

Manz Block [No. 215 & No. 213]

1874 – Jacob Manz, Sr.

The **Smale Bros. Drug Store**, owned by brothers George and John, was established at the location of the east side (No. 215) in 1868. They returned to Manz' new building after the Great Fire and became a key component of the downtown. George eventually assumed full ownership of **Smale Drugs** as it became known. In 1901, he partnered with his son-in-law, Frank B. Ireland, in the **Smale-Ireland Music Co.** This occupied a portion of the store until 1904 when Ireland became the sole owner and moved out. Less than a month later, Smale declared bankruptcy. The drug store closed in 1906, ending a business that had served the community for 39 years.

A.J. Hoehn then opened a variety store

called **Hoehn's 5 & 10 Cent Store** from 1907 through 1910. He sold it the following year to H.H. Bickenbach. **Bickenbach's Variety Store** remained in this location for six years to be followed by The **People's Supply Store**, a grocery owned by H.R. Keagy, in 1917. It continued until Keagy's death in 1928.

The main floor of No. 213 was first leased to W.H. Chamberlin, owner of **Oak Hall Dry Goods**, who remained until 1889. Norris M. Graham then opened **Graham & Co.** In 1899, P.C. Heege moved his rapidly growing **Heege Furniture & Undertaking** to this spacious store. A.B. Clay introduced a new line of business in 1906 by opening **Clay's Billiard Hall** here. E.M. **Bantz's Billiard Hall** took over in 1910, to be followed by **Clabby's Barber Shop & Billiards** in 1913. Thomas Clabby remained in business here until 1928 when the Odd

Fellows (I.O.O.F.) purchased the building.

The 2nd floor of the block accommodated a wide variety of enterprises. Manz moved his own barber shop into the west side and rented space to **Miss L.V. Raymond's Millinery Parlors**. **William Richmond's Palace Billiard Saloon** was the first to occupy the east half of the 2nd floor. He was followed by Thomas **Gaffney's Temperance Billiard Hall** in 1883. From 1885 to 1891, Mike **Daugherty's Saloon & Billiard Hall** filled most of the 2nd floor. William Metzmer also operated **Billy's Boss Barber Shop** here from 1888 through 1895. When **Heege Furniture** moved to No. 213 in 1898, it took over entire second floor of both storefronts, putting an end to the tenancy of saloons. Later, from 1910 to 1928, John **Barnett's Dry Goods** operated from this location. Once the **Odd Fellows** assumed

ownership in 1928, they claimed the entire 2nd floor as their meeting hall.

Judy Olsen – May 2021