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This interior photograph of Phil's Jewelers in Albion takes us back to the era of gaslights when it was the Daniels Jewelry Store. Shown in the picture is Charles Tibbits, John Daniels, and Amos Ohmar. (Note the jewelers magnifying glass on Ohmar's lapel.) Oh, if one could only step back into time and the Daniels Jewelry Store to make just a few purchases at 1905 prices! Look carefully and you can see and fantasize about the wealth of goods this store must have contained. Shown in this picture are gold pocket watches, hat pins, stick pins, bracelets, rings, and necklaces. There are silver-plated butter dishes, tea pots, sugars, creamers, spoonholders, fruit baskets, napkin rings and flatware. Sterling silver dresser sets including brushes, combs, mirrors and hair receivers along with flatware are also visible. Then there is the glassware including cut glass carafes, cruets, pitchers and art glass of every variety for fancy pieces such as the large fruit bowls supported in silver stands up there on the top shelf; not to mention the variety of clocks in the rear such as mantel clocks, cuckoo clocks, regulator clocks, etc. Does this sound like an auction bill? Well, I suppose. After all, the everyday items of yesteryear are now our treasured antiques, but not at 1905 prices.