13 June 1884 J. R. Andrews, attorney at law of Penn. will open law office in the Glass building.

11 Feb 1887 Will McGuire is studying law with attorney Jackobson.

Automobiles

The farmers often had trouble in breaking their horses to go past a threshing engine which was stationary, but noisy. That was nothing when compared with their driving troubles when the first automobiles appeared on the roads. These first cars usually were fire-engine red, and very noisy. if they had mufflers they did very little "muffling." And, they were moving, at "race horse" speed, often as much as 15 to 20 miles per hour. They could be seen and heard for long distances. Country teachers dismissed classes when the first automobile went by their schoolhouse so that their pupils could watch it pass.

The wise driver took to the fields as soon as the team showed sign of fright. The ditches then were shallow, and the road deeply rutted if in the prairie trail stage. Most roadside fields showed where some team had been driven, or had run away, and many a broken wagon or buggy marked the place where a driver stayed too long on the road. The most dreaded place of meeting a car was on the narrow hillside roads lending to the Sheyenne River.

No records have been found which definitely dte the first automobile in Griggs County. The most accurate seems to be from the early papers.

Courier, May 19, 1902: Why! Zip! Rub your eyes again again! Can't you see what it is? Why, it is Langden and his little red steam wagon going "steen miles an hour. Mr. Langdon now has a Locomobile steam carriage using gasoline as fuel."

May 7, 1903 “We understand that our genial and popular photographer, George Von Blon has ordered an automobile of the Olds make."

Juno 4, 1908: "Elmer Matheson made a phenomenal trip to Sanborn last Friday, with a Reo automobile belonging to King-Bruns Co. He made the round trip of 30. Miles in just four hours and fifteen minutes, and taking into the deal the poor condition of the roads on account of rains, we are inclined to think that he went some."

August 6, 1908; "P. P. Idsvoog had a severe stroke of automobilitis last week and got relief when he purchased a new Rambler touring car. He went up to Binford with his new purchase last Saturday, as proud as a boy with his first pair of red topped boots.”

The oldest car still in use in Griggs County was bought in 1909 by Peter Lime. It is a Hudson 20 Raodster, the first Hudson demonstrator car in Griggs County.

Mr. Lima bought it from Hammer-Condy Company for $1040.00 without top, windshield, bumper or spare. He paid taxes on it until North Dakota began licensing cars, and has taken out its state car license every year since.

When bicycles became numerous their repair, and sale made a new business in town. Mr. F. B. King had such a shop on the present location of the City Hall. Then with Chester C. Piatt, as King -Piatt Co. they added the Reo automobile to their line of Rambler bicycles. Then in 1908 Mr. Platt sold his interest to Otto Bruns and the company became the King-Bruns Co., and took the agency for the Rambler automobile also.

As an idea of the cars of 1908 the King-Piatt CO advertised:

Reo 5-paseenger Touring $1,280.00

Roadster $1,000.00

Four passenger runabout $ 650.00

and King—Bruns -- 1908 -- Rambler, Model 34, $2250.00.

King-Bruns Co. added a repair department as auto repairs became needed and that end of the business grew.

Then in 1922 the Palace Hotel was taken down and the Palace Motors - later called Main Motors was built where the hotel stood, and the, garage and gas station business began a rapid growth--the modern descendants of the old Livery Stables.

Banking

Dec. 83 Cashier Pickett has been supplied with an assistant, E.L. Crane having come up from Sanborn to accept a position in the Bank of Cooperstown.

----21 Nov. 1884

Stevens and Pickettt have bought the Bank of Cooperstown of Lenham and Burrell, and are now full fledged bankers. They are about as previous a pair of young men as there is in Dakota. Mr. Stevens came to Dakota in the spring of 1879, and went into the hardware business with C.A. Benson of Valley City, county treasurer elect. Closing out that business to his partner, he became a member of the firm of Hills and Stevens, brokers and loan agents, until he removed to Cooperstown in 1883 and started in the hardware business with Mr. Anton Enger, under the firm name of Stevens and Enger, which firm will continue to do business at the old stand.

19 Apr 1889 It is rumored that Lawrence Bros. have sold out their bank and that a new banking house, with a capital stock or $15,000 is to be opened up about May Officers listed

Andrew Johnson Cashier

26 Apr 89 The interior of the Griggs County Bank brightened cashier Udegard…..

26 Apr 89 Farmers and Merchants Bank commenced bus. May 1, with Andrew Johnson as cashier.

Apr 26 1889---Contractor Christie has done a fine job of paper hanging at the Farmers and Merchants bank. Cashier Johnson proposed to have everything tasty at the least.

29 Nov. 1889---0degard and Thompson, who have done a banking business under the name of Griggs County Bank, have decided to quit the banking business for the present.

30 Jan 1891 -- Failure of Clark and Smarts bank

13 Feb 1891-Clark and Smart make propositions to their depositors

20 Feb 1891 Statement of Clark and Smarts Bank Affairs published

Mar. 6, 1891 H.P. Smart and George Clark arrested on a charge of doing a banking business in violation of the state banking law last Saturday morning

27 Mar 1891 There are two or three capitalists looking towards Cooperstown, with a view to starting a bank. A good bank is surely what we need, but if we are to have an institution of this kind we want it run by responsible parties who will be a credit as well as a benefit to the town. We are always ready to welcome legitimate new enterprises. Let em come.

14 Aug 91 There is a prospect of Cooperatown having another bank. Mr. E. Ashley Mears, of Fargo, was in town yesterday consulting with our business men in regard to a bank. Mr. Mears represents unlimited capital and if he starts a bank it will be solid.

25 Sep 1891 The First Bank of Cooperstown has purchased the building and lot formerly owned by Clark and Smart, also the safe and other fixtures. The building will be fixed up.

1892 Citizens Bank of Cooperstown with a cap. Of $10,000

Apr 19 1895 Assignee McDermott sold the assets of the Clark and Smart Bank at public auction Monday morning.

Feb 14, 1896 Cashier Buck has purchased K. Thompsons lot on the corner facing Burrel Ave. and Church Street. If this is a fact the First Bank of Cooperstown has one the finest business location in the city and we know that the firm will put up a nice business house.

3 Jul 1896 Brickwork on the new bank building is finished. (First Bank)

7-10-1896 J. A. Johnson has taken the contract for lathing the new bank building. 21 Aug 1896-Our new bank building (copy)

Our New Bank Building

The new bank building secured by the propriertors of the First Bank of Coopertown is completed and ready for occupancy, and Cashier Buck expects to move therein some time this week. The buildins

8 28 1896 Cashier Buck opened up for business in the new bank building Monday morning.

1-3-1901 Statements of condition of State Bank of Cooperstown and also the First National Bank of Cooperstown (listed in this issue)

6-21-00 The state bank of Cooperstown opened its doors for business last Friday. The inside furnishings of this institute are all exceedingly neat and cashier Garborg has one of the best banking rooms in the state

21 Jun 1900---Harry St. John has position with the state bank.

5 Jul 1900 The first bank commenced business as a national Bank on Monday

27 Jun 1901 --Copy article on New National Bank

16 Jan 1902---

23 Jan 1902---There are two banks— First National and the State Bank.

Barbers

Yancy

Bradley

Frank Smith – Mar 1884

8 Feb 1900 Silas W. Black last Friday purchased from the 1st Bank of Cooperstown the building he now occupied as a barber shop.

Baldwin in 1920

Barbers

30 Nov 1883 Edwin Bradley, our obliging city barber, has moved his shop to the Union House where he solicited that portion of the public in quest of smooth shaves of slick hair cuts to call.

14 Dec 1883 Edwin Bradley, the city tonsor, has moved his shop back into the Holliday building, just east of the palace.

14 Jul 1884 Yancy removes to the Hoiland and Rukke building on Burrell.

14 Mar 1884 Frank Smith announces intention to open barber shop.

Mar 18, 1884 Bradley (barber) conducts his shop in a courier building room.

??? 18, 1884 Cash, Yancy purchased the business of Bradley on Lenham Avenue.

28 May 1884 Y Yancy moved shop to Burrell, over the Nelson & Banglie store.

3 Jan Yancy moved barber shop to Davis and Picketts building.

1885 M May James Muirs new building, occupied by J.C.Yancy is an ornament to the avenue.

1886 The Yancey barber shop has been removed to James Walkes old place where it will be run in connection with the bathe rooms.

5 1886 Mrs. Silas Black, of Minneapolis, arrived, Si is happy (first mention of Si Black) Nicholas Green has purchased the Cash Yancey Barber shop-- consideration $150. Mr. Green intends to import a first class barber from Minneapolis.

27 Apr 1888 J. W. Breakey, late tonsorial artist at Sanborn, is now in charge of N. Greens Barber shop.

4 May 1888 Another barber shop is to be started at the Palace, it is said.

25 Jan 1889 The barber shop has again changed hands. C.C.McDonald being the new owner. He will still keep it open with Si Black as lieutenant.

28 Feb 1890 Len Martin taken possession of the barber shop

10 Apr 1891 Looking for a good barber in Cooperstown and could step into a shop already furnished.

10 Apr 1891 (By article Si Black is still a barber in town)

34 91-At last Cooperstown is to have a decent barber shop. Mr. J. L. Geske is the barber. The old barber shop is to be repapered and cleaned up for Mr. Geske, in the meantime he will have his shop located somewhere on Burrell ave

13 18 1891 Prof. Riley, Cooperstown’s new barber, has rented the ground floor of the Greenlease building and will move his family right away. Shop at Palace Hotel.

15 1891 Prof Riley, Cooperstown’s barber is nicely located at the old barber stand in the bank building

12 30 1892 W. P. Riley has sold out his barber shop to Mr. Pressly, of Hope, who will take possession Monday.

13 Jan 1893 G. A. Luther now has charge of the barber shop He also has the agency for Fullers Steam Laundry

3 -3 -1893 G. A. Luther has papered and painted the city barber shop and otherwise improved his surroundings and now has a very neat and inviting tonsorial parlor. Nr. Luther is a tip top barber etc....

6-23-1893 Carl Lucken having rooms formerly occupied by Si Black renovated and soon Gus the Barber will move in.

28 Jul 1893 Barber shop has changed sides of the street.

11-17-1893 Del Irysh who has been assisting G. A. Luther in the barber shop has left for Casselton.

11-17-1893 Gus the Barber is G.A. Luther.

5-11-94-Gus the barber leaves town.

5-18-94 G. A. Luther sold barbering establishment to J.H. Morse of Carrington.

1-10-96 Robert Sansburn has taken a position in John Morris Barber shop

19-Nov 1897 Barber Morris moved into building next to post office.

18 Aug 98 Si Black now occupied the old Koloen building next to post office.

10 29- 1898 Si Black has moved his barber shop into more commodious quarters the old bank building.

6-1-1899 John Morris has moved his barber shop in the office fitted up by Wm. Glass.

6-15-99 New Barber working in Morris business is Mr. Martin G. Eyjoun of Portland.

10-1902 Albert A. Cole has been assisting in Morris barber shop until this time=going to Finley.

7-17-1902 Perry Carol experienced barber secure by J. H. Morris.

8-28-1902 E. B. Jungck barber of Minnesota accepted position in J H. Morris parlors.

9 Apr 1903 Albert Martinson, who has been amputating whiskers at Morris Barber shop the past weeks will return to Minnesota.

9-17-03 Scott Hall arrived in town being employed by C. B. Jungck as barber.

1-21-1904 Hoel of Minneapolis barber accepted position by Junck

3-23-05 Frank Smith of Minneapolis, accepted position in S. M. Halls Barber shop.

4-6-1905 C..B. Jungck recently improved his barber shop, by adding two handsomely upholstered chairs (hydrolic)

8-3-05 Junck added another chair to his tonsilar parlors.

11-1-1906 Ed Milan accepted position in Scott Hall’s barber shop.

3 -1-1906 Frank Smith who has been working for Scott Hall left for Iowa to be married

4-12-1906 I. W. Malsby accepted chair in Scott halls barber shop.

5-17-1906 Scott Hall purchased lot 15 of block 60 on Burrell known as John Morris property and occupied by Charles Jungck. Mr. Hall plans to move his barber shop to the location in about a month unless other arrangements are made. Just what Mr. Jungck will do we have not learned.

24 May 1906 Scott Hall Monday morning formerly occupied by jungck took possession, Mr. Scott will also operate the other shop an will leave Mr. I.W. Maulsby in charge

5-24-1906 -Charles Jungck left for Fargo.

28 Jun 1906 S.W. Black has a first class barber to help take care of their trade.

10-18-1906 Frank Smith who has been associated with Scott Halls Barber shop for some time has quit the job

"Berg and Larson"

Rollof Berg and Albert Larson. This was started on the prairie near Ottowa Post Office as a machinery firm. In 1884 it was moved to Cooperstown. They continued in the machinery business until C.H. Johnson of the "Willow" settlement bought into the firm. A new brick building was put up in 1895 and general merchandise stocked. It then took the name of "One Price Department Store", and in 1950 is still doing business as Albert Larson and Co.

The name “One Price Department Store” is the key to pioneer merchandising customs. Pioneer merchants marked their goods by a code cost mark only, and the customer had to ask the price of each article. A price was then made by the clerk varying often, between clerks and between customers depending upon what that clerk thought the customer would pay. It was always higher than what they expected to get, with the idea of "coming down" to give the illusion of a bargain. This came to be known and resented.

The One Price Department Store war Cooperstown’s first store to price mark their goods with the price at which they were to be sold. Some who were used to the "come down" practices distrusted this innovation at first. Later it was accepted by all, and cut prices came in the form of "sales."

Jul 1894 dealing in general farm machinery – office in old post office building on Burrell.

Feb 1884 new firm begins

3888 Berg and Jackobson dissolved.

5 Dec. 1890--- Dissolution of partnership of A.H. Berg and Albert Larson.

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"BLACKSMITH SHOP"

The first blacksmith shop was opened in Cooperstown by Sansburn and Moore in 1883. These men came with Mr. Cooper, doing blacksmith work on his farm until they started their shop. (7,c1.

—Blacksmith shop completed (Shue's) (20 Feb. 1883 Cour.)

Blacksmith General Repair

12 Nov 1886 AD: F. A. Gray Cooperstown Blacksmith shop located at Hammers Livery.

Dec M. Robinson has opened up a general repair shop, in the old bank building.

8 Apr 1887 Andrew Johnson has rented the rear portion of his building, on Burrell, to M. M. Robinson , who will occupy the same as a general repair shop.

20 May 1887 A. F. Gray vs. the the Cooperstown Blacksmith shop located east of Hammers Livery.

12 1886 Nov. Gray A. blacksmith

6 Apr. 1888 Notice of dissolution – Moore and Sansburn Moore retiring. Sansburn remaining.

26 1888 A. F. Gray has sold out his shop to Michael DeVault and William Blow.

7 D 1888 A. F. Gray purchased a blacksmith shop in Montana.

25 D 1891 Mr. J. H. Montgomery has opened a new blacksmith shop in the vicinity of the Courier office. This is not before it was needed for Mr. J.W. Fiero, of Hannaford, told us that he had to wait in Coop. for 24 hours for a 10 cent job in blacksmithing last week.

1 Jan 1892 – Sam Sansburn and Nels Kiel are contemplating starting up some more blacksmith shops

4 1892 Dave Sansborn has built a large barn just forninst the hotel.

7-7-1893 T.Olson has erected a blacksmith shop on Lenham Ave. just esat of where the Jackson saloon building used to be.

10-11-1895 Blacksmith Northaugen has built an addition to his blacksmith shop at

20 April 1879 Mssrs. Otterholt and Boxland decided to locate at Cooperstown. They are experienced blacksmiths and purchased corner lots on Lenham just south of Biorn and Borgesons Livery barn and have built themselves a shop.

5-4-1899 Otterholt and Boxland have announced they have their new blacksmith shop at the rear of Biorne and Borgesons Livery stable in operation.

6-29-1899 Robert Starrs ice house and blacksmiths shop burned up last Monday evening. It is thought that a spark set fire to the flax straw packed around the ice house.

16 Nov. 1899---Carl Norhaugen is putting in blackmith shop at McHenry.

11-26-03 - Hartman who has been S.Sansburns right hand man at the corner blacksmith shop

3-27-02 McCulloch has contract for building a fine new blacksmith shop for Samuel Sansburn to be erected on the corner lot west of his present shop. The building will be 28 x 60, 16 ft. posts and will be covered with steel.

4-24-02 Sansburn having new foundation laid for new blacksmith shop.

5-15-02 Sansburn shop is 28 x 60.

19 Jan 1905 The Farmers Blacksmith and Supply Co. is a new organization and has recently come into existence. Sam Sansburn has sold out his business to the new company which is composed of the best men in the county,. It is an incorporated capital stock company. It will conduct the business at the old stand of Mr. Sansburns and he will be the manager of the new company.

2-2-1905 Farmers Blacksmith and Supply Co. installed a 6 horsepower White gas engine purchased from A. Rhodes.

2 Feb 1905---Cap Hartman is working for the Farmers Blacksmith and Supply Co. He is one of best horse shoers and blacksmiths in the northwest.

16 Mar 1905 The new machinery warehouse for the Farmers Blacksmith and Supply Co. will be 32 x 60.

23 Nov. 1905 Cap Hartman left for Fergus... blacksmith for Farmes Blacksmiths Supply Co.

Blizzards

Hard Storm

The hardest snow storm or blizzard experienced in this section during the past ten years set in the afternoon before Thanksgiving and continued until the following Friday night. It was a terror, and the wind blew a perfect gale from the north and northeast, causing the oldest inhabitants to wonder, while the tenderfeet were positively paralyzed. Luckily it was not very cold, but it was cold enough, and woe unto the man or beast who strayed away very far from buildings. We have not heard of any loss of life in this section or of any suffering, for which we are thankful. Railroads have been blockaded and passenger trains on the main lines embedded in snowbanks for days. The Cooperstown train managed to get back home Thanksgiving night and was blockaded in until Tuesday night, during which time we had no mail or communication with the outside world. The storm was a hummer, and no mistake, and the immense and artistic piles of snow are a sight to behold. When the storm king starts out on a frolic he does his work well.

4 Dec 1896 – A hard storm - article to be copied.

11 Dec 1896 How Cooperstown looked the day after the blizzard can be seen at Belgums.

12-4-1896 Burrell Ave presents a spectacle — likes never been seen in history of town. Huge banks of snow are piled up from one end of the block to the other, and unless a road is cut through travel by teams is stopped. It is quite a sight and looks like a range of mountains. When you can stand and look on top a bank and see into the second story of a building, you can judge for yourself how our principle streets look.

8 Jan 1897 Storm - Another of our N.D. zephers struck our part of the country Sunday and continued til Monday night, it was a hard storm and business was practically suspended. Railroads were blockaded and trains were imbedded in snowdrifts on the main line. etc.

3-15-97 - Bad winter--rotary snowplows used for bucking thru all kinds of blockades and drifts. Very often articles in each paper telling how bad the snow is and etc.

10 April 1896 – Phil Reimer of St. Paul has leased Jos. Hoggarths wagon shop.

4-10-96 Wm. Davidson of Sanborn has purchased the Farmers Home Restaurant from E. Marquardt. The purchase price being $3,500. posession to b given apr. 15th Mr. Marquardt will

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re ire.

471—/e L--John Benson has broken ground for a new res. which is to be located on the corner northeast from the courthouse. The building\_will be 18 x 26 with 14 foot posts, a story and a half house.

— 24L--T.O.Torgerson has taken possesion of Peter Johnsons restau t on Burrel. 12AErC"4-'

--0. Dahl haspurchased the building formerly occupied by C.G.Lande and moved it to the east side of town. We understand he will fit it up for a laundry.