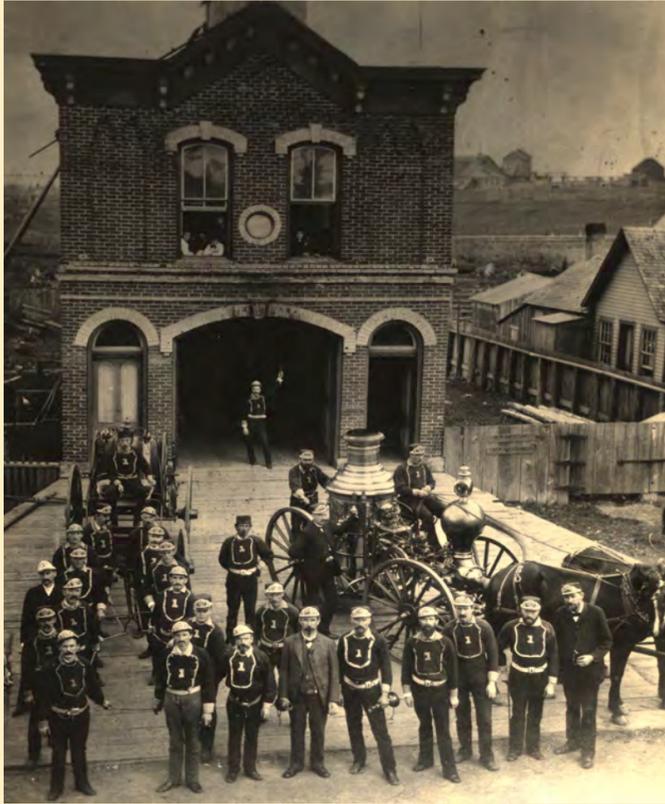


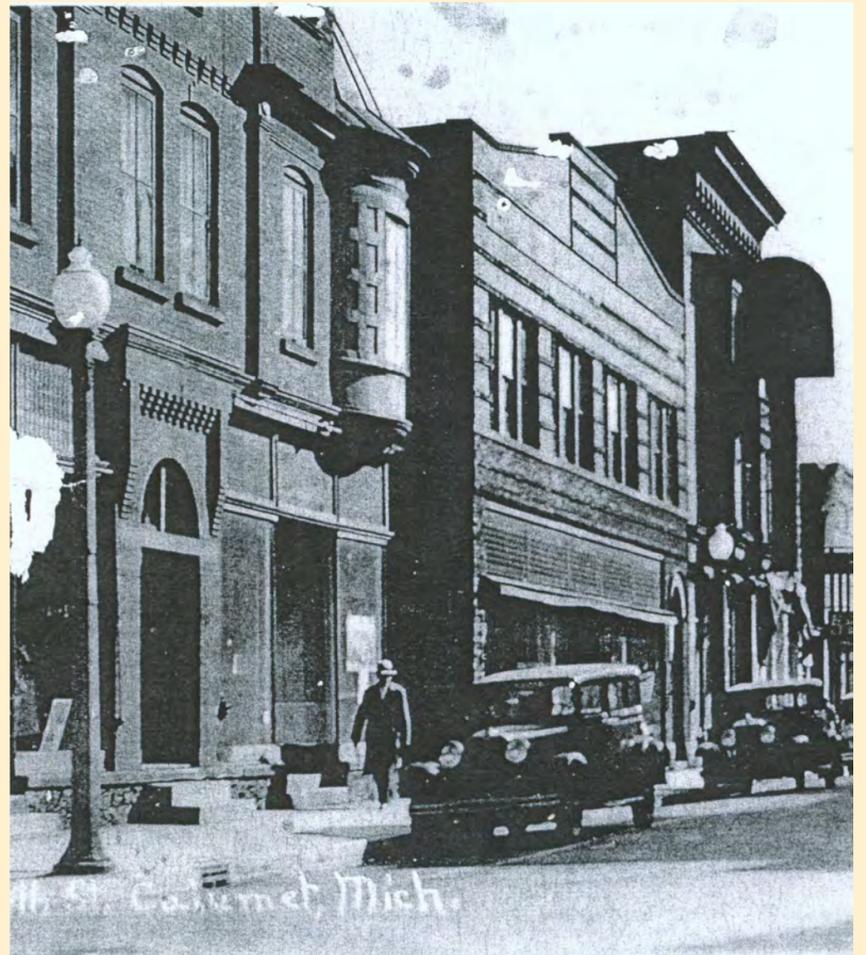
Keckonen Hardware ca.1910



NPS, KNHP, Curto Album 8, #011 Red Jacket Fire Hall, ca. 1880

In 1870, a fire hall was constructed on this site for the village of Red Jacket. In 1886, the village hall was built on the corner of 6th and Elm, which included a fire hall. The fire department also continued to use the building here until sometime around 1890, when the village rented the building to commercial tenants, including a sewing machine shop, a tailor, and a laundry.

The existing building was constructed sometime around 1910, and has remained a hardware store since that time. The store first belonged to the Keckonen family, and then was taken over by the Baudino family. The one-story addition to this building occupies the site of the Corgan Block, a narrow three-story brick building erected by business woman Mollie Corgan in 1900. Prior to its demolition in the 1940s, it was occupied by a hotel, a movie theater, and Cubs Billiards and Bowling Alleys.



NPS, Keweenaw NHP, S&CL VF, 5th Street, Keckonen's 2nd from left, ca. 1935

In 1913, Keckonen's Hardware was located in this building. Keckonen's had started out up the street in a small, gable-front wood-frame building, and then moved to a three story-building across the street from here. By 1913, they had recently acquired this lot from the village, and erected this building, specific to their needs at the time. It was the biggest and most up-to-date hardware store in town at the time of the strike.