

BOOKS! BOOKS!

**The Post Office
BOOK AND VARIETY STORE,
CENTER BLOCK, AURURN,**

1583 Lincoln Way

- 1855 – John Van Mater, the tinsmith, had a shop here before the fire. He and several others replaced the wooden buildings here with these brick buildings.**
- 1858 – Julius Brooks opened a Bank and Exchange office here. He also ran the Alta Express and the Alta Telegraph service.**
- 1861 – Brooks' clerk, Albert Gamble, bought him out. Gamble ran the telegraph and also assumed the duties of the postmaster for the town.**
- 1873 – Michael Hoffman and George Eddy opened a butcher shop.**
- 1877 – Gridley Lewis bought the building here, made some improvements and brought the post office back to this site in 1878.**
- 1879 – James Willis and Ashael Huntley ran the post office and a book and variety store here. Huntley would later be elected County Sheriff.**
- 1892 – Frederick S. Stevens, the postmaster and druggist, bought the building. He installed the post office boxes that are currently in the building.**
- 1895 – Mrs. Louise Huntley owned the building.**
- 1906 – Thomas James bought the entire block.**
- 2019 – The post office has been in continuous operation at this location for over 140 years.**