Livery.

JOHN Bear has been in the livery stable business in Marshfield since 1886, when he bought out A. Lang & Son, who had established the business a few years before. Mr. Bear's energy and strict attention to the work in hand has kept his business moving and it has fully kept pace with the growth of the town. His establishment is now thoroughly equipped with rigs of all kinds, kept in first-class order, driving horses spirited or gentle to suit the driver, well-trained saddle horses and in fact all that goes to make up a modern livery stable, including a handsome new hearse, added a few months ago. A roomy wagonette is part of the outfit, and during the driving season many merry parties are taken to Rocky point and other places of interest. The feed branch of the business is not neglected and transient stock is given the best of treatment. A general hauling and delivery business is conducted and several teams are kept constantly busy. Feed of all kinds is handled, and dealing in wood and coal forms an important branch of Mr. Bear's activities.



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Tom. Micklewright, Jeweler.

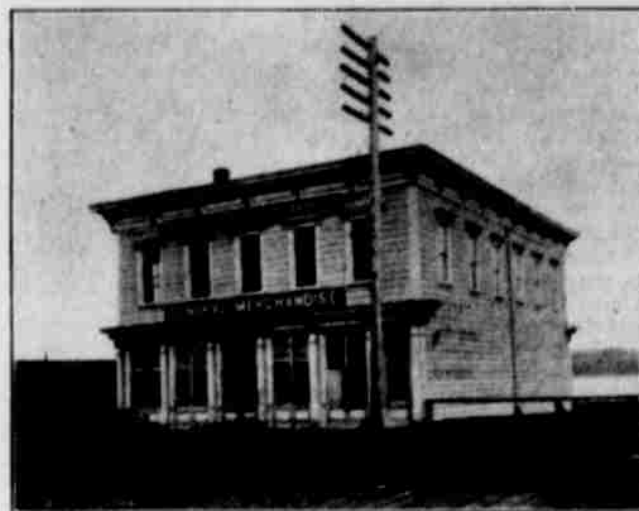
One of the craftsmen of Marshfield who has made a place for himself in a very short time is T. Micklewright, the jeweler, who has his bench in the window of the Red Cross Drug Store.

Mr. Micklewright is an expert practical and theoretical jeweler, who learned his profession in London and has worked in some of the first class shops of the world's metropolis. He came to Marshfield in last March, and made a business arrangement with Mr. Preuss, proprietor of the Red Cross Drug Store, by which his workmanship is made to blend with the jewelry and silverware department of the store. Mr. Micklewright at once took front rank as an expert workman in the line of watch making, repairing of delicate surgical and scientific instruments etc, and has already built up a steady and profitable trade. Mr. Micklewright, exemplary habits and genial manners have won him many friends. Any one having work in his line and desiring to patronize a reliable and thoroughly competent workman can do no better than to give Mr. Micklewright a call.

Thomas Hirst's Store.



THE store of Thomas Hirst represents one of the first business ventures in Marshfield. The store was opened in 1869 by Andrew Nasburg in the building which is now occupied by G. T. Coleman's blacksmith shop. At that time there was no Front street south of A, and the store was reached by a narrow walk along the mudflat. In the early seventies Mr. Hirst bought in



with Mr. Nasburg, and they were associated together until the latter's death in 1891. The post office was located in one corner of the store, Mr. Nasburg being postmaster, a position which he held until he resigned and was succeeded by Mr. Hirst, who retained the office until 1895. In 1877 the present store building was constructed. A general merchandise business was conducted. A large stock was carried, and a good trade was always enjoyed. The aim of the proprietors being to carry only goods of the most reliable quality.

Since Mr. Nasburg's death, Mr. Hirst has conducted the business on the established conservative lines. His adopted son, Milton Hirst, was given a good training in the business, and when Mr. and Mrs. Hirst started for a visit to their old home in Australia last Summer, for a few months well-earned vacation, Milton was left in charge of the store. At this time it was determined to change somewhat the line of business. Accordingly the lines of dry goods, clothing, men's furnishings, hats, shoes etc. were closed out, and attention is now given exclusively to the line of groceries, flour and feed, in which the stock is being amplified and enlarged, and the trade is correspondingly increasing.

Marshfield Presbyterian Church.

A Presbyterian Church was organized on Coos Bay, in 1874 perhaps at Empire City by Rev. A. H. Bates, who ministered to it for some two years and returned to Illinois. He now resides in Washington D. C. In 1875 Rev. J. B. H. Hewitt was sent to Coos Bay but he did not remain. This Church appears in the minutes of the Southern Oregon Presbytery in 1877 but in 1878 it disappears from the minutes, having been disbanded. In 1878 Rev. J. A. Hanna, by appointment of Presbytery, visited Coos Bay to investigate the condition of the Church then. In the discharge of his duty he traveled 400 miles visited 40 families preached 11 times and found the Presbyterians on the Bay disheartened. Nothing further was done until the spring of 1883 when Rev. A. R. Bickenback came and spent a year on the Bay, living in Marshfield and revived the Church, but when he went away in 1884 the Church went to sleep again. In the fall of 1888 Rev. J. B. Rideout was sent as a Home Missionary to Coos Bay. He organized the First Presbyterian Church of Marshfield Aug. 3d, 1890, with 7 members. His work was prospered and he reported 34 members in Apr., 1891. During that year the house of worship was built. He remained with the church until the fall of 1893, when he removed to Whittier, Cal. He was succeeded by Rev. Geo. Gillespie, who served the church most acceptably for about 6 years, when he removed to Port Orford. Rev. S. B. McClelland came in Dec., 1900 and remained until Apr. 1902. During that time the church building was removed to its present site and the manse was purchased. The present pastorate began June 1st, 1902, and Rev. F. G. Strange was installed Nov. 12th, 1902. Since he came 10 members have been received, increasing the membership to 55. The Church has been painted and the manse has been greatly improved and the outlook for continued growth is encouraging.



The D. L. Rood Residence.