

## [Clarence Cole]

Mr. Clarence Cole

Marshall, Wis.

Age 70 Years.

Mrs. Moran

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### Personal History

Mr. Clarence Cole of English descent was born in a log house, about miles from Marshall and has lived in that vicinity all of his life. He is in the hardware business , and is also clerk of the village.

Mr. Cole has a twin brother. At the time of their birth, twin colts and twin calves were also born on the farm. The twin colts grew to be a team and belonged to the twin boys. Their farm was thin called the "Twin Farm." 1 story

Marshall was first called Howard City for a man who bought much of the land in the vicinity. He in turn sold out to a Mr. Bird. A fire destroyed much of the village which then came into the name of Bird's Ruins. Mr. Bird afterward sold out to Mr. Hantchett and the village was called Hantchetville. It was next named Howard City then sold to Marshall and Porter and called by its present name of Marshall. 2

Two splendid organizations of Marshall are the Marshall Civic Chorus, organized two years ago - about thirty-five men and women are enrolled, and the Marshall Cornet band of which Mr. Cole is a member; in fact, he is the only charter member of the organization

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which was founded Nov. 8, 1890. This band enjoys the reputation of never having been disorganized since its founding and ov never having, refused to play whenever aksed. Band concerts are held every Saturday night during the summer months, in the band stand on the main street of the village

Marshall is the home of the first free High School organized in the state. It has an interesting history. Was first a Norwegian School or Seminary, in which Prof. Rasmus Anderson was interested in. The Norwegians abandoned it and moved to Decorah, [Ilowa?], where they starter the well-known Lutheran school now located there. A little story is told about the controversy between the Norwegians and the people of the townships who bought the building from them. The Norwegians refused to give them the bell so they said it was not in the agreement. The township people insisted that having bought the building, the bell belonged to them. One of the factions decided to settle it in this way - they removed the bell from the school and sunk it in the mill pon, to gain what they considered their rights. History

The main street of the village is unusually wide measuring 60 feet from curb edge to curb edge. In olden days horse racing was always a feature of the holiday celebrations, such as Fourth of July and Labor Day. Marshall had [no?] race [tracek?] track so this wide Main St. furnished the race course for these exciting events. 3 4

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The grade was all laid out for the railroad in Marshall, but the owner of the land and the railroad company couldn't come to terms so the company abandoned it and cut off the village. The present depot at Marshall is within the city limits but is a mile from the Main street, its business district. The lumber yards, condensory are of course built near the railroad. Consequently the village spread over considerable territory.

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The principal industries of Marshall are the Farmer's Co-op Creamery and its Condensary, a branch of the huge Bowman Dairy Co. of Chicago. Then too there is the old grist mill on Maunasha Creek on Waterloo Creek as it is sometimes called.