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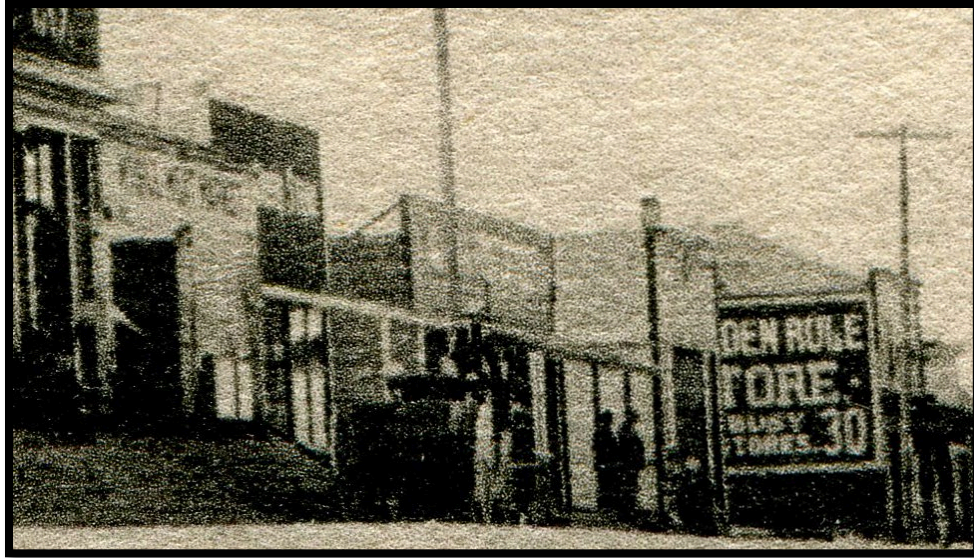
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M. J. Holt Store



Here is another postcard that Art Londos gave me. It was made for the McGill Drug Store back in the early 1900s. There are several interesting items to look at, so here is an enlarged photo. You can see a large sign on the wall of a store, that reads, Golden Rule. That is the building just south of the IOOF Hall. After The Golden Rule, it became a Penney's store. In my day it was the L.C. Food store. Later it was leased by many different individuals, trying to start a business. I remember a guy selling lumber there. A few years ago it was a carpet, rug store. It is now empty.



The M. J. Holt Jewelry store was in the north side of the existing McGill Antiques Store of today. The south half was the Nye Bros. clothing store, as seen in this next old photo of a pending badger fight. See NLs 27 and 58 for more detail.



On January 1, 1914, +Ford DM. J. Holt started his jewelry business by buying out J. A. Clomings jewelry business that had been in McGill for several years. I haven't found any info on how long Clomings was there or even what the name of the store was. I will keep looking. More on the Holt store next week.

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The boxes on the shelf contain roughly 80,000 documents dating from 1945 to 1980. The weight of the boxes was starting to pull the shelf off the wall. The boxes are stored in another room and the documents will be scanned and then placed in modern plastic containers and put back on a new shelf, built to hold them.

Old Photo



Roulette wheel at the McGill Club in the 1940s. Can anyone identify any of these men?? I know at that time that Henry Winterode, Baird Spell, C. Draper and I. Nolette worked there. The blackboard atates that there is a ball game at Ruth on May 26. If I can find that game, it will give us the exact year.