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Acer & Whedon made a good business team

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Our photo taken in 1906 shows the storefront of Acer & Whedon at 435 Main St. in Medina.

Herbert Acer and Charles Whedon were partners in the retail hardware store as well as a manufacturing business on Commercial Street in Medina.

The picture shows they were advertising stoves and ranges with a cooking range on display in a front window. As this photo was taken during the winter, we see a number of wooden snow shovels for sale near the entrance of the store. A horse appears to be tied at a nearby hitching post.

The store dealt in pocket cutlery, stoves, ranges, furnaces, tinware, agate ware, kitchen furnishings and hand tools of all kinds.

heating, tin and sheet metal work.

The firm in its factory made eave troughs, stovepipe, furnace pipe and elbows. They were also jobbers in hot air registers, furnace fittings and conductor pipe.

The retail business we see here was relinquished in the



early 20th century. However, the name Acer and Whedon will well be remembered by many as the sheet metal business was carried on for more than a century on Commercial Street where the Acme Manufacturing Company is currently operating.

In 1906, they were advertising .22-caliber guns at \$4.50 and 10 gauge shotguns at the same price.

Silver creamers and sugar bowls were selling for \$1 each, a hammer at \$.35 and saws at \$.75 each. Nickel plated coffee and tea pots were selling from \$.75 to \$2.50 each and carving knives and forks \$1.25 each.

The firm also attended to everything in the way of plumbing, steam heat, hot air