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Marie's Café Building

I was recently asked if I knew what the building was first used for. Looking thru old photos and enlarging some I found the following. The oldest photo seems to be this one of Mr. Bill McGill and friends in front of the Copper Club, (now the post office). The date at the bottom is 1909. The building is wooden and looks to be more narrow.



The American Trading is now the McGill Club. The building to the left I think might have been a barber shop.

Now here is an enlargement showing the barber pole. Marie's is to the left of that place.



This building later was the McGill Laundry and in 1925-6 became the theater. I can't read the sign on what later was Marie's. Here is an enlargement. NOTER-remember the gable roofed building.



My guess is "The Bird Café, Cage, Call" Anybody with better eyesight? Is that a chicken on top of the sign??

Now, let us look at a different and older photo .



Here is an enlargement of the building with the gable roof. I think this photo was taken in 1906-7. It is very grainy.



Note the awning on the American Trading building is rolled out. Now here is a later photo when Marie's Café was cement blocks. I was told one time that it was a bakery, but have no photo. In this photo there is no name. There is a laundry next to it, which later became the theater. The Brunswick Hall barber and pool hall became Cononelos Furniture.



The McGill Club with Cyprus Hall on top is there. My guess on the date is 1925. The Commissary is there, but not the theater, built in 1926. By getting some better dating on when buildings were erected make it easier to write about the history. I hope to have a new book out soon about main street and a few other spots of interest.

As it looks today. The small windows are original.



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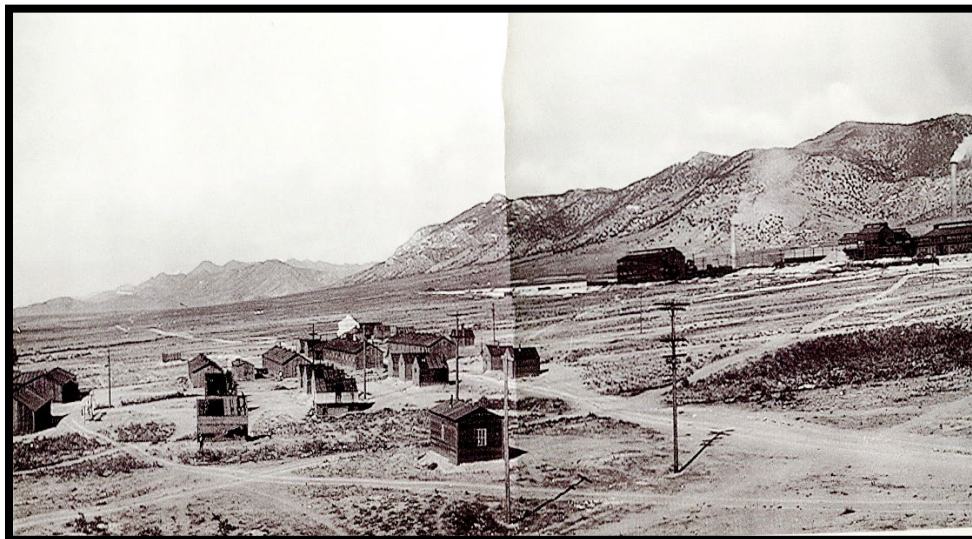
We had a small flood on main street the other day. The folks working on the IOOF Hall dug into the street to hook up a new water line. They had to tap into the main line.



How about the new front doors to the IOOF Hall?



Old Photos



This was probably in 1906-07. As near as I can tell, these huts are located about where the duplexes across main street from the LDS Church. Looking at the dark patch in both photos. White line in center could be sewer line from white staff house on circle, which later on had the bottom floor removed making it a two story house, as it is today. Still white.

