

### **Fires, Forges, Furnaces (continued from page 3)**

Eventually cast-iron radiators appeared. By the 1880s these radiators filled homes and businesses with excellent heating. One radiator line was produced by the The Utica Radiator Corporation, forerunner to ERC (see below).

1898 brought The International Heater Company's formation by merging five companies; Russel Wheeler & Son, The Carton Furnace Co., J. F. Pease Furnace Co., Howard Furnace Co., and Kernan Furnace Co. Offices were established on Genesee Street. A remodeled Coles Hotel created the "I-H" showroom at 94 Fayette Street in the Columbia Lafayette Neighborhood.



Utica Radiators are outstanding in their pleasing design and efficient performance.

Reducore Boilers are steadily built for a lifetime of economical heating.

By the 1920s most homes had automatic heating systems and newer "blower furnace" came into use in the 1930s. Today ERC International continues producing Utica Boilers, and it was in 1978 that they founded the 1st Utica Boilermaker 15K!

### **Coles Hotel and the I-H Warehouses**

Fayette Street was renamed in honor of General Lafayette's 1825 Utica visit. Street numbering changed and the modest Coles Hotel still stands at 418 Lafayette near Carton Avenue. Carton is an original Erie Canal-era cobblestone road, named in honor of John Carton of The Carton Furnace Company.

Today, these buildings nestled on Carton Avenue are home to Citation Services who sells and repairs office equipment. The business, buildings, and historic Carton Avenue are threatened by a huge, out-of-scale, hospital. When owner Joe Cerini purchased the buildings in 2001 they had leaking roofs, broken & deteriorating brick walls. Now stable and very solid, these buildings stand as testament to many small businesses having invested in them for their unique opportunities Downtown Utica offered; lower costs, very plentiful space/room to grow, and a huge opportunity for future returns - not to mention a chance to take their place into Downtown Utica's Erie Canal heritage. This brochure and effort comes to you care of Joe and other property owners who've been battling for three years to place the new Oneida County hospital at St. Luke's.

Find Joe Cerini, Citation Services, #NoHospitalDowntown, and BetterUticaDowntown on social media. Together we'll save the Columbia Lafayette Neighborhood - keeping Downtown Utica's neighborhoods better connected, authentic, and walkable!