A HISTORY OF PHARMACY IN TREMPEALEAU COUNTY

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Description of Trempealeau County

Trempealeau County is in the Western part of Wisconsin, on the Mississippi River. It is bounded on the east by Jackson County, on the north by Eau Claire County, on the west by Buffalo County and on the south by La Crosse County, as well as by Winona County across the Mississippi River in Minnesota.

The area of the county is 748 square miles. Its greatest length, north to south, is 42 miles. Its average width is 18 miles.

The area belongs entirely to the Mississippi system, and is separated into three distinct divisions, the Trempealeau Prairie Region, the Trempealeau Valley Region, and the Beef River Region. The Mississippi bluffs are broken at Trempealeau Village, and this opening stretches back into a fertile prairie, reaching from the Black River bluffs to the Mississippi River bluffs, the ancient bed of the Mississippi. This prairie opens at the northeast into the Beaver Creek Valley, which contains the Galesville and Mttrick country. At the northwest, the Trempealeau Prairie opens into the Valley of the Tamarack River, which flows south between high ridges and then west across the prairie into the Trempealeau River a few miles from its mouth.

The physical geography of Trempealeau County has been the important feature in its settlement. At or near the present sites of all the incorporated villages, there were stores before the railroads were built.

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The county was created January 24, 1854. The supervisors of Montoville Township met as the supervisors of Trempealeau County March 11, 1854. Gale Township was created at this meeting and the first regular meeting of county supervisors consisting of the chairman of Montoville (Trempealeau) and Gale Township met May 1, 1854. The commissioner system, with a commissioner from each of three districts, went into effect January 1, 1862, and the supervisor system was revived January 1, 1870.

The townships of the county are: Trempealeau, created as Montoville by the county supervisors of La Crosse County before Trempealeau County was organized, the date not appearing in the La Crosse records; Gale, created March 11, 1854; Preston, created November 21, 1855; Summer, created November 20, 1856; Arcadia, created November 20, 1856; Caledonia, created November 11, 1857; Lincoln, created November 13, 1860; Ettrick, December 16, 1862, Burnside, December 31, 1863; Hale, February 16, 1864; Albion, January 20, 1870; Dodge, January 4, 1875; Pigeon, January 4, 1875; Unity, November 20, 1877; and Chimney Rock, November 22, 1881.

The metropolis is Arcadia with a population of some 1,400. The others are Whisball, Trempealeau, Galeville, Dodge, Independence, Blair, Ettrick, Pigeon Falls, Osseo, Strum and Eleva.

The population of Trempealeau County is 22,926. The Scandinavian element largely predominates. The German and Polish element is next in numbers.

The county is entirely an agricultural one, all of the villages depending upon the people of their immediate rural district for their support.
Galesville

List of Registered Pharmacists, 1882 to 1921, inclusive.

Kneeland, A. H. 1882 to 1901, inclusive. Died June 29, 1901.
Scarseth, A. J. 1882 to 1921, inclusive.
Myhre, G. F. 1882 to 1905, inclusive. Moved to Westby, Wis.
Richtmann, W. O. 1898 (See Arcadia).
Fiedler, F. H. 1900 to 1903. Moved to Fountain City, Wis.
Mailer, W. P. 1903 to 1916, inclusive.
Francar, Emile 1905 to 1921, inclusive.
Berquist, O. S. 1909 to 1921, inclusive.
Holmberg, Norval 1897 to 1899.

List of Assistant Pharmacists in Galesville, Wis.
1882 to 1921


Turner, F. H. 1888.

Francar, Emile 1901 to 1905 when he received his Registered Papers.
Dear friend Morris:

Your father asked me if I would try and give you a few sketches regarding the Drug and Patent medicine business during the early days of Galesville, which I will try to do as my memory dictates, be it correct or otherwise.

There was located on the lower table a small store where the Galesville Bank now stands, conducted and owned by Ryland Parker, and where groceries were kept, as well as patent medicines and some staple drugs that a farming community would usually call for. Later on, the community grew and larger stores were built, like the old Stone Store, run by Wilson Davis, who employed a so called druggist because having secured a state permit, was allowed to dispense medicines right or wrong. A. J. Scorseth one time conducted the Drug Department in this store.

A. H. Kneeland opened up a new store in which Drugs and Patent medicines were dispensed under the direction of Dr. William Young. Later Mr. Kneeland employed regular Pharmacists among whom were Mr. Fiedler and Richtmann and others.

G. M. Myhre also handled a full line of drugs and patent medicines in a small frame building on the corner where the Gilbertson-Myhre Store now stands. In 1882 G. F. Myhre and C. Holmberg went into partnership under the firm name of Holmberg & Myhre. Their stock consisted of groceries, hardware, drugs and patent medicines. Dr. C. P.
Bunsen was the chief man in the Drug Department for quite a period. Later on they had connections with other doctors including Dr. Willey, Dr. Thrall, Dr. Bell and Dr. Lyman. Finally Dr. Rhodes appeared on the scene and built up a very large practice, which we jointly enjoyed immensely for he used barrels of fluids and tons of soda bicarb. and calomel, etc., but as the old saying goes, there is no lane without a turn and here it is, as Rhodes got it into his head that he wanted a drug store of his own, so he could handle his drug and R/ privately and exclude other doctors from seeing his wonderful formulas, so he put in a stock of drugs, etc., with Emile Francar in charge. I am not sure but Jegi had already entered the drug business with some Pharmacist, either Mr. Fiedler or Richtmann. I know Dr. Mailer had an interest in the drug store for a year or two, but after a couple years had passed, they got tired of it and sold out, so that the drug business now is in the hands of regular Pharmacists.

Regards to you,

G. HOLMBERG.
Galesville, Wis.
May 15, 1921.

Dear Norris:

George Oliver said you wanted some information on the Drug business of Galesville. I believe you have Mr. Holmberg's letter and I will ask Mr. Scarsett for information also.

Dr. Young, druggist from 1855 to about 1870. A. H. Kneeland, 1870 to about 1895 and then Richtmann & Arthur Kneeland bought him out, and they sold to Fred Fiedler in 1898 or 99. Prof. Richtmann can supply these dates.

Francair, too, came to Galesville in 1901 and located in Rhodes Building and conducted a Drug Store there for about two years and then bought Fiedler out in the Kneeland Building in 1903. Shortly after this he bought out Holmberg's stock of drugs, and he was then alone in the drug business for six years.

Bergquist came to Galesville in 1909 and is still located in same quarters.

G. M. Myhre conducted Drug Store in R. A. Smith building from 1880 to 1882 or 83. He then took Mr. Holmberg in as a partner.

Davis Stone Store carried Drug Stock from (about) 1870 to 1880, with Scarsett as Druggist part of the time.

A. J. Scarsett carried drugs from 1885 to 1910 in connection which his grocery department.

A man by the name of Amadon ran a Drug Store in Grover Block in 1904 for about six months also.

Your father,

G. A. KELLMAN.
Biographies

Emile Francair, proprietor of a well-equipped drug store in Galesville, was born in Red River, Wisconsin, June 25, 1877, son of Anton and Jennie (Lewis) Francair. The father was a native of Belgium, who on coming to this country settled near Green Bay, Wisconsin, where for thirty years or more he was employed by the cooperative company's plant. He and his wife, who was born in Wallon, Wisconsin, now reside at Green Bay. They had fourteen children, of whom Emile was the fifth in order of birth.

Emile Francair was educated in the schools at Green Bay and subsequently took a course in Pharmacy, receiving his degree in May, 1894. He resided at home until 1901, when he came to Galesville and associated himself in the drug business with Dr. Edison Rhodes in the Rhodes Building. In 1903, he purchased from F. H. Fiedler the Galesville Pharmacy which store he now conducts. This store is one of the Rexall Stores. Mr. Francair is one of the successful business men in Galesville. Since coming to this village Mr. Francair has identified himself with the interests of the village and county, taking an active part in different local organizations. He served as trustee on the village board of Galesville, and is at present secretary of the Business Men's Association and President of the Trempealeau County Fair Association. Mr. Francair was married November 7, 1902, to Clara Langenohl, who was born in Winona, Minnesota, daughter of Fred and Mary (Webber) Langenohl. Her father, who was a shoe manufacturer, is now deceased. His wife, surviving him, resides in Galesville. Mr. and Mrs. Francair have one child, Genevieve Delphine.

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Photograph on page 453.
Galesville Transcript. January 10, 1863.

New York Store (of Trempleau)
We're putting in a complete and full stock of drugs and medicines, all of which are warranted to be of first quality.

This ad was in the paper until November 27, 1863.


Wm. T. Booker (of Trempleau)
Ayers, Grovesburgh, Jaynes, and Scoville's Patent Medicines, Balsam of Cherry, etc.

Galesville Transcript. July 17, 1863.

New York Store (of Trempleau)
We have just received from the Wholesale House of Besworth and Son, Milwaukee, a full and complete stock of drugs and medicines. Physicians prescriptions carefully put up.

Galesville Transcript. December 11, 1863.

New York Store (of Trempleau)
We constantly have on hand the following drugs, medicines, etc:

Patent medicines, Ayers Cherry Pectoral, Hooflans German Bitters, Pills, Ayers Pills, etc., Capsules of Glycerine, arsenic, strychnine, camphor, peppermint, iodine, potash, potassium carbonate, British Spike Anisal.

We shall keep on hand every article which may be necessary in a drug store.

Ad ended December 25, 1863.

Galesville Transcript. March 11, 1864.

New York Store (of Trempleau)
Great Bargains in Drugs, etc.
Come and see for yourself.
Galesville Transcript. January 4, 1867.

1866 Union Store 1866
Cheap Cash Store.
Dry Goods, Groceries, Furniture, Boots & Shoes, etc.
Drugs & Patent Medicines.
Cheap! Cheap! Cheap!

W. L. Booker, Prop. (Trempealeau)

Galesville Transcript. January 1867. (Ended January 27, 1869)
Dry Goods, Groceries, Drugs, Paints & Oils.
Coman & Kneeland & Co. (Trempealeau)

Trempealeau County Record, December 6, 1867.
Dry Goods! See our White Goods, Grocery Department,
Clothing, Drugs, Paints & Oils.
Coman & Kneeland & Co., First Street, Trempealeau.

Trempealeau County Record. December 13, 1867. (Ended May, 1868.)

Union Store 1867
Dry Goods, Groceries, Drugs, Hardware, Boots & Shoes.
W. L. Booker, Trempealeau.


A. H. Kneeland (Galesville)
Dealer in Dry Goods, Boots & Shoes, Hats & Caps,
Ready Made Clothing, Drugs, Paints & Oils.

Fire at La Crosse!
Several Lives Lost!
$250,000 worth of property destroyed.

Notwithstanding all this calamity, A. H. Kneeland has returned from the East with a large selection of Dry Goods, Groceries, Boots & Shoes, etc. Besides numerous other articles of use.

Drug Department! In this department you will find the best liquors for medicinal purposes. Prescriptions compounded by William M. Young, M.D. Also all kinds of Patent Medicines which will be sold at low prices.

Galesville Journal. May 9, 1872.

Personal!

Mr. A. H. Kneeland has just returned from New York, where he has been to purchase Goods. He has a large stock on the way.


Late from New York.
Low Prices!
Down!
Down!
Down!
All kinds of goods.

A. H. Kneeland, Dry Goods, Groceries, etc.
Drug Department. Prescriptions compounded by William M. Young, M.D.

Journal & Record. October 10, 1873.

New Drug Store

We have added to our stock a first class assortment of Drugs and are now fully prepared to fill requirements in this line, at reasonable rates. Our new stock of dry goods, paints, caps, shoes, etc. is complete.

Call at the New Store!

Galesville, Wisconsin.
Great Fire Sale! In New York.
No lives lost! but great sacrifice to all kinds of goods.

A. H. Kneeland has just returned from New York with the
largest stock of goods ever brought to Trempealeau County consist-
ing of Dry Goods, Groceries, Jewelry, Drugs & Medicines.

Drug Department: In this department you will find the best
quality of drugs from all parts of the world. Also choice liquors
for medicinal purposes. Prescriptions compounded by Wm. M. Young,M.D.,
who will ever be found with smiling countenance, ready to fill all
orders. Remember to call at the Brick Block, or cheap Cash Store
of A. H. Kneeland, Corner Main & Allen St., Galesville, Wisconsin.

Journal & Record. May 15, 1874.

Happy are those who buy goods cheap!

For bargains go to A. H. Kneeland.
List of Registered Pharmacists in Arcadia, Wis., 1882 to 1921, inclusive.

Putman, Seth 1882 to 1886. Dropped from the Wisconsin Pharmaceutical Association in 1886.

Pierson, J. H. 1884, 1885 (See Trempealeau).

Maurer, Emil 1884 to 1921, inclusive.

Hoeschler, C. A. 1898 to 1900. Moved to La Crosse, Wis.

Richtmann, W. O. 1894 to 1915. With the exception of one year spent at Galesville, Wis., in 1898. He moved to Madison, Wis., in 1915.

Koenig, F. C. 1901 to 1908. Moved to Milwaukee, Wis.

Cysewski, Larry I. 1902, 1903. Moved to Loyal, Wis.

Simon, A. W. 1907 to 1911. Moved to Greenwood, Wis.

Danuser, R. W. 1908 to 1921, inclusive.

Hild, Leo 1910 to 1921, inclusive.

List of Assistant Pharmacists in Arcadia, Wis., 1882 to 1921, inclusive.

Burnsatitt, D. 1882, 1883.

Rainey, Charles F. 1898.

Danuser, R. W. 1902 to 1908 when he received his Registered Papers.

Simon, A. W. 1904 to 1907 when he received his Registered Papers.

Hild, Leo 1906, 1907. He moved to La Crosse in 1907, but moved back to Arcadia, when he received his Registered Papers.
Biographies

Emil Maurer, president of the Bank of Arcadia, financier and man-of-affairs, has been a leading factor in the life of Arcadia for many years, and the civic movements in which he has not had an active part are few indeed. Coming here as a boy of twelve, he has grown up with the village and has had a share in its growth, having been one of the original supporters of several of the ventures which have contributed most largely to its development and progress. In spite of his substantial success in life, Mr. Maurer is democratic and approachable by nature, a sincere friend to every inhabitant of the village and countryside, and ever willing to give his time, voice, and support in behalf of every good and worthy progress. At the prime of his activities he finds himself in an enviable position of respect and honor, satisfied in his work, and happy in his wide circle of friendships. He was born in Waukesha, this state, July 7, 1862, son of John and Katherine (Maas) Maurer, the pioneers, spent his boyhood in Fountain City and Arcadia, and was educated in the schools of Buffalo and Trempealeau Counties. At the age of seventeen, he entered the employ of C. G. Oppliger at Fountain City where he remained for eighteen months. With this experience, he returned to Arcadia in 1884, and purchased the drug business of James Pierson and Son. This concern he developed into one of the most important commercial ventures for the village, erecting for its occupancy in 1892, the handsome building which now houses the establishment of his successor, and in the upper story of which he still makes his home. While conducting the drug store he became interested in the Bank of Arcadia, and in 1901 he sold out his drug business to become president and active manager of

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the bank. His personality, integrity, standing, and wide friendships have been the important elements in the success of the institution. He is also one of the moving spirits in the Western Wisconsin Telephone Company which he helped to organize and of which he has been the only secretary.

The Trempealeau County Bankers' Development Association has likewise found him a valued member and efficient secretary. In public life he has been president and member of the village council, and member of the Board of Education and of the Library Board. When he was president of the council, some of the village's best improvements were undertaken, and the present library was built when he was a member of its board. In the Masonic order he has served in all the chairs of the Blue Lodge and Chapter. His Elk Affiliation is with the lodge at La Crosse. He is also a member of the Independent Foresters at Arcadia.

Mr. Maurer was married June 13, 1885, to Magdelina Danuser, born in Buffalo County, this state, May 22, 1861, daughter of Jacob Danuser, the pioneer. This union has been blessed with four children: Erna E., Nettie E., Mae Alice and Merrill E. Erna E. graduated from the University of Wisconsin and is now a teacher. Nettie E. graduated from the Winona State Normal School, taught school for a while, married Oscar A. Erickson, a merchant of Kasson, Minnesota, and has one son, William. Mae Alice is a graduate of the Stout Institute at Menominee, Wisconsin, and is now teaching domestic science at Evansville, Wisconsin. Merrill E. has been a student at Lawrence College, Appleton, Wisconsin, and is now a student of the State Normal School at La Crosse.
Ralph W. Danuser, licensed pharmacist and active manager of the store of L. E. Danuser & Son, Arcadia, was born in Independence, May 14, 1880, passed through the graded schools and graduated from the Independence High School in 1896 and the Arcadia High School in 1898. Then he took a course in pharmacy and chemistry at the University of Wisconsin, with the degree of Ph. G. Since then he has been connected with his present concern. Fraternally Mr. Danuser is a member of the Masonic order, and the Independent Foresters. Mr. Danuser was married May 22, 1909, to Ina L. Paine of Arcadia, daughter of Frank R. and Kate W. (Rathbone) Paine, and this union has been blessed with four children: Donald, born April 12, 1910; Eileen, August 12, 1911; Adeline, November 13, 1914, and Bruce, May 26, 1917.
Trempealeau County Republican and Arcadia Leader. December 7, 1877 to February 27, 1878, inclusive.

Call on Lewis and Putman at their new store and find a full supply of drugs, patent medicines, paints and oils. Also a first class list of Family Groceries.

All goods warranted as represented or money refunded.

Lewis and Putman.

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Trempealeau County Republican and Arcadia Leader. February 21, 1878 to December 5, 1878, inclusive.

Pierson Bros.

Druggists and Book-sellers, Dealers in drugs, chemicals, patent medicines, paints and oils, dye stuffs; toilet articles and perfumery. School books and Stationery, Albums, etc.

Tobacco and Cigars, Candies, Nuts, etc.

Prescriptions carefully compounded day or nite.

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Trempealeau County Republican and Arcadia Leader. March 3, 1881 to March 31, 1881, inclusive.

Call on Seth Putman.

Drugs, Patent Medicines, Paints and oils.

Also a first class lot of Family Groceries.

All goods warranted as represented or money refunded.

Seth Putman, Prop.

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Trempealeau County Republican and Arcadia Leader. April 7, 1881 to February 22, 1883, inclusive.

Seth Putman.

Dealer in Drugs, Medicines, Paints, Oils, Chemicals, etc.

Special attention given to physicians' prescriptions, and preparation of all medicines.

Main Street. Arcadia, Wis.

Seth Putman, Prop.
List of the Registered Pharmacists in Whitehall, Wis., 1882 to 1921, inclusive.

Briscal, James 1882, 1883.
Camp, D. S. 1882, 1883, 1884.
Gjesdahl, S. 1884.
Gorder, C. 1885.
Banks, G. E. 1887.
Heyerdahl, Albert, 1890.
McNaughton, D. J. 1892 to 1906. Died in 1906.
Parker, W. E. 1891 to 1910. Moved to Glenwood, Wis.
Wassweiler, Charles S. 1900. Moved to Pigeon Falls.
Bensend, Floren B. 1906, 1907. Moved to Oak Park, Ill.
Thompson, O. J. 1915, 1916.
Kongsaard, Harvey O. 1898 to 1921, inclusive.
Fortun, Roy A. 1916 to 1921, inclusive.
Whitehall, Wis.
October 19, 1920.

My dear Mr. Kellman:

In reply to your inquiry as to Druggists in this village will say:— That so far as I remember and can at present ascertain, Daniel L. Camp put in the first stock of Drugs and James Prisco or Dan Tucker was the first Druggist. Both worked for him, but which one first, I cannot say definitely. It is quite likely that the Drug Department of Camp's store was put in, in the fall of 1874.

Since that time we have had many different Druggist; Bellerud had a Drug Store at one time with Ole Granrud in charge. Gaarder now running a Drug Store at La Crosse also worked here. Heyerdahl of La Crosse was here for a time also. McNaughton, Harvey Kongsgaard, Thompson and some whose names have escaped my memory for the time being. We have Harvey Kongsgaard and R. A. Fortun at present.

This is impromptu, incomplete, and indefinite but the best I can do now.

Respectfully yours,

H. A. ANDERSON.
Advertisements

Trempealeau County Messenger. April 4, 1877 to May 23, 1877, inclusive.

Camp's
Cheap Cash Store
A full line of Yankee notions, Stationery, Groceries, Drugs, etc.
Constantly on hand at prices as low as the lowest.
Main St., Whitehall, Wis.

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Trempealeau County Messenger. March 20, 1878 to April 10, 1878, inclusive.

Camp's Pioneer Drug and Grocery Store.
The cheapest place in the county for drugs and groceries, paper hanging, notions, fruits, cigars, etc., for cash.
I keep pure drugs and have in my employ one of the most careful druggists in the state, and defy competition on goods and prices. When money talks I want it distinctly understood that I can afford to sell goods cheaper for cash than on indefinite time. I also wish it known that no person in distress, or want of medicine for sickness in his family, no matter how poor, has ever been turned away empty handed.

D. L. Camp

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Trempealeau County Messenger. June 26, 1878 to December 25, 1878, inclusive.

Don't you forget it.
The cheapest place in Whitehall to purchase Groceries, Drugs, paper hanging, druggists' notions, cigars, oils, glassware, patent medicines for cash is at Camp's Drug Store.
Prescriptions carefully compounded by a safe and experienced druggist at the lowest prices.

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Trempealeau County Messenger. May 29, 1878 to December 25, 1878, inclusive.

New Drug Store
H. G. Newell, Prop.
Whitehall, Wis.

Keeps constantly on hand a large supply of drugs and medicines, paints, oils, glassware, toilet goods, cigars, etc. kept in a 1st class Drug Store.
Prescriptions carefully compounded.
Trempealeau

List of the Registered Pharmacists in Trempealeau, Wis., 1882 to 1921, inclusive.

Pierson, J. H. 1883 to 1911 with the exception of one or two years spent at Arcadia, Wis., in the early '80's. He died in 1911.

Pierson, J. S. 1903 to 1921, inclusive.

List of Assistant Pharmacists in Trempealeau, Wis., 1882 to 1921, inclusive.

Pierson, J. S. 1882 to 1903, when he received his Registered Papers.

Pierson, C. R. 1899 to 1920 with the exception of one or two years spent at Osseo, Wis. He died in 1920.

Letters

Trempealeau, Wis.
November 4, 1920.

My dear Mr. Kellman:

Replying to yours of the 10th, will say that the Drug Business was carried in connection with other business prior to 1879 by Coman Kneeland & Gray. Then A. H. Kneeland sold to Wallace Gray, and he to Hancock. In the spring of 1874 my father bought G. N. Hancock out and opened the first exclusive Drug Store in Trempealeau. Father conducted the business until November 20, 1883, when I bought him out and I am still at it, and don't see any chance to quit. I have given this as near correct as I can and hope it will be satisfactory.

Yours very truly,

J. S. PIERSON.
Biographies

James Saurin Pierson who for many years has conducted a drug business in Trempealeau village, and has been successful as a business man, was born in Kingston, Canada, July 25, 1852. His parents were Jacob and Marian (Thompson) Pierson, the father born in Belfast, Ireland, September 10, 1824. Mrs. Jacob Pierson was of Irish parentage, but was born in the southern part of France in 1821. The subject of this sketch came to Wisconsin with his parents from Port Hope, arriving in Trempealeau, April 20, 1861. The journey was made by train to Dunleith, Illinois (now East Dubuque), and from there by boat to Trempealeau. On arriving in this country, Jacob Pierson settled in Caledonia Township, on a farm at McGilvray's Ferry, on Black River, the location being about a mile from the old ferry. He remained on this farm until the spring of 1871 and then moved to the George Miller place, one mile west of Trempealeau, which was a small tract of six acres, to which he added by purchase 165 acres adjoining.

James S. Pierson in his boyhood attended the common schools, and subsequently spent six months at Caledonia University, taking as far as he went, what corresponded to a high school education during the winter of 1867 and the spring of 1868. He then spent about a year in logging on the river at Onalaska, but during the winter of 1869-70 attended school in Barnard district, Caledonia. In the spring of 1870 he went back on the river and was engaged in lumbering for about two years, spending the summers on the river and the winters in scaling logs in Northern Wisconsin. During the winter of 1873-74, he

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taught school in Trempealeau County. This summer --1874-- he was married in Trempealeau village, July 9, by the pastor of the M. E. Church to Clara Q. Carleton of Wayne County, Michigan, and having bought his father's farm, took his wife to live there, the father entering the employ of King and Gray, druggists in Trempealeau village. He and his wife resided on the farm until about the fall of 1877 and then moved to the village, where Mr. Pierson worked at the carpenter's trade for two or three years.

In the meanwhile Jacob Pierson, the father, had become owner of the drug business on Front Street, and in 1882 the subject of this sketch bought him out and engaged in the drug business himself, conducting the store on Front Street until April 13, 1887, when this section of Trempealeau was wiped out by fire. Then in July he moved into the Ed Elkins Block on Main Street, where he has since been located, having built up a prosperous business. He has been a member of the Wisconsin Pharmaceutical Association almost from its organization.

Aside from his immediate business interests he is a stock holder in the Citizens State Bank. Succeeding Judge A. W. Newman as president of the school, Mr. Pierson served in that position for eleven years following, by appointment, and has served three terms by election. For thirty years he has acted as village treasurer. Otherwise he has held no public office, but in politics is a stalwart Republican.

He and his wife have two children, the elder of whom, Grace, born July 9, 1876, died at the age of five years, October 9, 1881. The other, Charles R., born March 7, 1882, is married and resides at Watertown, S. D., where he is district manager for the American Tobacco
Company. He has four children: William Irvin, born March 28, 1904; Hugh, born May 28, 1906; James, born March 3, 1909; and Kathleen, born May 14, 1912.

James S. Pierson has been a member of the Masonic order for thirty-five years, and is a Knight Templar, belonging to the Commandery at La Crosse. For fifteen years he has been treasurer of his lodge, No. 117, A. F. & A. M. at Trempealeau, and for three years has served as Master. He also belongs to Court Lotus, No. 3346, I. O. O. F. of Trempealeau. He was reared in the faith of the Episcopal Church, but since his marriage has affiliated with and supported the Congregational Church. Both as a citizen and as one of the leading business men at Trempealeau he is highly respected. He has always had the welfare of the village at heart and has taken a prominent part in every progressive movement calculated to advance its interests.
Advertisements

Trempealeau County Republican and Arcadia Leader. January 30, 1874 to April 17, 1874.

New Drug Store

Mr. Jacob h. Pierson has just opened up a new clean stock of drugs and medicines at Scarseth's old stand, which he will sell at the lowest market price. Having had a long experience in the drug business, I feel confident that I can satisfy all who trust me with their orders.

Physicians Prescriptions will be carefully compounded at all hours of the night or day.

If you want anything in my line do not fail to come to the new drug store where the best goods are kept.

J. H. Pierson, Prop.

There were many ads in the Trempealeau Herald from 1895 up to 1919, which were in the news notes, or in the "letter type", advertising sores, bruises, corns, chilblains, etc.

Trempealeau Herald. May 6, 1898.

Druggist J. S. Pierson filled his 18,888th prescription Wednesday, (this is not counting refilling). It will be a long while before he reaches that number again.


1860 W. T. Booker 1860

New goods, just received.
Drug goods, hats and caps, boots and shoes.
Hardware, nails, etc.
Also, agent for Graefenbergs medicines and school books of various kinds.
Trempealeau Republican. March 14, 1873 to April 18, 1873, inclusive.

King and Gray
Drugs, medicines and paints.
All kinds of dress goods, silks, etc.

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Trempealeau Republican. April 18, 1873 to October 17, 1873, inclusive.

G. N. Hancock
A choice variety of goods: drugs, medicines and paints.
Trempealeau, Wis.

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List of Registered Pharmacists in Independence, Wisconsin, 1882 to 1921, inclusive.

Taylor, J. C. 1882 to 1897. Died in 1897.
Taylor, B. E. 1882 to 1885, inclusive.
Hatch, J. D. 1897.
Hagerman, R. C. 1897.
Lorch, George J. 1900.
Lorch, Laura M. 1900.
Hals, O. C. 1901.
Humbull, J. J. 1902.
Runkel, W. G. 1908 to 1916 inclusive.
Runkel, L. 1915. Moved to Kenosha.

List of Assistant Pharmacists in Independence, Wisconsin, from 1882 to 1921, inclusive.

Staples, F. D. 1904.
Independence, Wis.
November 5, 1920.

Mr. F. A. Kellman,
Galesville, Wis.

Friend Frank:

Enclosed find a brief history of the drug business in this village. It is as good as I can secure at this time. I hope it will help your son, Norris.

Sincerely,

F. A. HOTCHKISS.

Short History of Drug Business in Independence.

J. C. Taylor, the first druggist in this village was an old fashioned apothecary, who in addition to his stock of drugs, carried paints and oils. He conducted this business from 1876 to 1897 when it was purchased by Dr. S. E. Hutchins who in the following year sold it to Mrs. Alice Maurer. In 1900 Mrs. Maurer sold her drug store to George Lorch who continued in the business for two years. In 1902 Dr. G. F. Stock purchased the stock and he in turn sold it to W. R. K. Johnson at the expiration of one year. Mr. Johnson died after running the business six months and the drug store was sold to Vassar and Staples. It was run under this management until 1905 when it was sold to J. G. Runkel and Son. Since the death of J. G. Runkel
in 1919 the business has been conducted by his son, Wallace Runkel. It was not until the Runkels owned the Drug Store that ice cream was sold there.

Advertisements

The Wave, December 21, 1889.

What a Fortune!!
Is a good healthy, pearly skin. Few are aware of the short time it takes for a disordered liver to cause blotches on the face, and a dark greasy skin. One bottle of Begg's Blood Purifier and Blood Maker will restore this organ to its natural and healthy state, and cleanse the blood of all impurities. It is meeting with wonderful success. We guarantee every bottle.

J. C. Taylor, Druggist.

The Independence News Wave, March 12, 1904 to September 17, 1905.

B. A. Vassau F. D. Staples

Independence Drug Store

We have purchased the stock of drugs belonging to the estate of W. R. K. Johnson and will continue business at the old stand. We solicit your patronage and support and will endeavor at all times to supply your wants with anything in our line. Prescriptions carefully compounded by our druggist, Staples. Fresh stock of drugs and medicines always on hand. Our motto: - Good Goods at Honest Prices.

The Independence News Wave, September 24, 1904 to April 15, 1905.

B. V. Vassau F. D. Staples

Independence Drug Store

Are you looking for something in the Drug, Jewelry and Stationery line?
If so, come to our store, we have what you are looking for.
Our Drug Department is complete in every particular, pure drugs, a full line of Standard Patents and a competent Pharmacist to fill your prescriptions.
The Independence News Wave. April 29, 1905 to June 17, 1905.

We are getting things rearranged and adding largely to the stock, but in the meantime don't forget we are headquarters for Pure Drugs, Patent Medicines, Perfumes, Soap, Fine Stationery, Purest Candies.

All prescriptions carefully compounded by a graduate in Pharmacy, at prices that are reasonable.

Red Cross Drug Store.

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The doctor first, then to us with the prescription. The more serious the illness the greater need. We do not prescribe. That is the physician's business.

We do, however, compound his prescriptions exactly as he wants them with standard drugs of known purity, and the price is always right when you buy at the Red Cross Drug Store, Independence, Wis.

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List of Registered Pharmacists in Blair, Wis., 1882 to 1921, inclusive.

Hanson, J. 1882 to 1887, inclusive.

Rynning, J. G. M. 1885.

Bellerus, Emanuel. 1887 to 1890, inclusive.

Anderson, Oscar W. 1895.

Vold, John H. 1896 to 1900, inclusive.

Gilbert, Carl Edward 1897.

Christensen, F. W. A. 1902.

Bersing, E. E. 1904 to 1912. Moved to Redfield, S. D.

Bellerus, Victor J. 1908 to 1914. 1918 to 1921. Between 1914 and 1918 he was located at Waterhole, Canada.

List of Assistant Pharmacists in Blair, Wis., from 1882 to 1921.

Hoegh, O. 1882, 1883.

Bersing, Nicholas E. 1894, 1895.

Vold, John H. 1895. Received Registered papers in 1896.

Staaben, Fred E. 1905.
Letters

Blair, Wisconsin,
November 12, 1920.

F. A. Kellman:

The first Drug Store in Blair was owned and run by John Hanson. He came here in 1876 or 77 and located on the site now owned by the Ole Benrud Estate. He later moved to the site now owned by V. J. Bellerud, who owns and conducts the drug business in Blair today.

O. F. IMPELL.
Osseo

List of Registered Pharmacists in Osseo, Wis., 1882 to 1921, inclusive.

Newell, G. F. 1884 to 1892, inclusive.
McPhail, Miss Kate 1894 to 1901, inclusive.
Brandon, Andrew H. 1895 to 1911. Moved to Chicago, Ill.
Hanson, J. H. 1901.
Larson, G. F. 1902.
Brandon, Mrs. Andrew H. 1902 to 1911. Moved to Chicago, Ill.
Nessa, Otto C. 1910 to 1921, inclusive.

List of Assistant Pharmacists in Osseo, Wis., 1882 to 1921, inclusive.

Hotchkiss, H. E. 1882 to 1903, inclusive.
Pierson, C. R. 1901.
Berg, A. M. 1902 to 1904. Moved to Stanley, Wis.
Ettrick

List of Registered Pharmacists in Ettrick, Wis., 1882 to 1921.

Wickstrom, Edward G. 1890 and 1891.
Beirne, Henry L. 1915. Moved to Taylor, Wis.

List of Assistant Pharmacists in Ettrick, Wis., 1882 to 1921.

Nelson, E. G. 1882 and 1883
Parker, W. E. 1885 to 1890. Moved to Whitehall, Wis.
James E. Cance. One of the prosperous merchants of the village of Ettrick is James E. Cance, who was born in Ettrick Township, December 22, 1864, son of Robert and Christine (Edmond) Cance. Scotland was the native land of his parents, the year of his father's birth being 1823 and that of his mother, 1830. Coming to the United States in 1859, they settled at once in Trempealeau County, Robert Cance buying land in Ettrick Township, where, until 1884, he was engaged in agriculture. From this time until his death in 1887 he carried on business as a merchant. That he was a man of considerable force and character, and highly esteemed, may be gathered from the fact that he was at one time elected a member of the State Assembly and served in various township offices including the school board, and also as a member of the county board. His wife passed away March 19, 1917. They had but two children: Mary, who is now Mrs. C. N. Ashley of Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin, and James E. of Ettrick.

James E. Cance acquired the elements of knowledge in the district school and afterwards attended Gale University, now known as Gale College. On his father's farm he picked up a knowledge of agriculture, but in 1884, at the age of twenty years, he purchased, together with his father, his present hardware and drug business from Iver Pederson, it being conducted under the style of R. Cance & Son in the smaller store next to his present location. The building he now occupies -- a two-story brick structure, 28 by 60 feet, with basement -- he erected in 1895, and he and his family reside in the upper story. He has conducted

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the business from the date of its organization in 1884 and is thoroughly familiar with it in all its details. With the increase of population in the village and surrounding territory, it has gradually grown and for many years has been on a profitable basis.

Mr. Cance is also a stockholder in the Bank of Ettrick, of which he is a director; a stockholder in the Bank of Galesville, the Ettrick Lumber Company, organized January 16, 1917, and in the Ettrick Northern Railroad, now under construction. He also owns business and residence property in Ettrick, of which place he is one of the substantial and well-to-do citizens. His fraternal affiliations are with the Beavers, Yeomen and Modern Woodmen of America.

July 1, 1896, Mr. Cance was united in marriage with Verna Casey, who was born in Ettrick Township, daughter of Maurice and Helena (Daley) Casey. Mr. and Mrs. Cance are the parents of one child, Gladys F., who was graduated at Galesville High School in the class of 1917.

Mr. Cance is now serving as president of the Board of Education at Ettrick. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church and in politics is an independent Republican.
Approved by W. Richtmann

Date Asst. Prof. of Pharmacognosy