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### A Medina apple yard

Both of today's pictures were published in the Dec. 20, 1906, issue of the Medina Tribune, labeled simply, "A Medina Apple Yard."

Look at the hundreds of barrels of apples stacked at this site along and the wagons loaded with apple barrels. The scene takes us back to the time when almost ever farmer had a few acres of apple orchard. It was also a time when local coopers made thousands of barrels to ship this fruit product.

Notice the arc light happening in the intersection. Since there is no location given in the paper about this apple yard, I cannot be specific about the location. However, I believe the barrels were awaiting shipment on the Erie Canal. I'm pretty certain this is Main Street in the lower portion of each picture and that the street to the left is Pearl. A building such as the one under the arc light appears on both the 1875 and 1913 maps.

In any case, the scene represents great activity about an industry which helped Orleans County prosper 100 years ago.