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## RIB LAKE, WIS.

### A PLACE FOR OPPORTUNITY AND INVESTMENT.

RIB LAKE is located about eighteen miles north of Medford, the county seat, and six miles east of Chelsea, on the Wisconsin Central Railway. It is incorporated and has a population of about 1,300 of mixed nationalities, the German predominating. It is situated on a beautiful lake. It has four churches—Catholic, Methodist Episcopal, Lutheran and Christian. It has two nice schools. The high school is on the accredited list, and the building is brick veneered and cost about \$15,000. It has water works for fire protection, an organized fire department, telephone exchange, municipal electric light system and a free library. It has four quite large general stores, two hardware stores, two clothing stores, one flour and feed store, one tailor shop, two barber shops, two livery stables, one real estate and insurance office, two blacksmith shops, four hotels, one restaurant, two doctors, one dentist, one furniture store, two millinery stores, one bakery, one drug store, two jewelers, one bank with a capital of \$25,000, one of the best opera houses in the northern part of the state, one harness shop, one photographer, one weekly newspaper and printing office. It has a large tannery, which employs about 100 men; one large sawmill which employs about 150 men; two smaller sawmills, which employ about 50 men. Rib Lake and the surrounding camps employ about 800 men, and the amount paid for labor and material exceeds \$300,000 annually. There is plenty of work at good wages in all seasons of the year. Ten years ago hemlock bark sold for \$3.00 a cord; logs for \$2.50 M. feet; ties for 17 cents each; pulpwood for \$1.10 a cord; stove wood for \$1.00 a cord; cord wood for \$1.50. Today hemlock bark is worth \$6.00 a cord; hemlock logs \$9.00 per M. feet; ties from 20 to 28 cents (unhewed); hemlock pulpwood \$4.00 a cord; spruce pulpwood \$7.00 a cord; stove wood \$2.00 a cord; cord wood \$3.00. By this it can be seen that a settler in this vicinity can easily make a living even on the cheap cut over lands while clearing his land. A few years ago only merchantable sawlogs were taken out. The soil is a heavy clay loam and all kinds of small grain does well, especially timothy hay and clover, which never freezes out and is not excelled in any part of the state. There are a number of cheese factories and creameries in the rural districts. Taylor county received first prize at the state fair for vegetables and shrubbery. This country is well provided with springs, streams and lakes and drouth is unknown. All the waters are well supplied with fish, such as brook trout, black bass, pickerel, perch, sunfish and rock bass. Deer, rabbits and birds are quite plentiful. Timber lands sell all the way from \$15 to \$20 per acre, and cut over lands from \$7.50 to \$12.50 per acre, according to location and quality of land, and can be bought on reasonable terms.