

Bethinking of Old Orleans

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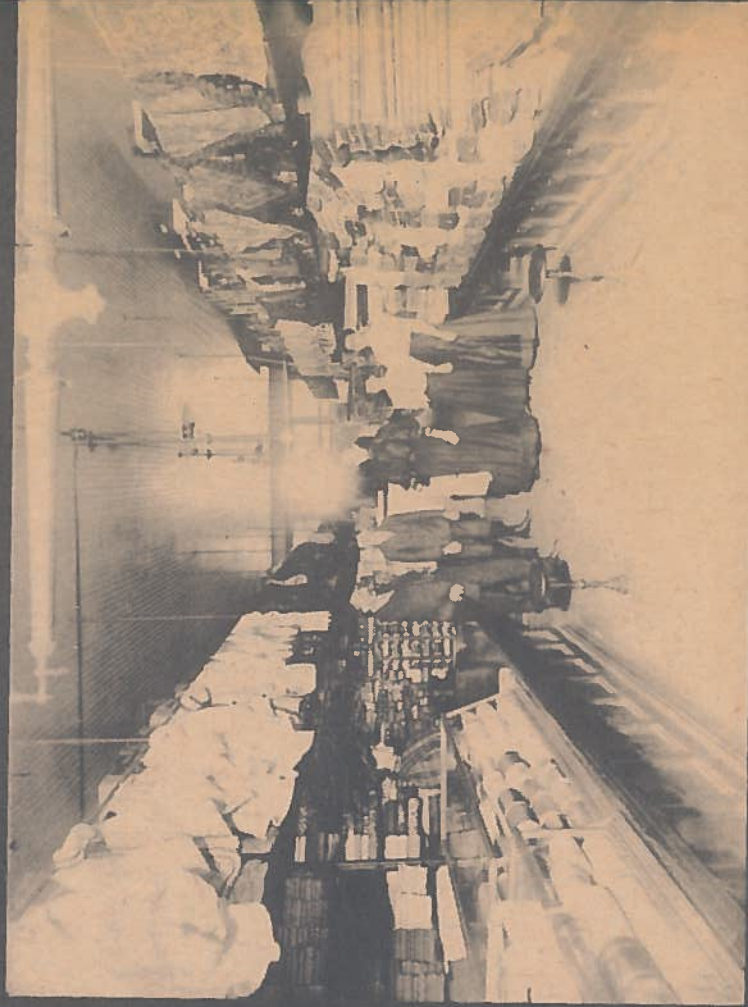
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LANDAUER'S STORE 1863-1981

The going-out-of-business sale at Landauer's Clothing store in Albion marks the end of an era and a family tradition which has been carried on for four generations. 1981 falls one year short of being at the same location for a century. It was 1882 when Simon Landauer and his son "Jake" moved their business to the present address. In 1890 Morris Strouse was taken into partnership. The exterior photograph taken around 1895 shows Simon in the left-hand door and Jake in the right-hand door. The third floor of this building was used by the Curtis Bates Post, No. 114 of the Grand Army of the Republic for a hall. Used by Landauers for storage, it still retains the original wallpaper and decorations applied by the G.A.R. when it was their Post home.

The interior picture taken about 1910 shows Ivah Chadwick, H.M. Strouse, Leo Heisler, Florence VanStone, Matie Iden and Anna Trumble. This picture clearly indicates how retailing has changed over the years. The interior gives the impression of being crammed full of merchandise without much attempt to display articles in an attractive manner. Note also, the stools for customers to sit on while being waited on.



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