

Crews build trolley in Medina a century ago

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In this 1908 view of Main Street on Medina we see tracks being laid for the B.L. & R. trolley system. Two sets of tracks were put down here so trolleys could bypass each other.

The trolley tracks did not go straight through Medina as they did in Albion. It seems people who lived in the fine residences on West Center Street did not want the trolley cars rumbling past their homes.

Therefore the trolley line made a right angle off East Center Street onto Main Street and followed Commercial Street out to Salt Works Road.

The noteworthy landmark in our photo is White's Hotel in the distance with the seven-story tower.