

Factory: **Bicycle factory (Kearney Cycle Manufacturing)**

Location:

Years of operation:

Oct. 27, 1894 – Plan proposed to convert building formerly used by plow factory into bicycle factory

Nov. 17, 1894 – To begin in Jan. on 2nd floor of Power house

Mar 5, 1895 – “Kearney Special” wheel (bicycle) first one displayed. First 25 produced to be ready by end of month. An excellent model, weighs 20 lbs

May 20, 1895 – Producing 25 for local customers next week

June 8, 1895 – Cheyenne tried to lure plant away but Kearney promised free power & rent for a period of years.

July 15, 1895 – Building a tandem

Aug. 2, 1895 – Tandem on display in a local store. Weighs 33 lbs.

Sept 15, 1895 – moving to east half of Journal building. Machine shop in basement, general workshop and office on 1st floor, assembly, varnishing & enameling upstairs.

Nov. 14, 1895 – use electricity with gas engine back up. Working on '96 model and will also make the Aksarben for ladies and gentleman. The Kearney Special is a racing wheel.

Feb 3, 1896 – making a gold wheel, sending to Denver. All parts usually nickel were gold plated

June 19, 1896 – Opened a repair shop in connection with their livery (announced the day before) A livery apparently was a rental business. Rent by hour, day, week or month

June 20, 1896 – T. H. Bolte invented a new style of bicycle. Kearney Cycling made the Prototype

Jan 9, 1897 – Jakway & Gillet opened their bicycle factory foundry and machine shop in Old cracker factory building. Repair, re-nickel, re-enamel, make new. Castings to be made at old foundry near oatmeal factory until spring when addition can be added to back of building. Foundry and shop on ground floor, bicycle department upstairs