

Michael Steinmetz Store — Pioneer Merchant

A New Business Block.

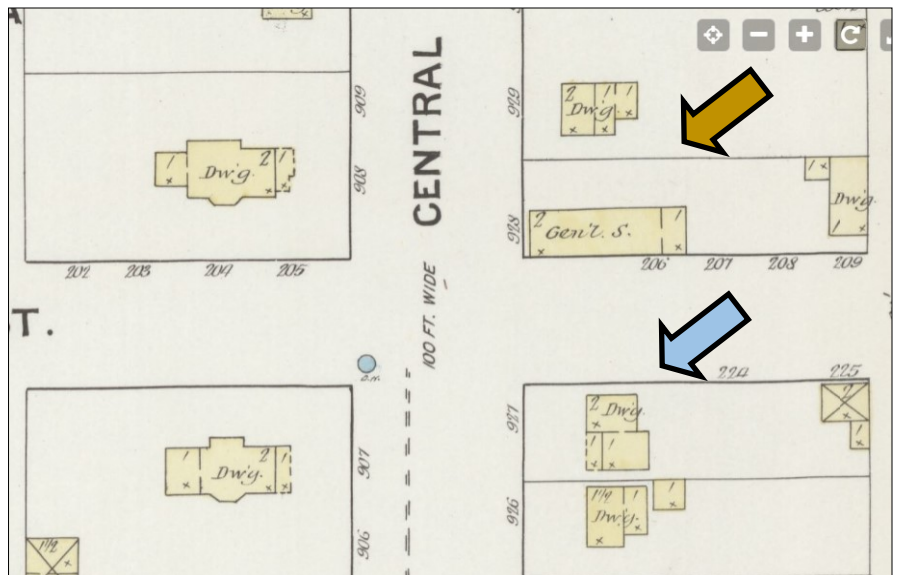
During the past week Merchant Michael Steinmetz of the north side, purchased of A. Radloff the house and lot on the corner of Central Avenue and A Street, also the lot and store owned by F. Hirzy which has been occupied as a jewelry store. He is having the Radloff house removed and will commence work at once on building a handsome new business block to which he will transfer his general store. The new building as now planned will be 44x80 feet in dimensions, two stories high, and is to be built of brick. Work on the cellar commences today, and it is expected that the building will be completed by Sept. 15th.

Mr. Steinmetz has sold his present location to his brother Theodore for consideration of \$2200, and he will transfer his saloon to that place.

The Radloff place was sold for a consideration of \$1000 and the Hirzy place brought for \$1000. Mr. Radloff will build a new house in some other part of the city. Mr. Hirzy will leave for Germany early in July where he expects to remain for some time, possibly permanently. (from the *Marshfield News, Marshfield, Wisconsin, 30 Jun 1892, Thu • Page 1*)

Note:

M. Steinmetz General Store on the northeast corner of A Street and Central Avenue was also known as the North Side 4th Ward Store and Steinmetz and Streveler.



Sanborn Fire Insurance Map from Marshfield, Wood County, Wisconsin, October 1887. Intersection of A Street and N. Central Avenue. Steinmetz General Store (brown arrow) between 1882 and 1891. Radloff property purchased 1892, site of new M. Steinmetz General Store. (from the Library of Congress Map Collection,; <https://www.loc.gov/resource/g4124mm.g096081887/?sp=2&r=0.787,0.892,0.161,0.082,0>)



M. Steinmetz General Store located on the southeast corner of A Street and Central Avenue, 133-135 North Central Avenue, ca. 1892. (photo from the North Wood County Historical Society)

Theo. Steinmetz will Organize Boys Band

Theo. A. Steinmetz, Marshfield's talented young musician, who plays clarinet in the Second Regiment band and harp in the orchestra, has decided to organize a juvenile band with boys ranging from eleven years of age and upwards. He has already eight or ten with instruments who will join and believes this number can be increased to fifteen by the date of the first meeting which has been set for 7:30 o'clock on Thursday evening of next week, March 24th, at the band hall over Mr. Steinmetz's store.

There are several objects sought to be attained by the proposed organization, not the least important being to furnish graduates for the Second Regiment band which has never at any time had a sufficient number of home men for the week in camp. Another is to develop youthful talent and build up a boys' band of which the city may take pride, and also to be in a position to furnish music for entertainments, public celebrations, fairs, etc., where two bands are required, obviating the necessity of sending out of town for a second organization.

Mr. Steinmetz is eminently qualified for the enterprise which he is about to undertake and will make it a success if such a thing is possible. He is a considerable of a musical genius, being able to play, when an emergency calls for it, any instrument in the band or orchestra and has already placed on the market musical compositions of his own which have attracted much favorable criticism. One of these, a waltz entitled "Echoes of Paradise" is played frequently by the Second Regiment Orchestra and invariably receives one or more encores. He has also a natural tact for instructing boys and for years was director of Steinmetz Orchestra which furnished music for entertainments given by the Catholic societies at St. John's School Hall. Several ex-members of this organization are now playing in the Second Regiment Band. Mr. Steinmetz says that he can assure parents no bad habits will be contracted at the rehearsals, as smoking, swearing or rowdyism will not be tolerated. The proposed juvenile band is certainly worthy of support and encouragement. (*From the Marshfield News, Marshfield, Wisconsin, 17 Mar 1904, Thursday, Page 1*).

Retiring From Business

Elsewhere in this paper will be found the advertisement of M. Steinmetz who on account of failing health is retiring from business. Mr. Steinmetz for many years has been one of the leading merchants of this part of the town. He has placed his stock of goods in the hands of the Chicago Salvage Co., which is now in charge. The sale begins next Saturday. (*From the Marshfield News, Marshfield, Wisconsin, 09 Dec 1909, Thursday, Page 7*)

Great Sacrifice of Dependable Merchandise

\$20,000.00

**Stock to be Closed Out at 33 Per Cent Less Than the
Cost of Manufacture.**

M. Steinmetz, one of Marshfield's leading merchants, owing to failing health is about to retire from business forever and to close out his entire \$20,000 stock of Clothing, Dry Goods, Ladies' Cloaks, Skirts, Shoes, Etc., he has placed his stock in the hands of the

Chicago Salvage Company of Chicago

who have instructions to sell regardless of values—it has simply got to be sold. Remember, the sale began Saturday, December 11th, and will continue until all goods are sold.

This is a rare buying opportunity for the people of Marshfield and vicinity as no part of the big stock is reserved. If you reside out of the city your railroad fare will be paid if you make a purchase of \$15.00 or over. This week we began selling from our stock of groceries.

M. STEINMETZ

Chicago Salvage Company, Sellers. Bass & Rothchild, Managers.

The Marshfield News, Marshfield, Wisconsin, 23 Dec 1909, Thursday, Page 4

AT MARSHFIELD, WIS.

M. STEINMETZ RETIRES FROM BUSINESS.

\$20,000 worth of High Grade Clothing, Dry Goods and Shoes will be distributed into the homes of the people for less than the actual cost of the raw material by
M. STEINMETZ,
 Marshfield, Wis.
 Chicago Salvage Co.

M. STEINMETZ,

133-135 N. Central Ave., Marshfield, Wis.

Retiring From Business Forever

Prices will positively reach the lowest limit in this great going out of business sale. Nothing reserved—all must go at 33 per cent. less than actual cost of manufacture.
M. STEINMETZ,
 In the hands of the Chicago Salvage Co.

\$20,000 Worth of the Best Clothing,

the people for less than actual cost of the raw material. Sale positively opens Sat., Dec. 11, at 8:30 a. m. and must be sold in 15 days.

M. Steinmetz has placed his entire stock in the hands of the CHICAGO SALVAGE COMPANY, Chicago,

and will be slaughtered at 33 per cent. less than the actual cost to manufacture. The store is now closed and in the hands of the Chicago Salvage Co., of Chicago, Ill., and will re-open Saturday, Dec. 11th, at 8:30 o'clock a. m., when the entire stock will be placed on sale. Who are we? The Chicago Salvage Co., buyers of bankrupt assigns and all salvage stocks of any kind. We buy for spot cash and handle stocks of any size.

M. Steinmetz's entire stock has been placed in the hands of the Chicago Salvage Co. and will be placed on sale Saturday, Dec. 11, at 8:30 o'clock a. m., for 15 days only. Everybody should avail themselves of this opportunity. This stock is not only famous because it is of the best makers in the United States, but also famous for its expert selection and removal and cleaned stock. If you value money don't miss this sale. The Chicago Salvage Co. is the largest institution of its kind in the world, operating forty-nine different stores, and large warehouses and auction rooms in Chicago. Below we quote a few prices to show what extraordinary bargains are to be had. The opening will be made a gala day. Bring the children. There will be music all day. It will pay you to come 100 miles to visit this sale.

SALE OPENS SATURDAY, DEC. 11TH, AT 8:30 O'CLOCK A. M.

Never again will you have such a golden opportunity to dress in such rich material at such trifling cost. The sensation of the day, the wonder of the hour. Here will be the most mighty avalanche of magnificent bargains in Women's, Men's, Boys' and Children's High Style, Ultra Fashionable Ladies' and Men's Ready-to-Wear, or Clothes ever brought together by any firm in Marshfield. We hereby guarantee to sell precisely as we advertise, and every quotation is absolutely correct. It may be hard to believe that a big concern would sacrifice such an enormous stock to be sold at 33 per cent. less than the actual cost to manufacture, but it is the grand truth and we earnestly ask you to come and investigate our statement. This tremendous sale positively begins SATURDAY, DEC. 11TH, at 8:30 a. m., and closes in 15 days. As this sale will only last 15 days, everything will go rapidly. This is the first sale of this kind that ever occurred in Marshfield and it may never occur again, and in order to prove to you what tremendous sacrifices will be made, we mention a few of the extraordinary bargains that will be offered and bear in mind that there are 1,000 different articles we cannot mention here. We advise you to come this and bring it with you so there can be no mistake and you get exactly the goods mentioned in this document. Remember, no postponement. This going out of business sale will close in 15 days. Fast think of the following proposition and remember that all goods herein priced in this document can be brought back at any time during the sale.

Most Sensational Bargains Ever Offered

<p>Men's Suits. Men's heavy and light weight three-piece Suits, in latest styles of fancy Scotch and Mixed Cheviots, actually worth \$40.00, only \$23.00 Men's fine Suits, comprising a grand assortment of single or double-breasted in Melton and Scotch materials, in the very latest shades, French line finished, worth \$44.00, only \$28.00 Men's extra fine Dress Suits, equal in every respect to custom work, this season latest styles in Cassimere, Cheviots and Thibets, worth up to \$36, this sale, only \$23.00 Men's extra fine dress Suits, made of English suitmaking Wools, imported Thibets, fancy Tweeds, heavy Worsted Serges, and other fabrics of the finest weavers, worth up to \$38.50, only \$23.00 Men's extra fine Suits, that embody the latest styles, features and patterns, both in the home and foreign make, silk and satin lined, tailored in the greatest of fashion, worth up to \$35, this sale, only \$23.00</p>	<p>Boy's Knee Pants. Boy's extra good Knee Pants, worth \$6, only \$4.00 Extra fine Knee Pants, worth up to \$1, only 70c</p> <p>Hats and Caps. 1,000 Hats, all styles, only 30c Men's and Boy's Caps, worth 75c, only 50c</p> <p>Men's Pants. Men's good Work Pants, worth up to \$3.50, only 20c Men's fine all wool Pants, in Cassimere and fancy wools, worth up to \$4, only \$1.50 Men's fine tailored Pants, in new patterns, plain and fancy, worth up to \$4.50, only \$1.25</p> <p>Children's Suits and Overcoats. Children's Suits, all sizes, worth up to \$3.50, only 50c Children's Fancy Suits, worth \$4.00 \$5.00 and \$6.00, only \$1.45 Old Children's wool Belt Overcoats, velvet collars, fancy trimmed, all sizes, worth \$2.00, only \$1.00</p>	<p>Men's and Boy's Furnishings. Men's Fine White Handkerchiefs, worth 25c only 10c Men's Colored Handkerchiefs, large size, fast color, only 10c Men's Heavy Socks, worth 15c, only 8c Men's Fine Lisle Hosiery in Black and Brown, worth 50c, only 30c Men's Fine Cassimere Hose, worth 25c, only 15c Men's Fine Wool Hose, worth 35c, only 20c Men's Fine Double Faced Underwear, worth 75c, only 50c Men's Fine Assorted Wood Underwear, worth \$1.50, only 90c Men's Fine Ribbed Underwear, worth \$1.25, only 80c Fine Lisle Web Suspenders, worth 25c, only 15c Men's Fine Silk Web Suspenders, worth 25c, only 15c Men's Fine Dress Shirts, worth \$1.00, only 60c 1,000 pairs of Leather Gloves, worth up to \$1, only 70c Men's Work Gloves and Mitts, 7c 2,000 pairs Overall, worth \$1, only 70c Regular 3/4 Ties, only 10c Men's Black and White Striped Work Shirts, worth 75c, only 50c Best Jersey Shirts, worth \$1, only 70c Fine Flannel Shirts, worth \$1.50, only 1.00 Work Gloves and Mitts, only 7c</p>	<p>Table Cloths and Towels. Highest Grade, Red and White Table cloths, worth 25c, only 15c White Table cloths, worth 30c, only 20c Thousands of yards of Ticking almost given away. Red Check Towels, worth 10c, only 6c White Crash Towels, worth 15c, only 10c Pure Linen Towels, worth 25c, only 15c</p> <p>Dress Goods Specials. 48-inch Black and Lustrous Brilliance, extra value \$1, price 50c 36-inch Scotch Mixed Settings for tailor-made, reg. price \$1.50, only 90c Finest Import Henrietta Dress cloth, 43 inches wide, price 80c One large lot of Marcelline Sergé Skirts, worth up to \$5, choice, only 3.00 Novelty Diapers, extra fine quality 7 1/2c Taffeta Silk, all colors, per yard, 50c Double Width Novelty Fall Dress cloth, per yard 18 1/2c Black Figured Brilliance, very fine, per yard 18 1/2c</p>
<p>Overcoats. Overcoat in English Cloth, Melton and Cheviots, plain lined seams, worth \$18, only \$12.50 Overcoat of the best domestic, Kersey, in black and heavy Melton with bell effect, 52 inches long, worth \$24, this sale \$13.50 Overcoat in plain and fancy effects, in loose fitting, and regulation lengths, made of imported Kersey, satin lined, worth \$18, only \$12.50 Overcoat that represent the products of the world's most celebrated looms, and the country's most skillful tailors worth up to \$30, only \$17.50</p> <p>Boys' Suits. Boys' Suits, all styles and sizes, worth up to \$5, only \$2.45 Boys' fine Dress Suits, plain and fancy colors, worth up to \$10, only \$6.00</p>	<p>Shoes. Ladies' Shoes, with soles, worth \$3, only 20c Ladies' Fine Dress Shoes, in Velv. Kid, Patent Leather and Gun Metal, worth \$3.50, only \$1.25 Men's Solid Leather Call Work Shoes, worth \$2, only 90c Men's Fine Patent Leather, Velv. Kid and Box Call Shoes, worth up to \$3.50, only \$1.45 Boys' Well Sole School Shoes, worth \$1.25, only 80c Boys' Dress Shoes, Velv. Kid and Box Call, worth \$2.50, only \$1.15 Boys' Shoes, all sizes, worth up to \$1.50, only 90c Boys' Old Grain High Top shoes, worth \$4.50, only \$2.00</p>	<p>Dress Goods. Thousands of yards of Dress Print, in black, white and silver gray, and indigo blue, price per yard 4c Dress Madras Cloth, per yard 4c Best quality Prints, 3,500 yards, 40 at 4c Plain Scotch Dress Ginghams, worth \$1.50, only 1.00 Broadcloths, per yard, only 5c Lamo's Flannel, worth 30c, 11 1/2c Flannellets, worth 15c, only 7c Cutting Flannels, worth 15c, only 7c 30 yards Unbleached Muslin, only 4 1/2c 100 Yards, 1 1/2 quality, only 6 1/2c</p>	<p>Underwear and Hosiery. Women's and Children's Fast Black Hosiery, made with double heel and toe, worth 15c, price 10c 1,000 dozen Silk Lisle and Fancy Hosiery for Women, Men and Children at less than actual cost of material. Women's Full Wool Vests and Pants, silk lined, fleece-lined, worth 50c, 25c Women's Wool Vests and Pants, silk lined, worth 40c, price 25c Hundreds of dozen Silk, Wool and Cotton Vests almost given away. Assorted Apron Ginghams, Coarsest Cottons, Unbleached Muslin, Bleached Pillow Cases, Flannel Sheets, Washable Blankets—white and blue, and other Domestic in main. Come and pick them out at your own price.</p>

Sale Positively Opens Sat. Dec. 11th, at 8:30 O'Clock A. M.

<p>Mark the Date and Mark it Well Sat. Dec. 11th, at 8:30 A. M.</p>	<h1>M. STEINMETZ</h1> <p>133-135 North Central Ave., Marshfield, Wis. In Hands of the Chicago Salvage Co. Geo. N. McGill, Mgr.</p>	<p>Let nothing keep you away. The hour is set, the date you know.</p>
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Look for Large Signs. Fixtures for Sale. Money Refunded to All Purchasers not Satisfied. R. R. Fare Paid to Purchaser of \$15 or Over.

The Marshfield News,
 Marshfield, Wisconsin,
 09 Dec 1909, Thurs-
 day, Page 6.

Death of a Pioneer Merchant and Citizen

Michael Steinmetz a resident of this city the past thirty years passed away at the family home, 133 North Central Ave., Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock His death was not unexpected as it has been known for several weeks past that the end was near. In consequence relatives from a distance had been summoned and when he breathed his last there hovered around his death bed those most near and dear to him to whom he bade a long farewell. The past two years, from a complication of diseases he has been a great sufferer but with undaunted spirit he fought nobly to ward off the final summons but gradually he gave way to the inevitable and arranged his worldly affairs accordingly. Two months ago he disposed of his mercantile business and withdrew from a life of activeness that has had much to do with the welfare and upbuilding of Marshfield. On the street, in the council chamber and in the social and business life of this city no other face was more familiar. As an upright enterprising citizen he had the confidence and respect of all. He lived a modest unassuming life and built up a home and business that any man might well feel proud of. As a husband and indulgent father and as a fellowman whose good qualities brought him honor, he will ever be remembered.



*Michael Steinmetz
1852—1910*

Deceased was born on a farm in Washington county, this state, January 11th, 1852 and in 1880, when 28 years old, he came to Marshfield. On November 28th of the same year of his arrival here he was united in marriage to Miss Anna Doll. His first business undertaking was keeping a hotel and saloon in what is now the Kohl building. A few years later he purchased the building and grounds on which is now located the Thomas house where he continued in the hotel business until he disposed of it to Jos. Thomas. His next venture was in the mercantile business his store being located in the building now occupied by Ger. Marx for a saloon. When Marshfield burned his was the only store left. A few years after this great calamity and Marshfield rose out of the ashes he built the big double brick store which he has since occupied. His career as a business man was marked with success from the beginning. For ten years successively he served the city as an efficient councilman from his ward and on two occasions was president of the council. He was a charter member of the local order of Catholic Foresters and a devoted member of the Catholic church.

Deceased is survived by a loving wife and ten children, five sons and five daughters, respectively, Theodore, Frederick, Eugene, Emil and Harold, Mrs. Martin Berg, Ella, Ferriola and Esther all of this city and Mrs. Walter Patterson of Fredericks. In addition to these are his brothers and sisters, Theo. Steinmetz, Mrs. Mike Donovan, and Mrs. Geo. Seubert, this city, Henry Steinmetz of Eagle River and Mrs. John Doern of Menasha, Mrs. Wm. Carty of Pueblo Colorado, Mrs. Chris Eckes, of Milwaukee and Mrs. Geo. Beisenstein of Neenah.

The funeral took place yesterday from St. John's Catholic church with solemn high mass at 9 a. m., the remains being followed to their last resting place by a large concourse of friends and neighbors who gathered to pay their last respects to a beloved citizen and friend. The bereaved family and immediate relatives have the sympathy of all in their hour of grief. *(from the The Marshfield News, Marshfield, Wisconsin, 03 Mar 1910, Thu • Page 1)*

Mrs. Steinmetz Buried Here Today

Funeral Services are held at St. John's For Pioneer Resident

A solemn high mass was conducted at St. John's Catholic church here at 9 a. m. today for Mrs. Anna Steinmetz, prominent resident of Marshfield for many years, who died at the home of a daughter, Mrs. Walter Gleason, Milwaukee, on Saturday.

Officiating priests were Father A. J. Dorrenbach, Marshfield, Father John Bruderman, Tomah, and Father Louis Bruderman, Hewitt. Pallbearers were Joseph and Simon Pflum, John Seubert, Nick Berg, Martin Adler and Frank Aigner. Mrs. Mary Uthmeier, Mrs. Frances Schultz, Mrs. Doris Rembs, Mrs. Anna Lieberman and Misses Mamie Theby and Josephine Weigl took charge of flowers. Burial took place at Hillside cemetery.

Anna Doll, was born at St. Lawrence, Wis., on Jan. 6, 1860, and at 17 moved to Milwaukee and later to Chicago, where she was married on Nov. 28, 1878, to Michael Steinmetz.

Shortly after their marriage they came to Marshfield, where Mr. Steinmetz operated a hotel for several years before entering the contracting business. Later he purchased a store on North Central avenue, the only store in the city to escape destruction in the disastrous fire of 1887.

Two years later he built the present Consumers store. Mr. Steinmetz died in 1910.

Mrs. Steinmetz, who was 74, had been in poor health for several years, but had only been seriously ill for a week when she died.

She is survived by 10 children, Theodore A., Memphis, Tenn.; Rose, Mrs. J. M. Berg, Marshfield; Ella, Mrs. E. Rapp, and Ola, Mrs. Walter Gleason, both of Milwaukee; Eugene, Ocean Park, Cal; Fred, Emil and Esther, Mrs. A. Schmideler, Milwaukee; Harold, Eau Claire, and Nora, Mrs. Walter Patterson, Wahkon, Minn.; also by 10 grandchildren and by two sisters, Mrs. Margaret Bloomer, Marshfield, and Mrs. Elizabeth Nigh, Pueblo, Colo.

She was a member of St. John's Altar society. *(From the Marshfield News-Herald, Marshfield, Wisconsin, 07 Jul 1934, Saturday, Page 5)*



*Anna (Doll) Steinmetz
1860—1934*