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## *Harry L. Devin Is City's Historian And Weather Man*

Harry L. Devin, born in Ottumwa, Ohio, June 16, 1862, came to Sedro in 1889 on a visit and liked the locale so well that the following year he brought his family here and established his home. He opened a real estate office in 1890 on the bank of the Skagit river and in 1892 was appointed postmaster, later resigning in favor of the Woolley postmaster.

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turn spent nine months in North-eastern Washington, managing the Silver Butte mine. He came back to Sedro-Woolley and in 1902 entered the real estate business with C. J. Wicker, forming the Skagit Realty Co., in which he is still active.

Mr. Devin has had a major part in every important development that has taken place in Sedro-Woolley since its founding and his reference library is the haven of every person wishing facts or figures pertaining to Sedro-Woolley. In addition, he is the city's weatherman. He has been official weather recorder here since July 1, 1896, and has a forty-three year record of faithful service.

An ardent hunter, Mr. Devin for years made trips into the Cascades in search of big game. He shot his first grizzly bear at White Salmon river in 1866, and has a rich store of entertaining tales of his encounters with fierce animals.

He served as secretary of the local Knights of Pythias lodge for twenty-five years, and because of his fine work in the commercial club has a gold charm bearing the following inscription: "Life membership for 25 years faithful service." Mr. and Mrs. Devin celebrated their golden wedding anniversary in 1935. They have three daughters, Agnes, now Mrs. Earl Duncan, of Marshfield, Oregon, Alice, of Eugene, Oregon, and Frances of this city.