

## A BUSINESS CHANGE.

DRUGGIST MURPHY HAS DISPOSED OF HIS STOCK OF DRUGS TO B. H. STODDARD AND HAS GIVEN POSSESSION.

One of the important business changes in Courtenay is the sale by H. J. Murphy of his stock of drugs to B. H. Stoddard of Madison, S. D., and Mr. Murphy's retirement from the business.

The transfer was made on the first of September.

Mr. Murphy purchased the store from Dr. Macdonald in the spring of 1900 and conducted it up to the present time. At the time he purchased it the stock was in a small building and the business was not very extensive but through the enterprise of Mr. Murphy the business has had a steady increase and at the present time the store is one of the finest in the state. He has always carried a complete line of everything usually found in a stock of drugs and has a set of fixtures that would do credit to any large city. He recently installed a private electric lighting plant and we doubt if there is a store to be found anywhere that presents a more attractive appearance than does this one in the evening after it is lighted up. -Mr. Murphy decided to sell on account of the difficulty in securing competent and reliable help and from the fact that he has other interests that require a good deal of his time. He will remain in Courtenay for a time at least and it is to be hoped that he will decide to remain here permanently.

Mr. Stoddard is a man of excellent business ability and a man of gentlemanly and refined appearance. He has been in the drug business on a large scale for a number of years in South Dakota and his venture at this time is nothing of an experiment. He understands every detail of the business and will keep it up to the high standard of excellency which it has attained.