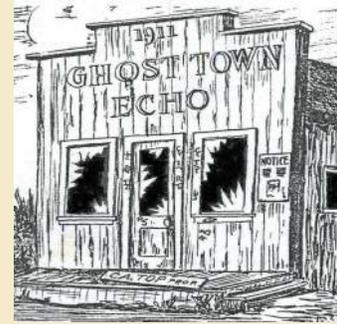


# “GHOST TOWN ECHO” NEWSLETTER

A MONTHLY PUBLICATION FOR MEMBERS  
OF THE WASHINGTON BOTTLE &  
COLLECTORS ASSOCIATION  
(AND THEIR UNDERSTANDING FRIENDS AND FAMILIES)



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## A look at Patented Soda Stoppers

BY GREGG WILSON

Two of my favorite bottles are the pictured Biggam Bros. Codd's marble stopper sodas, which circulated from 1911 to 1913. The marble stopper was Englishman Hiram Codd's answer (first patent in 1870) to the vexing problem of sealing carbonated drinks bottles with cork. It was dangerous and hard to fill and seal the bottles and the corks would dry out, allowing the fizz to escape. His patents were very popular in the UK but not so much in the US.

Ron Fowler, in his wonderful book on Washington Sodas (see [www.hutchbook.com](http://www.hutchbook.com) for more information), says: "Very few United States Codd's are known to soda collectors, making the Biggam Bros., Yakima, WA bottles highly prized and collectible. Research has yet to reveal why Biggam Bros. utilized Codd bottles. My unproven theory is that the Biggams emigrated to the United States and brought their equipment with them" (Fowler, 2001 p 6). More information on the Yakima Mineral Springs Company can be found on pages 342 to 346 in Ron's book.



For another view of these rare bottles, see [www.sodasandbeers.com](http://www.sodasandbeers.com) the superb web site run by Tod von Mechow. Bottle WS-505E is the 6-ounce version, and WS-505F is the 10-ounce. Tod lists 164 North American bottles known with the Codd closure (compared to nearly 17,000 known Hutches!) and illustrates the patents invented by Hiram Codd as:

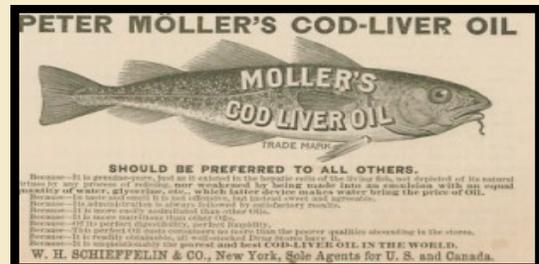
- English Patent: November 24, 1870, Number: [3,070](#),
- English Patent: August 22, 1871, Number: [2,212](#),
- American Patent: July 23, 1872, Number: [129,652](#),
- English Patent: September 3, 1872, Number: [2,621](#),
- American Patent: April 29, 1873, Number: [138,230](#),
- American Patent Reissued: August 13, 1878, Reissue Number: [8,372](#),

In my own research, I have come across two bottles, which may provide a big breakthrough in why a European style closure ended up in a central Washington city, but I'm going to let that cat out of the bag at the Chehalis WBCA show in November ... see you then!

Ref: Fowler, R (2001)

Washington Sodas: The Illustrated History of Washington's Soft Drink Industry.

Dolphin Point Writing Works. Seattle, WA



## A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE EDGEWATER PHARMACY

One of my first bottle acquisitions from Mr. Neil Smith, and later its subsequent partner shown below, was from the Edgewater Pharmacy. There was something about their distinct logo that caught my eye, and they are two of the most highly prized bottles of my collection.

Almost as colorful as the negotiations with Niel to acquire these two bottles, was the history behind this pharmacy, including having the distinction of being run by the first female member of the King County Pharmaceutical Society! Below is the history on this business as described in The Pioneer Drug Store by David Bethman.

I am most appreciative of David allowing me to quote directly from this now hard to find, and out of press work below:, as found on pages 586-587:

"W.A. Elder, who a year ago sold his drug store in Chelan to the Richardson Drug Co., has re-engaged in business at Edgewater, Seattle, and his store is now as the Edgewater Pharmacy."

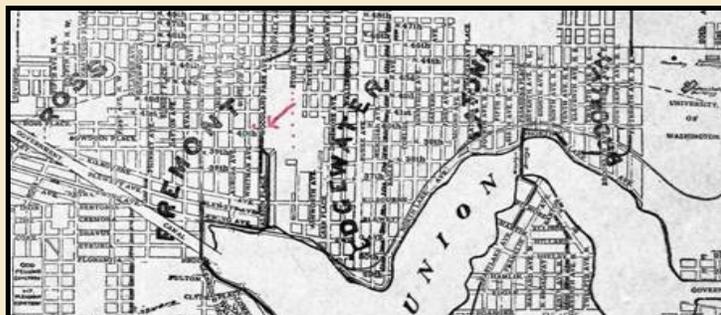
Thus reported the December, 1902 issue of the Pacific Drug Review. The Edgewater Pharmacy was located at 3601 Woodland Park Avenue. In April of 1905, W.A. Elder sold the pharmacy to his friend E..E. Parrish. In 1907, Roy and Levi Nelson purchased the store and remained owners until 1909. In October of 1909, Miss Zoe Coats purchased the Edgewater Pharmacy. She operated the store for two years, selling out in 1911. The November, 1911 Pacific Drug Review had more information about Miss Coats:

"Miss Zoe Coats has the honor and distinction of becoming the first lady pharmacist member of the King County Pharmaceutical Society. Miss Coats came to Seattle from California in 1905 and entered the University of Washington pharmacy school, finishing the two year course in 1907. She then purchased a drug store and successfully managed it for two years, selling at the end of that time. She is now employed at the University Pharmacy."

E.W. Moore and J.P. Moran were the new owners of the Edgewater Pharmacy. Mr. Moran sold his interest to his partner in September, 1911 and moved back to New York City. E.W. Moore continued as sole proprietor until May of 1912, when the Edgewater Pharmacy was purchased by Fred Penne. He owned the store for but a short time, until 1913, when Hans W. Schuett purchased the store. In 1915, the address of the store became 1100 Kilbourne. Hans Schuett owned the store until 1919. when it was purchased by Charles Rigney. He renamed the business the North Side Pharmacy, and continued in business for many more years.



Photo of the Edgewater Pharmacy Circa 1910, at the corner of 36th Street and Woodland Park Avenue, Seattle. Both photo and map below courtesy of Seattle Now and Then at [www.pauldorpat.com](http://www.pauldorpat.com).



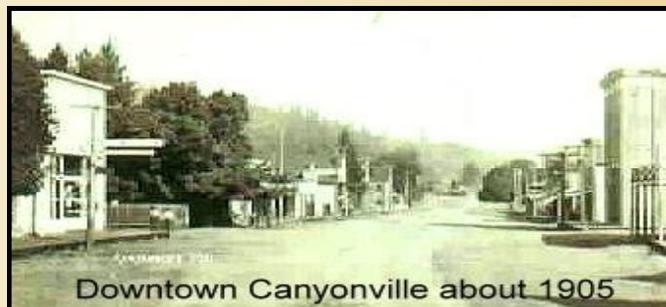
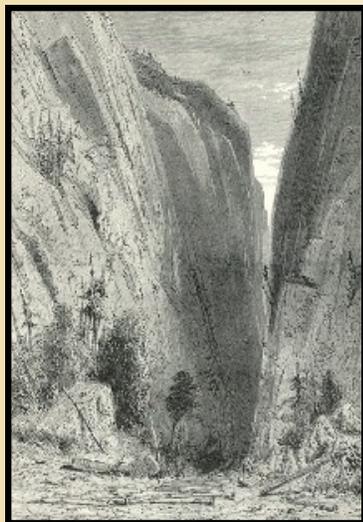
## AN EYEWITNESS ACCOUNT FROM A CANYONVILLE, OR BOTTLE SHOW SURVIVOR!

AS DESCRIBED AND COURTESY OF DAVID BETHMAN

The Seven Feathers Casino and Show Hall in Canyonville Oregon was the site of an excellent bottle show, held there on October 14th and 15th, 2011. This show has become my favorite bottle show, as it offers good quality bottles and glass, some dealers with fair prices, and a neat setting with casino buffet food, floor show, and a quality carpeted and well lighted show hall. And yes, there were many "Games of Chance" for those so inclined in the large Casino!

My friend Julie and I arrived at the show on Friday, about 11.30. Early admission began at noon, for a \$10 donation to the Jefferson State Insulator Club. We both purchased admission and were eagerly exploring the show as dealers pulled bottles and insulators out of their boxes and began table top setup. WBC members Pete and Shannon Hendricks, Niel and Ellen Smith, Tom Chambers, Jeff Wik, Randy Mitchell and friend Kim, Mike Parris and his wife, and Sir Jefferson Hooper were set up selling some great bottles and advertising. WBCA members Rick Miller, Frank Gray, Steve Hubble, Quentin Borreson, Mike Larson, Mark Kiviaho, and John Rauch were also there at the show as buyers, and perhaps one or two more that I have missed.

Displays of bottles and insulators were very well done, Terry Drollinger won an award for his display of sun colored purple Lightning Rod Balls, and Medina Russell had a great display of Patent Medicines in original boxes. A display by Dave Scafani showed local mineral water and soda bottles from his area of Oregon. There was a display of rare colored E C & M CO SF glass insulators, from Dennis Bray of Hanford CA. Another great display was of labeled Western Whiskey cylinders, many of the J H CUTTER bottles. Gilberto Hedges-Blaquez had a neat display of blue porcelain insulators.



I made some good purchase on Friday, a group of 8 amber Lightning and Atlas fruit jars, a neat BEAVER UTAH large pharmacy bottle, and some cobalt master ink bottles. I purchased some whiskey jugs from Jeff Hooper, and some other assorted bottles. My friend Julie purchased a pretty orange amber GLOBE fruit jar, and a nice Helena Montana souvenir china plate, among other goodies.

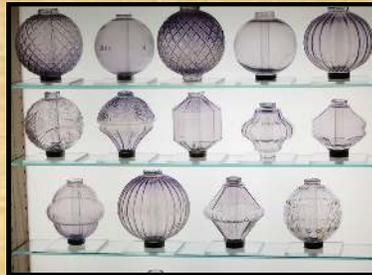
As the show closed on Friday evening, as a tradition from past shows, a large group of WBCA members and guests, and members of the Oregon Bottle Club headed off for a tasty buffet dinner. Tons of good food, and fun conversation ensued! After blimping out on food, Jeff Hooper and Julie & I headed out to watch Jeff win his dinner money back (and hopefully more) at blackjack. "The Hoopster" was pulling a lot of "21's" and managed to come out ahead by about \$60 after 45 minutes at the table. I gave \$10 back to the casino trying a nickel slot machine. There was a floor show in the caberet with a men's group called "The Four Tenors." They were really good, singing old country songs all the way up to modern stuff.

The next morning, Julie and I were down at the show checking around for more deals. One of my favorite parts of the show is the live Silent Auction held Saturday. An Alaska Hutchinson soda was one of the best items auctioned off, along with groups of bottles and insulators. I won a small COMMERCIAL IMPORTING CO whiskey jug from Seattle, and Norm Newberry did his usual job of winning most everything that was put up for auction! Jeff Hooper, as announcer and appraiser, did a great job, and Bruce Silva and Dale Mlasko of the Oregon club, also did an excellent job helping out.

The show ended at 3.00 pm, and everyone headed out, returning home with many goodies. The show was blessed with excellent sunny and warm weather, the trees were turning color, and the bottles were great to see!

# PHOTOS FROM THE CANYONVILLE SHOW

Courtesy of Julie Parsons aka "tintulip"



## So who and what the heck are those photos of on the previous page?

- Top Left photo with 3 Amigos: Insulator dealers Jim Cunningham, Chuck Irwin, plus one more
- Top Right photo with happy looking people: Misc dealers' sales table
- Left Middle photo of Cobalt Things: Gilberto Hedges-Blanquez blue porcelain insulator display
- Middle photo of Bottles on Box: Part of Western labeled Whiskey display
- Middle photo of Pretty Purple Things: Terry Drollinger WA purple lightning rod ball display
- Right Middle photo of Man on Phone: dealer/auctioneer/appraiser Jeff Hooper, likely on the phone to his stock broker asking for more funds to be moved to his bottle account!
- Left Middle/Bottom photo of Meds: Medinal Russell Medford Oregon pat med display
- Right Middle/Bottom Photo: Overall View of the SHOW!
- Bottom Left photo of Cool Glassy Things: Denny Bray, rare E C & M SF insulators display
- Bottom Right photo of Many Bottles: Dave Scafani Oregon Soda display

Thanks again goes out to Julie for the Great Photos!!!



## **The Washington Bottle Collectors Association**

*Presents*

### **THE Autumn Antique Bottle, Insulator & Collectibles Show**

**\*\*\* Nov 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> \*\*\***

**Southwest Washington  
Fairgrounds  
I-5 Exit 79 Chehalis**

Friday Nov 11th - Early Buyers \$5 - 1pm-7pm  
Saturday Nov 12th - 9am-3pm

For Information:

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Dear Collecting Enthusiast,

On Saturday, November 12th, the Washington Bottle Collectors Association invites you to be a part of our Fall Collectibles Show in Chehalis, Washington.

The Southwest Washington Fairgrounds are located a short distance from Interstate 5, exit 179, and boasts ample day and over-night parking. Motels are abundant in the area. Antique shops abound a couple of miles up the road in downtown Centralia.

The show will be held in the Community Events building. It's clean and well lit with white walls that enhance the lighting and visibility of sale items.

Warren Lhotka and Pete Hendricks will co-chair the show this year.

Dealer drop off begins Friday, November 11th, at noon. Early lookers may enter the building at 1:00pm. Set up ends at 7pm. For those unable to set up Friday, set up will resume at 8:00am Saturday morning, November 12th. Saturday show hours are 9:00am - 3:00pm. Overnight parking with or without hookup is available.

**Please be prepared to stay until the close of the show at 3:00pm on Saturday.**

We look forward to seeing you there!

Warren (206-329-8412), [wlbottleguy@yahoo.com](mailto:wlbottleguy@yahoo.com)  
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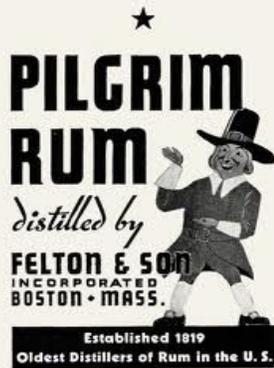
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## OTHER CLUB NOTES AND FYI'S OF INTEREST:

- There is no November Meeting as everyone will be at the show!
- Next Meeting will be held on Friday December 9th, with the topic being HOLIDAY POTLUCK; please see the website at [www.wbcaweb.org](http://www.wbcaweb.org) for details!
- Kitty Kacalek, widow of Red Kacalek, the previous editor of the Ghost Town echo, emailed us letting member know to please visit Red's face-book account ( Edward Kacalek). There is a short history about Ed, and his story .

## **UPCOMING WESTERN BOTTLE SHOWS**

### **11 & 12 November 2011**

**WBCA CHEHALIS, WA SHOW-SEE PREVIOUS PAGES FOR DETAILS AND SEE YOU THERE!**

### **02 & 03 December 2011**

Auburn, California 49er Antique Bottle & Antique Show "The Best of the West" (9:00 am to 3:00 pm, early admission Friday \$10.00 at Noon – 7:00 pm) at the Gold Country Fairgrounds, Auburn, California, Info: Mike McKillop, 117 A Estates Court, Roseville, California 95678, 916.367.1829, pville1871@yahoo.com

### **28 January 2012**

Anderson, California Superior California Antique Bottle Club's 36th Annual Show and Sale. (9:00 am to 4:00 pm) at the Shasta County Fair grounds, Anderson County. Info: Mel Hammer 530.241.4878 or Phil McDonald 530.243.6903

### **17—18 February 2012**

Aurora, Oregon

### **8-9 June 2012**

Aurora, Oregon

### **21 July 2012**

Leadville, Colorado Antique Bottle Collectors of Colorado's 8th Annual Show & Sale (9:00 am – 4:00 pm with setup at 6:00 am). \$3 admission, at the National Mining Hall of Fame and Museum Convention Center, 117 W 10th St, Leadville, Colorado, Jim and Barb Sundquist, 2861 Olympia Lane, Evergreen, Colorado 80439, 303.674.4658, FOHBC Club

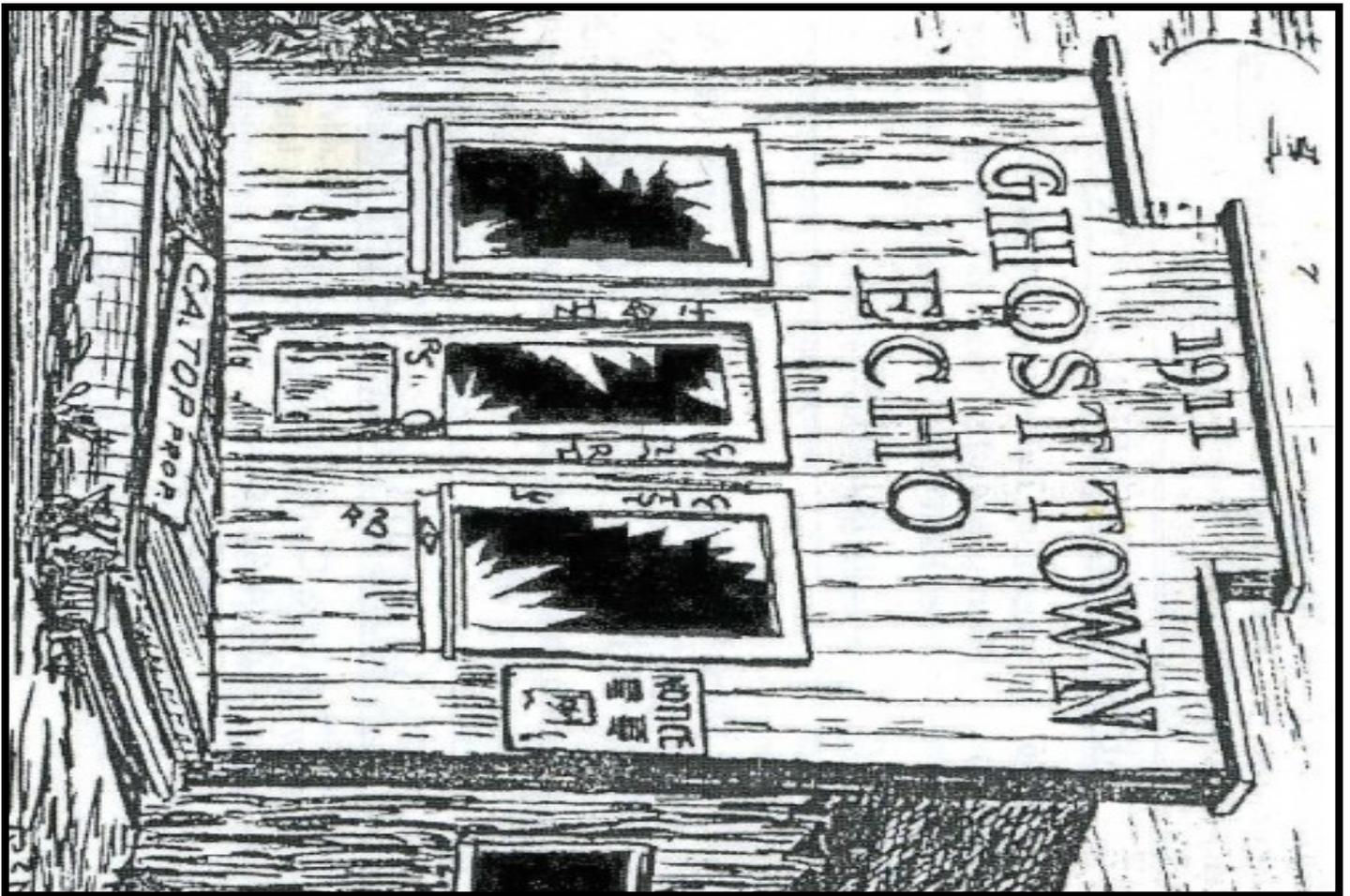
### **27 – 29 July 2012**

Reno, Nevada Federation of Historical Bottle Collector's EXPO at the Grand Sierra Hotel and Resort, Reno, Nevada, Marty Hall, Show Chairman, 775.852.6045, rose-muley@charter.net, FOHBC Club

## **GOT EMAIL? HOW YOU CAN HELP MAKE THIS A BETTER NEWSLETTER AND SAVE THE CLUB SOME DOUGH!**

As we continue to grow and expand our newsletter, we would love to increase its size and content. In fact, during our December meeting, I am going to propose creating additional space in the newsletter to allow for Member Want/Need and For Sale/Trade ads free for all WBCA members!

In order to do so, and expand the pages in this publication, I am appealing to our membership to try and get more of us on board via email. If you are currently receiving this publication via regular mail and have an email address, can you please forward it to me at [gibboinwa@comcast.net](mailto:gibboinwa@comcast.net)? I am going to work on setting up a distribution list that will keep your email private, but will also allow us to send out our Ghost Town Echo to you in color with expanded articles and information!



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