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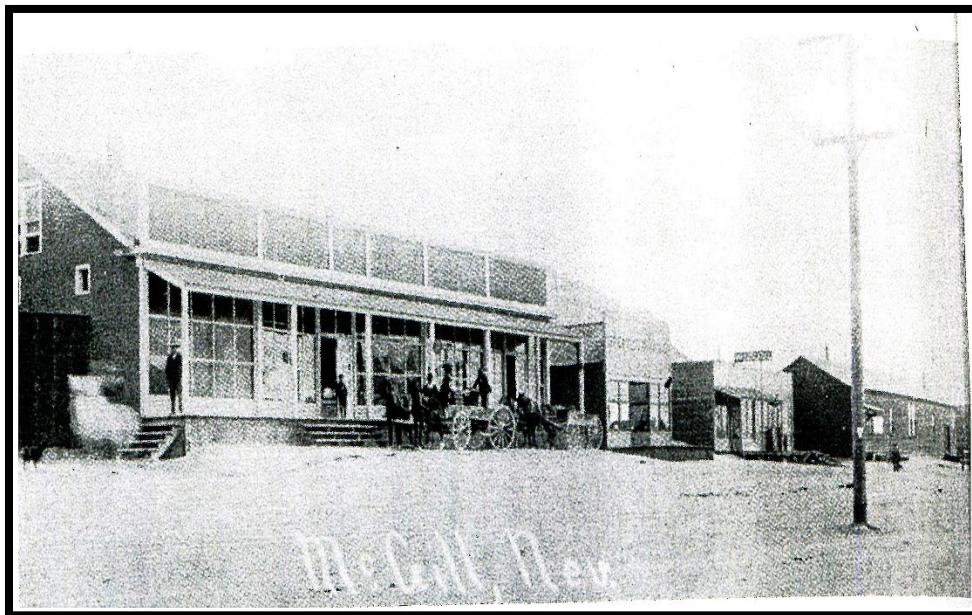
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McGill Main Street Puzzles

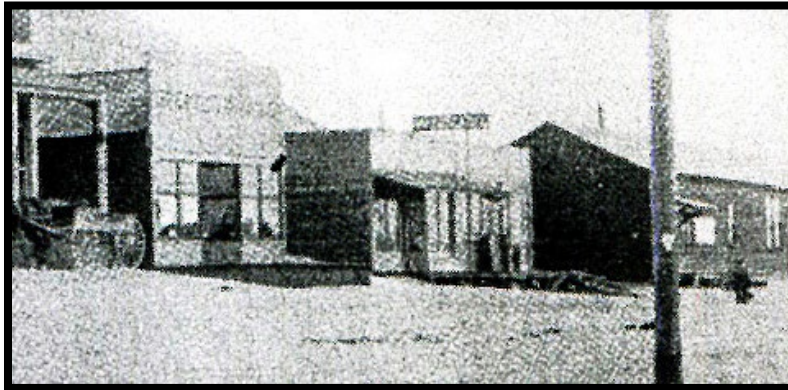
Looking at old photos of McGill, I was always irritated that most of them are not dated. I hope to correct this problem. Guess, being born and raised in McGill is the reason. Could have been the dust and/or the sulphur smoke, but, most likely, it was the morbid curiosity of us McGill heathens. We wanted to know the what, why and where of everything around us, especially our town. City dudes don't have this, as they were only concerned with a tiny portion of their city and a small number of people. We small town rascals knew every square inch of our town and most everyone in it.

Here are some examples of changes on main street, concerning the McGill Café building.



This was probably taken around 1906-09.

Here is an enlargement of the probable, future, café building.



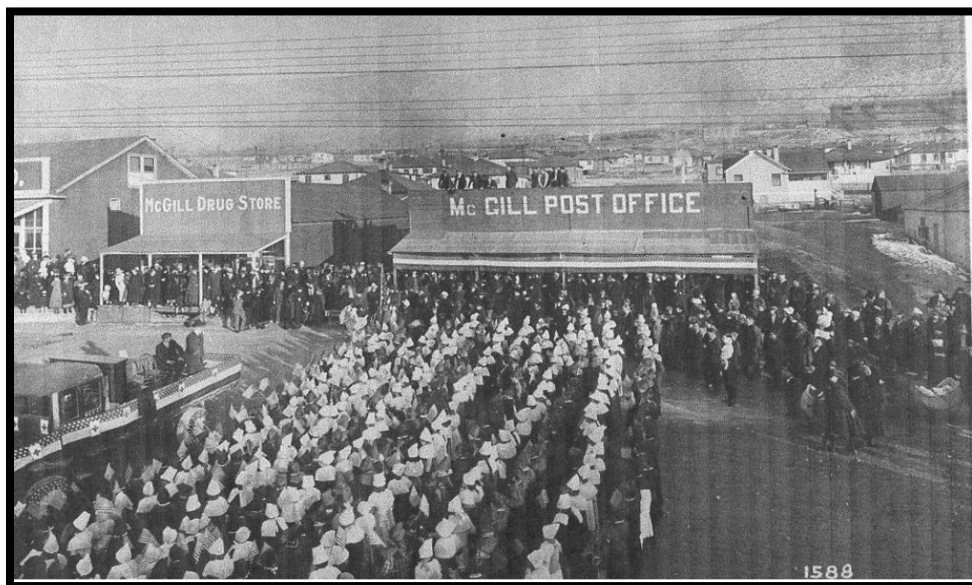
The Steptoe Drug Store (started possibly in 1908) is just to the right of the buckboard. Then the next building may be the future McGill Café building. I have no idea what the large building on the extreme right is. Next is a later photo of the post office/cafe building and an enlargement.





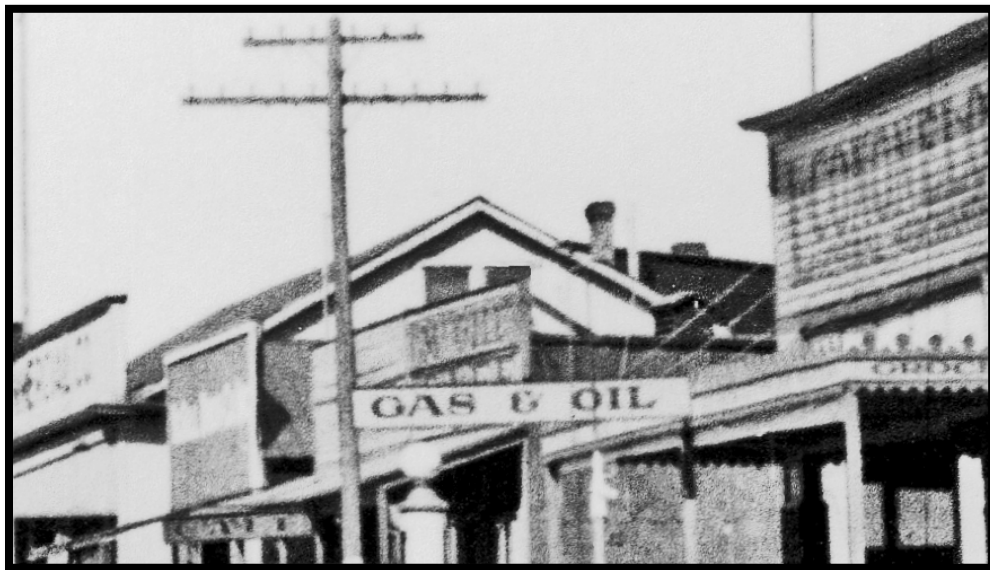
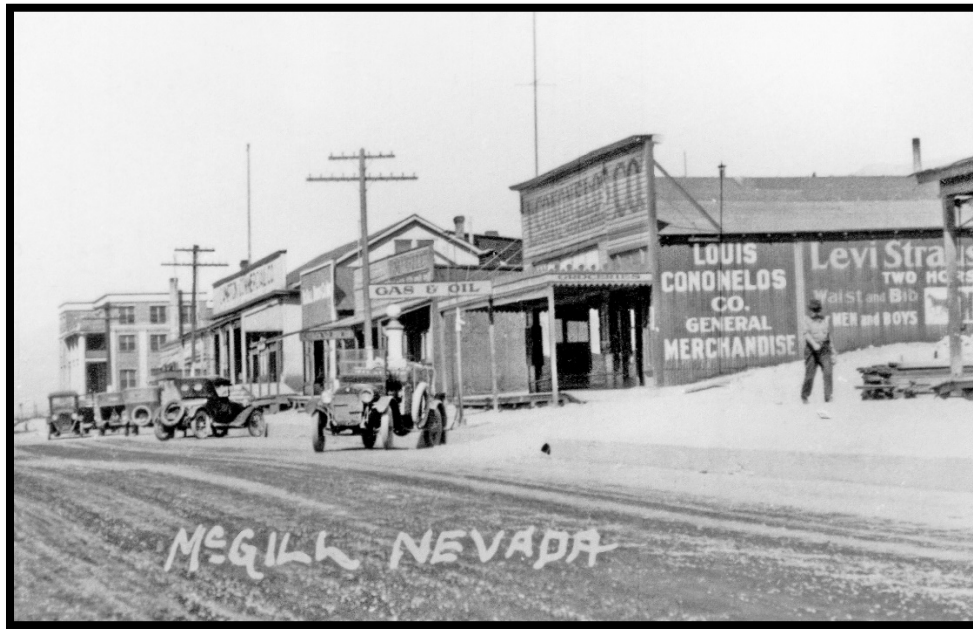
The Clubhouse, (1910), is there on the extreme left and the Campton (Bradley's) has not been turned, (1926). The Leader Store on the right I think morphed into the Cononelos Store. I found Leader ads in the White Pine News in 1908, 09 and 1910. The McGill Drug is there, (formerly the Steptoe Drug). So this photo is probably circa 1910.

Now this photo was taken in November of 1919. It is the 1st. anniversary of the end of WWI. Notice how large the post office is.



The post office was moved across the street into the building vacated by the Copper Club. This happened in 1920.

Here is a later photo, also undated, with an enlargement .



The former Campton store is still lengthwise to the street. It was turned in about 1925-26. The building we are interested in has two names. The one on the right is the McGill Café. I haven't been able to read the one on the left. Since the Post Office moved in 1920 and the Campton has not been turned, this photo is between 1920 and 1926.

The next photo, with enlargement is late 1930s.





Our building is now, the Browning on the left and the McGill Café on the right. The Browning store went out of business in 1939-40.

The next 2 photos are in the 1940-50s. The Browning has changed (1940) to the McGill Candy Shop.





Now we jump to 1964 and the building is gone into history.



So, you can now see how confusing it is to date old photos.

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The McGill Drug store is now open 4 days each week. We will be open on July 4th.

McGill Oldie

1928—March 19. The McGill Community League met at the Clubhouse. The decision was made to start building a Community League center building just south of the Clubhouse. I don't ever remember a building there until the library.

Old Photos



Early tar paper shacks on north end of town, circa 1905-06.