

Phillips Block [No. 114 & No. 116]

1880 – John A. Phillips

For several years, a string of grocery stores leased No. 114, the west side of the new Phillips Block. In 1888, W.A. Tidball opened **The Racket Store**, a low-cost variety store. Tidball's business grew and in 1899, he moved to larger quarters. A billiard hall and barbershop moved in and, in 1910, William Glenny, who learned the barbering trade while working at the local Iowa Hospital for the Insane, took over the business as **Glenny's Barbershop, Billiards & Tobacco**. Glenny's became a linchpin of the downtown through 1939.

No. 116 was the home of **Bisbee & Son Grocery** owned by Daniel and Walter Bisbee from 1880 through 1890. In 1892, while occupied by **Moore & Carter's**

Jewelry, the partners got into a dispute that resulted in shots fired on Main Street. The Marshall intervened before anyone was hurt. In 1894, Albert Israel established his highly regarded store, **Israel's Clothing**, at this location. He acquired a building of his own in 1899. **The Economy Store**, owned by Mr. & Mrs. Harry Gates, then took up residence. She was one of Phillips' children. She later open a millinery shop at the back of the store that faced on 2nd Ave. NE. In 1909, **Campagna's Grocery**, operated by Joseph and later, by his son, Frank, moved in. The grocery was known for its fresh produce and was a popular business through 1939.

Hunter & Forrester's Butter & Eggs occupied the entire basement of the block from 1880 to 1900. The company shipped

products to numerous customers in Chicago. In early 1902, William G. Brown and Henry McClernon ran the **Imperial Bowling Alley** in the basement of the west side. There is still evidence of a scoreboard on the west interior wall.

The 2nd floor was home to **John Gorman, Merchant Tailor**, from 1880 to 1885. Gorman had lost everything in the Great Fire, including his family's home, but, with determination successfully resurrected his business. The **Unique Novelty & Printing Co.** operated from the 2nd floor from 1911 to 1932. It was owned by William G. Brown and was a nationally known producer of board games and novelty items with additional offices in Los Angeles.