

W. O. L. BROWN BUYS OUT SMOKE HOUSE

PURCHASES ENTIRE INTEREST IN BUSINESS FORMERLY OWNED JOINTLY HERE

Final papers, transferring the Brown Smoke House, on Clinton Street, to the sole ownership of W. O. L. Brown were signed here this afternoon, marking the retirement of Thomas A. Brown, the founder of the house, from the tobacco business in Iowa City.

The new owner, under the sale, has been a half owner of the smoke house for a year and a half. Prior to that time he was in the employ of the store for two and a half years, coming here four years ago from Webster City, where he operated a motion picture house for some time.

The Brown Smoke House is, at present, one of the largest in the city, embracing two cigar counters, a soda fountain, a line of private booths, and an adjoining billiard room.

Thomas A. Brown, the former owner, will now devote his entire time to the amusement business here, at present being the owner and proprietor of the American Theatre.

William O. L. Brown, the new owner of the smoke house, is one of Iowa City's liveliest business men, having made a notable record for himself at Webster City in the motion picture business, and scored similarly as a manager in the local store.