

## Keith's Corner/McGill News

June 21, 2019

Saturday May 15<sup>th</sup> was the 2019 town wide yard sale. There were several booths at the K street park and many individual ones around town. They were easy to spot as a balloon floated in the air near the stands. A lot of items were sold. However, this year after the event was over, much of the unsold stuff was taken to the Mike Nass Thrift Shop at the old bank building. We unloaded several trucks of stuff. Mike and his helper Rubin will get it all sorted and on display. The yard sellers were happy to find a place for the stuff, instead of taking it back home. Mike is moving a lot of stuff and is making lots of keys. Many tourists are stopping. They also visit the Antique Store next door and Bradley's market. Main street is much busier. The truck and tourist traffic is intense this year.

### Keith's Corner

The other day, Rudy Herndon, the new owner of the Oddfellows Hall let me visit the place and take some pictures. He has some great plans for the hall.

The front of the place was recently restored. The outfit from Salt Lake did a tremendous job. They also pressure washed all the outside walls and got rid of the huge overgrown bushes in the front. There is a small amount of outside work to be completed by August and then the work will start on the inside. Rudy has contracted an architect from Utah that does restoration and upgrades of old historical buildings. The place will be kept original as much as possible. The new fire codes and ADA requirements, along with the health department rules will of course require several changes. ADA access will be put in the ally for entrance to the second floor meeting room and bathrooms will be added. The fire code requires more exits and so there will be a new doorway at the back of the hall to give access to the top of the foyer and steps will be added to both sides to ground level. This area will have tables and chairs for outside dining. The wiring in the

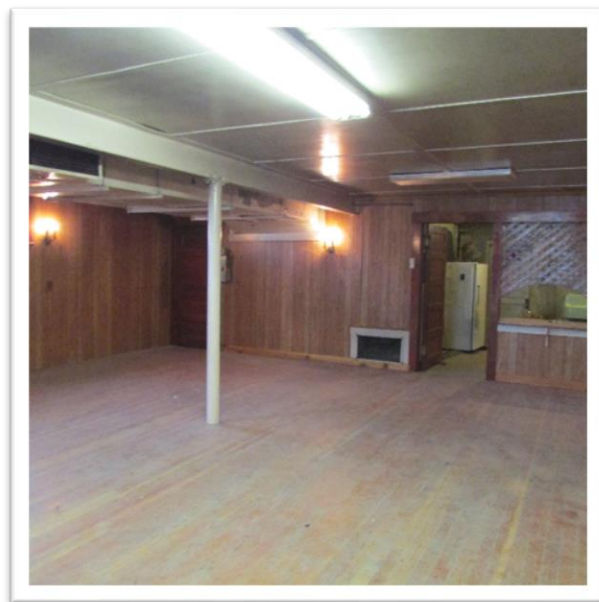
whole building will be redone to code. The beautiful hardwood floors will be refinished and polished.

The upstairs room will be used for weddings, meetings etc. There will be seating for over 90 people. The stage will be re-finished and will be used for live plays.

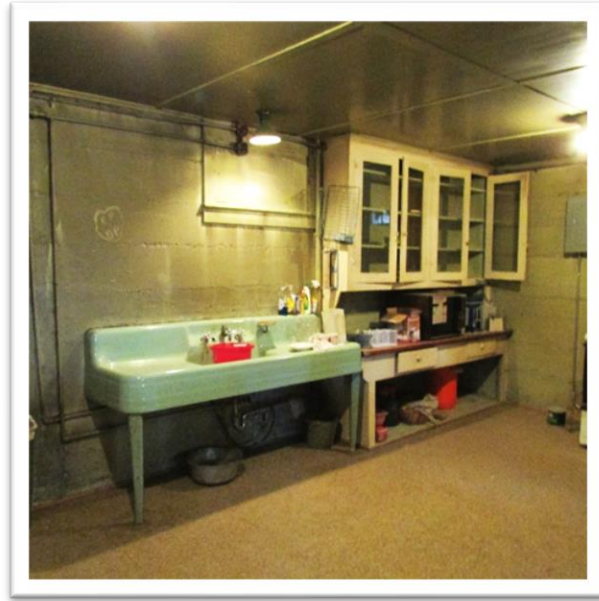
The downstairs will be developed into a small café and a tap beer bar. Rudy plans to serve a wide variety of food and even breakfast. He will be able to cater also.

The inside work will start in August and with a plan to be done by next spring. This will be quite an asset to the town.

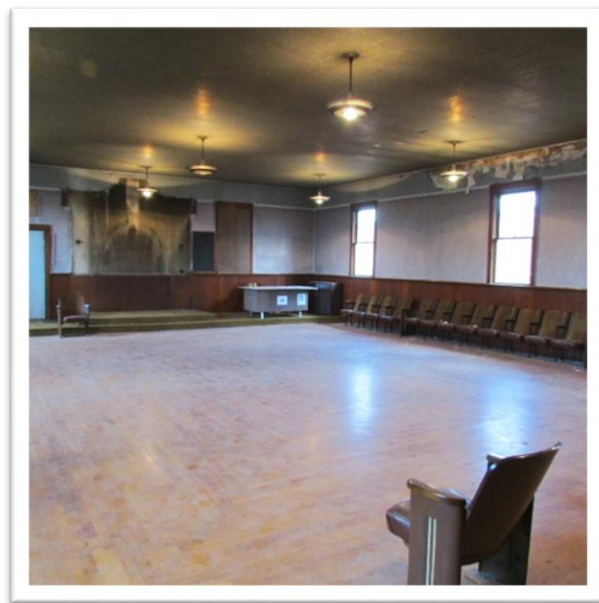
Here are some pictures---



*Figure 1--Downstairs dining room, looking toward the kitchen area.*



*Figure 2--The kitchen. Notice the unique sink. I have never seen another one like it.*



*Figure 3--Top floor meeting room. Notice the beautiful hardwood floors.*

*It is nice to have some new ideas and businesses coming to town. I think McGill has a chance of recovering from the KCC shutdown. It has been a long time coming. But better late than never.*

The gas station is open for gas 24/7 via credit card. Hopefully in the not too distant future it will be fully open as it once was in years past.

The swimming pool is open again, after a break in a sprinkler line up on the dike. Some of the old black sand and tailings got into the pool. It was cleaned up and the kiddies are back having fun in the pool.

The cell tower looks finished, but have not been able to confirm that fact,

I stopped by the museum across from the cemetery yesterday. It is a great place to visit and I strongly recommend it. The old time ladies hat collection on the wall is something to see.

Here is an old photo of McGill for your enjoyment.

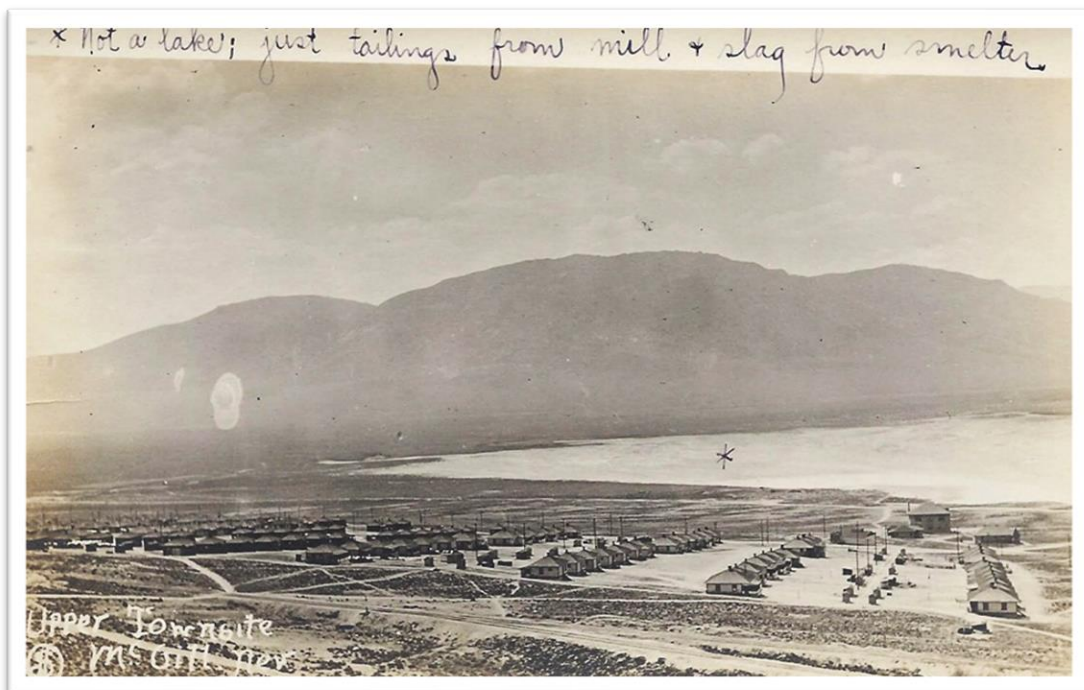


Figure 4--Don't know the year. The writing on the top says that it is not (X) a lake but the tailings from the mill and the slag from the smelter.