

Eagle Quill

Obit-Engebretsen,
Edward

4-8-1854 - 1-1-1935

EDWARD ENGBRETSSEN

The man who has made a success of life, and won the honor and esteem of his fellow citizens deserves more than passing notice. Such is the record briefly stated of Edward Engbretsen well known citizen of the city of Whitewater.

Mr. Engbretsen was born in the town of Whitewater, April 8th, 1854. He was the son of Andrew and Esther Engbretsen, both of whom were born in Skien, Norway.

Mr. Engbretsen was reared in Whitewater and received his education in the public schools. He began life for himself as a clerk and started the grocery business on October 5, 1877, under the firm name of Bridge and Engbretsen.

He later disposed of his interests in the grocery store and opened up a dry goods store, known for many years as the "Daylight Store."

He retired thirteen years ago. He was the city's first treasurer, and the second mayor, having been elected in 1866, and served until 1890. During his term the city's water and light system was installed. He also served on the Library Board for many years.

He is survived by his wife Florence Steele Engbretsen and one daughter Mrs. John E. Dorr, of Whitewater, three sons Fenton E. and Willis Engbretsen of Eagle and Lee Engbretsen of Waupaca. One daughter Pearl preceded him in death. Funeral services were held at the home on Tuesday, December 29, at 2 p. m. with interment in Hillside cemetery. Rev. Enoch Perry, Milwaukee, former pastor, officiated.