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## Keith's Corner/McGill News

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### Early Banks in Ely and Ely City

In the early days of White Pine County, the names of the towns were a little confusing.

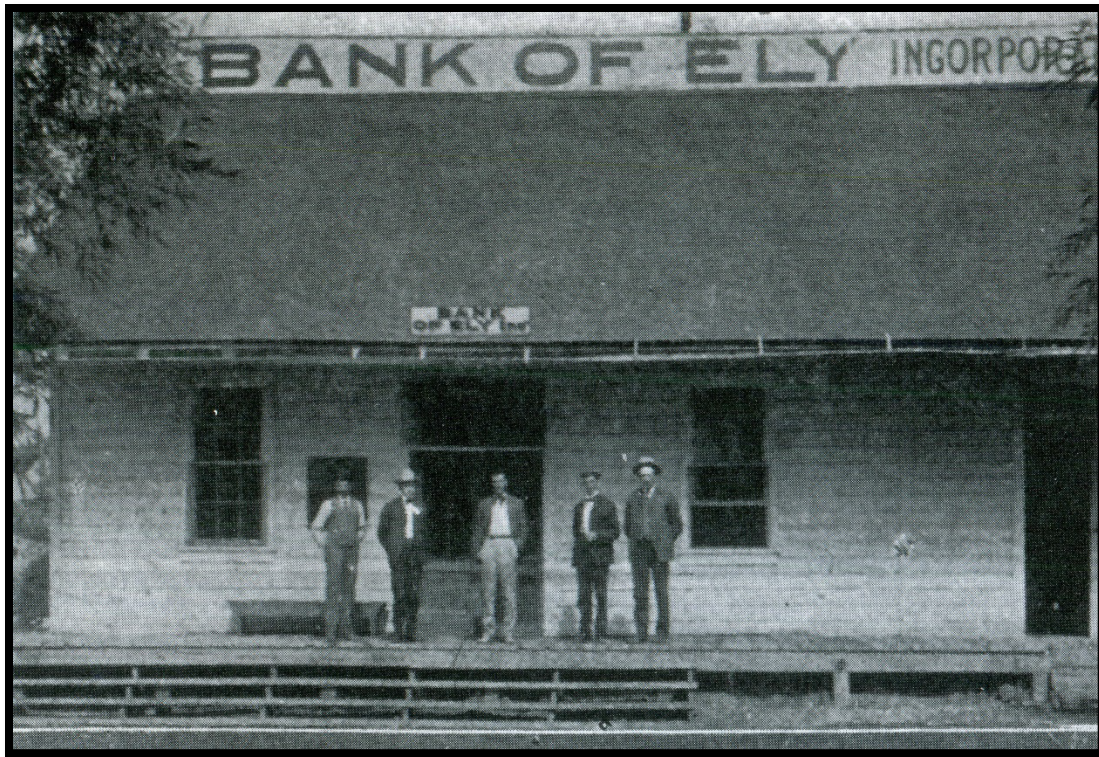
There was The City of Ely and Ely City. Later Ely City became East Ely. The confusion of the mail was one of the reasons for the change. The U.S. Post Office had trouble deciding where to send the mail.

There were the towns of Smelter and Smelterville. Smelter became McGill and Smelterville. Located below the Club 50 fizzled out completely.

Looking at banks we have, Bank of Ely Inc. and the 1<sup>st</sup>. National Bank of Ely.

The 1<sup>st</sup> National Bank was located in the Northern Hotel.

The Bank of Ely Inc., according to the caption under this phot, was located behind the Hayes Hotel.



I don't know when it first opened, but in July of 1907 the local paper stated that a new building was being built on Aultman for the bank. It was made of concrete block and should be ready by August 1, 1907.

In October, 1907. James Lockhart (started with the bank in 1906), the Cashier, stated that the bank would not close for 5 days to celebrate Nevada's birthday, as decreed by Governor John Sparks.

In February 1908 the Bank of Ely moved from Aultman Street to Ely City (East Ely). It was in a new building on the North East corner of 11<sup>th</sup> street and D Avenue. That building is now an insurance company.



The 1st National Bank of Ely, moved from the Northern Hotel into the building vacated by the Bank of Ely. Here is a photo.



The lady in white is walking in front of the 1<sup>st</sup> National Bank of Ely. Here is an enlarged view.



A few years later the bBank of Ely was changed to the Copper National. February 1908, John Lockhart the cashier resigned from the Bank of Ely. He wanted to get back to his law practice

During March 1908 the Bank of Ely in its new location in East Ely had a high demand for new accounts and safety deposit boxes. The cashier at that time was a Mr. Davies.

At about that time The Bank of Ely opened a branch in Smelter (McGill).

However on May 28, 1909, the McGill branch became the National Bank of McGill.

### McGill News

The 'lake' right below McGill is still getting bigger and yet we don't know where the water is coming from.

I had some more visitors from Holland at the Drugstore. One of them was a documentary film producer. He was on his way to the Salt Flats to film some of the racers. He was enthused by the Drugstore and promised to come back next spring and do some filming.

Old Photo



Anybody know where this Café was located????