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By 1859, Lockport

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agents had warehouses on the canal. G. B. Martin was located at 8<sup>th</sup> and Commerce; another was located at 12<sup>th</sup> Street on the hydraulic basin.

Lockport's daguerreotypist was G. A. Parks. His emporium was located on State Street. If not satisfied with the finished product, it was not necessary to pay the 75 cent fee for portraits.

A furniture factory was run by S.S. Chamberlain. The factory produced chairs, bed posts and high-quality coffins. Chamberlain  
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