

## ***Mrs. Ella Deming's Fire Story***

*Mrs. Deming's story opens as follows:*

*"Personal experiences of Mr. Deming and myself consisted mainly in saving libraries of Dr. Hayward and Mr. Deming, also in helping Mr. And Mrs. Ames, who lived in a house where the Episcopal church stands, to move their household goods to our yard, where they stayed until Mr. Ames found a vacant house.*

*"We borrowed a boy's express wagon from Bert Kraus, whose people lived across from the library, and made one trip after another to the office on the second floor of the building on the corner where the Home Store now stands (201-203 South Central Avenue), and our home which was then where Mr. Kleinheinz now lives, on Third and Cedar Streets.*

*"It was not until five o'clock that we really, had time to look at the fire which was then burning the last two blocks between Fourth and Second Streets."*



*Desolation in wake of disaster. This was "downtown Marshfield" after the disastrous fire of June 27, 1887, as seen by the photographer looking northward from the corner of East Third Street and South Maple Avenue. The street running diagonally across the upper center of the picture is Central Avenue. The new frame shack at the right center was the temporary quarters of William Noll Hardware Company, a business establishment on the Marshfield scene. (North Wood County Historical Society photo)*

*She concluded with the following remarks: "No one left town that summer for resorts. Everybody stayed right here and all was like one big family of young people, full of enthusiasm, with no complaints, and making the best of everything."*

*Excerpts from the Marshfield News Herald, June 24, 1944*

**Arthur E. Deming**

*Marshfield: Attorney, was born at Vienna, Dane Co., Wis., March 29, 1856. He is a son of Joseph and Betsy Fisher Deming, who still reside on their farm in Vienna. He received a common school and academic education. Taught school two terms, studied law with Burr Jones, Esq., of Madison and pursued the full course in the law school, and was graduated at the State University at Madison. He came to Marshfield and commenced business as an attorney, February 20, 1880.*

*(from the 1881 History of Northern Wisconsin)*

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