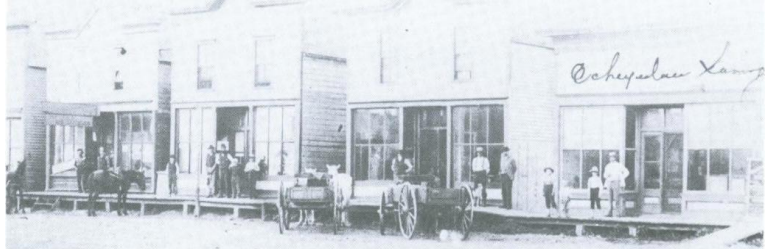


Sheriff Jacob B. Lent

October 11, 1881, Jacob B. Lent was elected Sheriff of Osceola County, receiving 125 votes over his running mates E. Huff, receiving 118 votes; S.S. Parker, receiving 94 votes; Hezekiah Littlechild, receiving 90 votes, Albert Romey, receiving 89 votes, and A.B. Greaves, receiving 6 votes.

Main Street, Ocheyedan, Iowa - 1880's



October 13, 1881 - Sibley Gazette - And out of the six candidates for Sheriff, J. B. Lent comes out a "Leetle" ahead.

The town of *St. Gilman* was all but a ghost town by 1879 due to the grasshopper invasion from 1874 to 1876; nonetheless, *St. Gilman* became a prosperous town once again in 1882 and changed its name to Ashton

In 1883, the Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Northern Railroad Company came through Osceola County. Soon thereafter, The Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railroad Company came through. *Allendorf* became the main station on that line.

October 9, 1883, Jacob B. Lent was re-elected Sheriff of Osceola County receiving 730 votes.

January, 1, 1884, Sheriff Lent's pay was set at \$400 per year. The Board of Supervisors divided a quarter of Goewey Township and formed Gilman Township in section 98, range 42. Goewey Township continued to covered range 41, 40, and 39 of section 98.

June 7, 1884, the Board of Supervisors passed a resolution that section 98, range 40 be called Baker Township.

Fall of 1884, the town of *Ocheyedan* was formed.



*Main Street, Ocheyedan,
Iowa looking North - 1880's*



Mennonite Barn on Business Corner

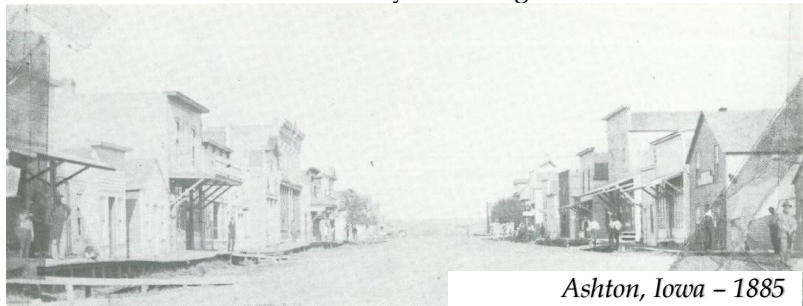
In 1884 a Mennonite settlement from Canada, as well as Michigan, Indiana, and Pennsylvania settled in the area of Business Corner, known as A34 (220th Street) and M18 (White Avenue) in Osceola County. They located 1 1/2 miles east, and 1/2 mile north of the future town of *May City*. In 1897, the settlement erected several buildings that were all painted brownish red. Today, one of those barns remains at Business Corner and can easily be recognized by its vertical siding and overhanging farbay that was built to provide shade for livestock. At one time there was a grocery store, jewelry store, watch repair shop, a broom and cigar factory, a wagon shop, a harness shop and a number of houses. In 1915 the Mennonite

families returned to the areas in which they came from due to the lack of unity and differences in the group. A Mennonite cemetery, with 26 graves remains as a reminder of the settlement which is located 1/8 mile west of Business Corner.

January 16, 1885, W. F. Fitzsimmons was selected Deputy Sheriff of Osceola County at the Board of Supervisors meeting. The fees for the County Sheriff's office for 1884 totaled \$197.50 for the year.

October 13, 1885, Jacob B. Lent was re-elected Sheriff of Osceola County, receiving 500 votes over his running mate James W. Morrison which received 303 votes.

January 25, 1888, Lent's salary was set at \$300 per quarter (\$1,200 per year). The fees for the Osceola County Sheriff's office for 1887 was determined to be \$419.52 for the year.



Ashton, Iowa - 1885

April 13, 1888, Stephen A. Douglass was appointed Deputy Sheriff of Osceola County.

September 3, 1888, the Board of Supervisors voted to make section 98, range 39 Harrison Township. From this point on, the Townships for Osceola County were fully established as they are to this day.

Jacob B. Lent was a war veteran. He was a private in Company I, in the Twentieth Wisconsin Infantry. His trade was selling farming machinery of all kinds. Lent served three, two years terms as Sheriff of Osceola County from 1882 to 1888. From 1888 to 1891, Jacob B. Lent served as Treasurer of Osceola County