

DID YOU KNOW.....

A look back at early area history as found in the archives of the Enderlin Historical Society and Museum by Susan Schlecht

The following information is another excerpt from the files of The Writers' Project for Ransom County with information on Enderlin as collected by early Enderlin resident Mrs. Susan Vance for a 1936 tourist guide.

“Industries: The industries are working in the rail road shops and on the rail road, the manufacturing of the Lowe Hoof Nipper, a nationally known tool used in the care of horses' hoofs, and the Enderlin Iron Works and Welding.”

“Hotels: Enderlin has one good hotel. The Hilton Hotel is a large frame building with about fifty rooms of which twenty have hot and cold soft water. The rate of the rooms is a dollar and a dollar and twenty-five cents. No meals are served but an excellent café is in connection and under the same management across from the Soo depot.”

The following additional information concerning the Lowe Hoof Nipper was obtained in 1936 for the Historical Data Project of the State Historical Society of ND from Thomas Pierce, Sr. It states the Lowe Hoof Nipper was also known as the Wagner and Lowe Nipper. Thomas Pierce, Sr. and E. T. Danielson operated the business after Mr. Lowe died in 1911. Under their systematic sales program, the Nipper was distributed in every state of the US and also in Canada. There were also shipments made to the Philippine Islands and Australia, in connection with an exportation firm from NY City.

Sue's comments: Among the artifacts in the Museum are authentic Wagner and Lowe hoof nippers as well as a copy of the patent with the sketch as submitted to the patent office in 1896. Does anyone have information about the location of the factory or pictures of the actual nipper factory which they would like to share? If so, please let me know.

Watch for more history next week!