

Albert Hughes Block

647-649 2nd St. S.E. (377 Main Street) Lot 12 Block 14 Plan 1491 Date of construction: 1903

Medicine Hat News: Dec. 24, 1903

“A. Hughes, 2 storey brick block on Main St., contractor Oakes & Everard”

Building Permit #149: April 2, 1913: Addition to store \$1000, 2 storey brick 17'5" x 24'4"

Architect/builder: A. Dickinson, Permit issued to L. Foster

This historic brick building was built in 1903, owner Albert Hughes*. Hughes was an early druggist in town operating the City Drug Store on South Railway St. Hughes owned 3 more properties on S. Railway St., in the area near the Royal Beer Store, today. Hughes home was on the corner of First St. and 6th Avenue, in walking distance to all 4 properties. The only other existing Hughes property is the building at 427 North Railway St. English born Hughes (1850-1943), returned to his homeland for about ten years, 1908-1918, but maintained his business interests and personal residence during his absence. When the Hughes family returned at the end of WWI, they may have lived in the upper storey for a short while before resuming residency of their former First Street home. The Hughes family owned the building from 1903 to 1943. In 1943, the building was sold to Abe Conn.

The earliest known occupant was L. Foster Saddlery and Harness, later Foster Shoe Store. The Fosters rented the building from the Hughes family from at least 1909 to 1934. The longest occupant of the building, from 1939 to 1976 was the Cinderella Shop, 37 years. *

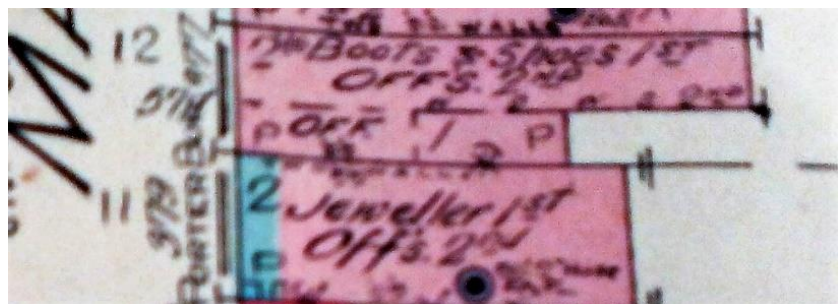
Foster Shoe Store
to the left, with signage
on awning and hanging sign
ca 1914 0424.0003*



MH News Oct. 21, 1913



1913 Fire Insurance Map
“Boots and Shoes” 1st floor



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Above: 1970, with stucco covering the original brick front **5194A.18***

EUGENE DAILY NEWS Wednesday, March 15, 1939

You Are Invited To Attend
The **Opening**
of the **Cinderella Dress Shop**
Second Street Next to Cook's Jewelry Store
Thursday, March 16th at 9 a.m.
DRESS UP for Spring...for Easter...

Come to the . . . **Cinderella Dress Shop** . . . Tomorrow

Handbags
Ravel in the glorious possession of Fashions. Here you will find all the latest trends.
Fashions opening with youth, COLOR, life! See the swirling skirts! Little girl! frocks and suits. Preventative pretty hats. . . . See the eye tempting colors in accessories.
Be a stylish fashion leader—choose your entire Spring wardrobe here!

Parents! Don't forget!
Alligators! Friends!
Girls! Novelties!

Right you are with a **BRIDAL** bag this Spring! Choose it from the beautiful collection! Big handbags, soft pouches, silk accessories, tailored straps—all in the girlish colors that mean Spring '39.
Special pink, fuchsia, gold, violet, red, navy, black! Wash paper to paper dress!
Priced from **98c**

Dresses . . .
Dresses that make you feel gay, enchanting. NEW with dainty, romantic touches. full swinging skirts! Evening slings of pressed prints, soft laces and jacket styles! Smart, rayon creases. Your price, possible, new, dress.
Priced up from **\$3.49**

Coats . . .
It's a cool Spring! And these NEW accessories look every fresh with an ensemble! Flap raincoats, suits, (camouflaged) raincoats, slim, heavy and swing sweaters in shades, stripes and every style. choose the coat that flatters you most! Navy, black, lined raincoats, jackets.
Mittens, women. **\$9.95**

Suits . . .
Such that look fashion! Sparklingly young with long fitted jackets also skirt or pleated skirts. Choose yours in navy, black, white, pink, brown,
Mittens, women. Priced up from. **\$9.95**

Opening Specials

SLIPS—Regular \$1.29—	79c
Special	
WAZAMA—Regular \$1.50—	98c
Special	
PAJAMA—Regular 49c—	29c
Special	
CHILDREN'S COTTON DRESSES—	79c
With collars. Regular \$1.29	
Special	

The Cinderella Dress Shop
Second Street
Next to Cook's Jewelry Store

Hosiery
It's Kayser
It's Van Raalte
It's Allan "A"
In all the newest Spring shades.

Right: MH News ad Mar. 15, 1939, the Grand Opening of the Cinderella Dress Shop

The Albert Hughes Block March 2017 as Thuy Tien Vietnamese restaurant:



*Additional information and digital copies of photos may be available by contacting or visiting the Esplanade Archives.

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