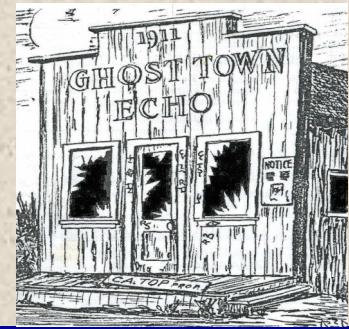


"GHOST TOWN ECHO" NEWSLETTER

A MONTHLY PUBLICATION FOR MEMBERS
OF THE WASHINGTON BOTTLE & COLLECTORS
ASSOCIATION

(AND THEIR UNDERSTANDING FRIENDS AND FAMILIES)



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LOOKING AT PATENT SODAS BY GREGG WILSON

A little background on Codd's Marble stoppers:

Hiram Codd (1838-1881) of Barnsley, England was awarded his first US patent on July 23, 1872 and he followed up on April 29, 1873 with the standard design we see today. The earliest versions have a narrow neck, mushroom lip and flat bottom as shown by the George Kiehl / Lancaster, PA bottle on the left, which probably dates to about 1876. It has both patent dates embossed around the base. Some of the early versions are embossed: CODD'S PATENT / PAT APRIL 29th 1873 / SOLE AGENTS / H. CODD & Co / 22 COMMERCE St / NEW YORK

Codd's patent was reissued on August 13, 1878 and those bottles are embossed: CODD'S PATENT / REISSUED AUG 13th 1878 / H. CODD & Co / 23 PARK ROW / NEW YORK

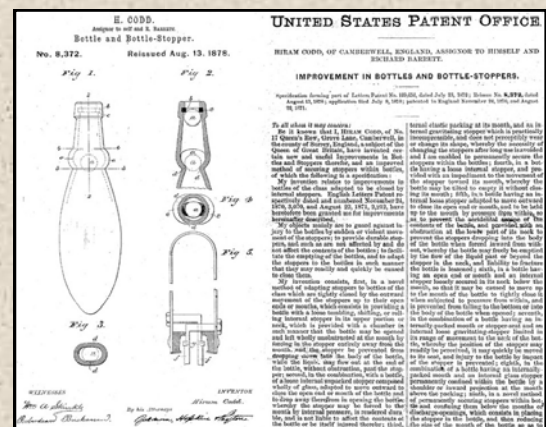
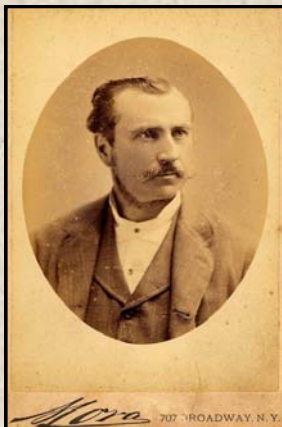
They have the familiar tapered collar, wide neck and slightly rounded base as shown by the D. H. Smith / Yonkers, NY example on the right.

The following embossing can be used to date Codd bottles:

B. Rylands: 1874-1877
Rylands & Codd: 1877-1881
Codd & Rylands: 1881-1884
Dan Rylands: 1884-1888
Dan Rylands Ltd: 1888-1897
The Rylands: 1897-1928

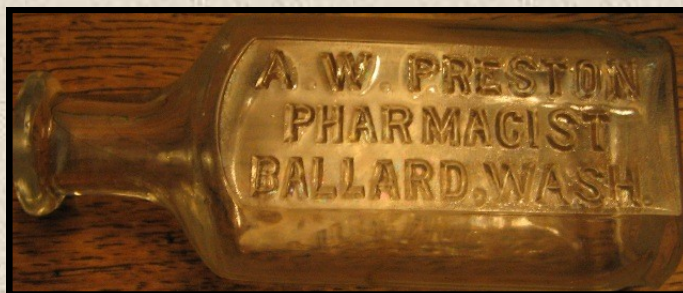


At the WBCA show in November, I was lucky enough to find a bottle with the "CODD" of Codd & Rylands peened out and replaced with "DAN" indicating this rare transitional bottle was made in early 1884



H. Codd Photo, Codd & Rylands Ad, and Codd US Patent images above courtesy of Wikipedia, Mark Potten, and Randy Ludacer articles on the web.

A MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE (BALLARD, WA) FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE WASHINGTON BOTTLE AND COLLECTORS ASSOCIATION



I wanted to give a Happy new years message to the club and wish everyone a prosperous and safe new year in their upcoming adventures!

We have a lot to look forward to this year as we welcome 2012. There are many good shows coming up starting with 'Anderson' in late January followed by Aurora on February 17th. This show will be hosted by the Oregon club and is always tons of fun!! The biggest challenge we will undertake is our own show in May which we have scheduled at the Kent Commons in Kent, WA. As this will be our first show in this venue we have an exciting opportunity to promote the possibilities of this location. I am hopeful that members will take the time to volunteer not only for the show, but encourage others to join or the club!

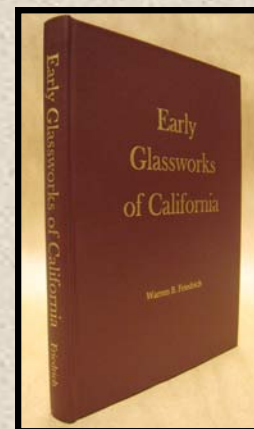
Let's look forward to a great year of digging, learning and sharing information about our great hobby. I almost forgot.....The NATIONAL!!!
My oh my! See you all at the January meeting!

President, Niel Smith

BOTTLE BOOK OF THE MONTH

BY GREGG WILSON

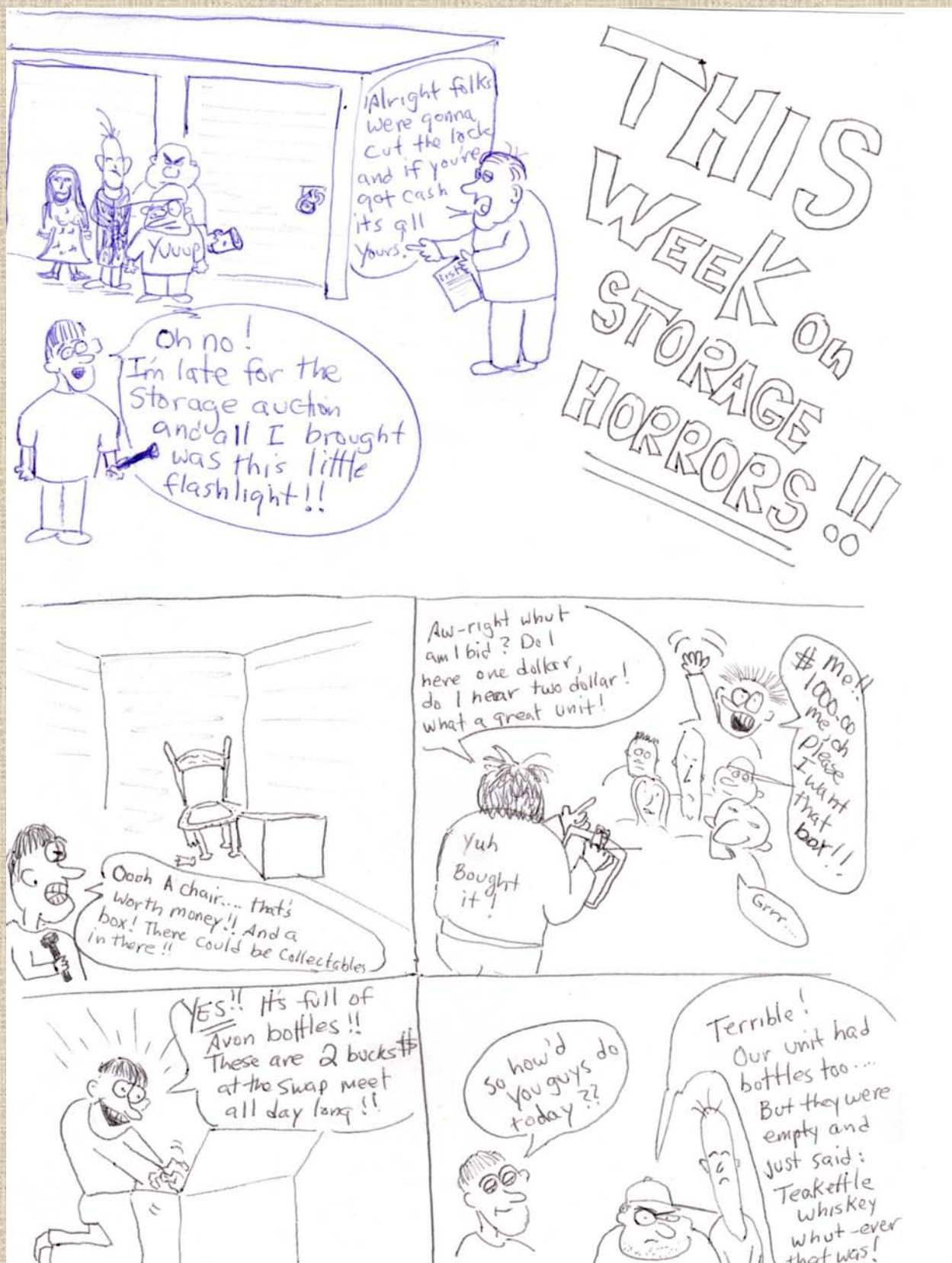
In a "Bloodless Coup" I took over the librarian duties from Fred Cole over the Holidays. In order to generate some interest in the books we have, I'll feature a book each month. For the new year a wonderful book has been added to the WBCA Library! Pete Hendricks donated an example of "Early Glassworks of California" by Warren B. Friedrich. This is the revised (September, 2011) version of his 2010 self-published work and is a superbly researched look at bottles made in California from 1859 to 1899. Friedrich includes photos from the "Pacific Coast" series which are the only known images of those early bottles. Only a limited number of copies of this work have been printed so we feel very fortunate to have a copy.



Editor's Note: Photo courtesy of Argonaut Book Shop in San Francisco, note they do have a copy of this very hard to find and premium-priced publication (due to its very limited printing and exhaustive research!) available for purchase: http://www.argonautbookshop.com/Gifts_3.htm

DIGGERS DRAWING DOCUMENTAIRES

Original artwork and content courtesy of the brain of Niel Smith, El Presidente



A Couple of Interesting Puget Sound Finds for December!!!!

PHOTOS AND INSIGHTS BY SCOTT GIBBONS

This bottle was recently acquired on EBay and is a really great find. At the time of the printing of David Bethman's reference guide The Pioneer Druggist, this bottle was not represented in the Washington State Druggist Bottle section. As that is, we are pleased to bring this bottle to light and share it with our club members!

The South Shore Pharmacy was located as seen on the bottle shows a location at the corner of 59th and Kirkwood streets, and then later according to the 1916 (18th Edition) of the Eras Druggist's Directory was located at 55th and Meridian Aves. David does note in his publication that the South Shore Pharmacy did have a long existence under the ownership of Robert F. Brown from 1904-1906, then under Richard H. Masters from 1906-1920, and then finally under the ownership of Phillip L. Gagnon



from 1920-1922. After that time the name changed to Boswell's Pharmacy, which was then in existence from 1922-1941.

If anyone has bottles or other information about this druggist, please let your editor know as it would be great to document!

Another interesting bottle (**below**) fresh from a local Puget Sound dig. We have not been able to find out much about this one, (David B noted it is likely photographic chemical bottle), I was able to find the Gailey Supply Company listed in the State of Washington's Eleventh Biennial Report dated October 1, 1908 to September 30, 1910.



Say Hello to Mabel! (**left**) Mabel was found around the same site as the Gailey bottle and her survival was remarkable considering she was under a significant amount of earth that had actually crushed a number of bottles around her. Fortunately she was nestled in a layer of sand that may have accounted for her survival in such great shape?

Mabel is a larger version of a Hertwig and Co Pet Name China Head Doll that came in various sizes, and was made only for the American market. All that remains is her bisque shoulder head, and she also would have had a cloth body, bisque lower limbs, and painted boots. She dates from somewhere between 1895-1905, and if anyone has seen or knows the whereabouts of the rest of her body, she would like it back!

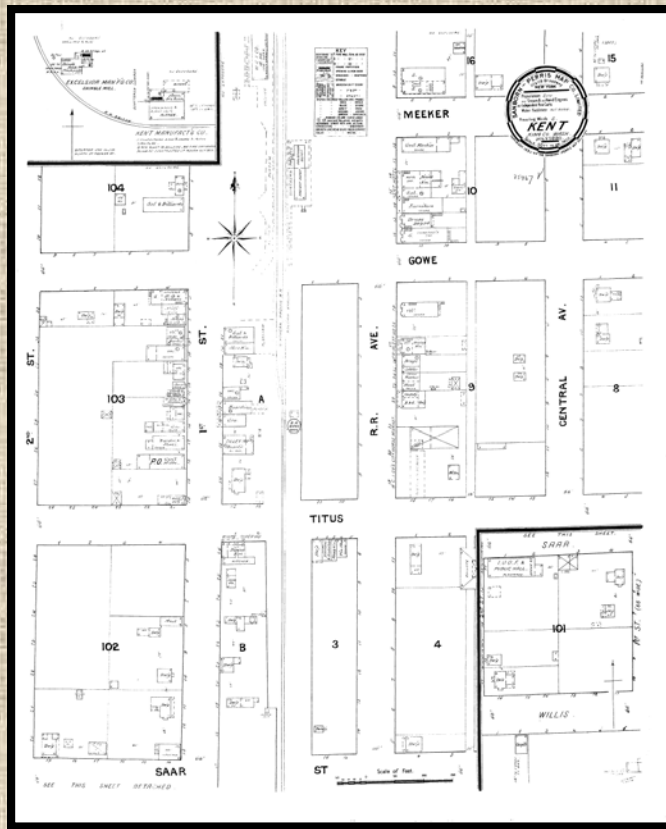
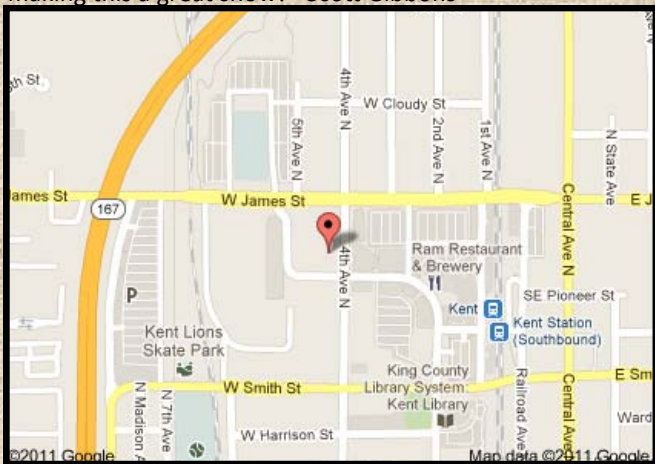
CLUB SHOW TO EXPLORE A NEW LOCAL VENUE!

Members Vote to Check Out Show Options for May 18-19 Dates at Kent Commons in Kent, WA

At our December Potluck, an opportunity was presented to the members attending about a possible new venue opportunity for our May show in 2012. Based on some feedback on the Chehalis location, and some lamenting that it would be nice to see if a more centralized Tacoma/Seattle show venue may be available, Pete Hendricks and Niel Smith had the opportunity to visit the venue, located at 525 Fourth Ave N in Kent, known as the "Kent Commons". Based on the information provided at the meeting Niel mentioned a number of great benefits that could make this venue successful, including: lots of free parking, easy dealer vehicle access to show facility via a loading dock that opens right onto the show floor, and electronic billboard located right on busy West James Street that can be used for marketing our show, and access to a number of marketing opportunities in the Kent Reporter and other web-based advertising.

For those folks familiar with this area, the Kent Commons has been a venue for a number of successful antique and collectible shows such as the Boeing Employees Coin Club Show (next show Jan 21-22, 2012), Greater Seattle Postcard and Collectible Paper Show (next show Feb 18+19, 2012), and the Green River Glass show, now in its 44th year (next show Feb 25 2012). Another benefit to this location is being located across the street from the busy Kent Station mall!

More to follow as details get ironed out on cost of tables, a map of table layout and availability, registration information etc. We will be looking to club members to help with flyer design, distribution of flyers, and other assistance in making this a great show! -Scott Gibbons



Collecting and Cataloging Workshop at February 10th 2012 WBCA Meeting!

Members we have secured a great guest speaker for our February meeting who will bring a topic of interest to us all. Hilary Pittenger, the current acting Curator of Collections at the White River Valley museum and I have discussed her coming to put on a Collection Cataloging workshop in a mini seminar format similar to a seminar the museum has offered in the past in an abbreviated "hobbyist" format. More information to follow on this, but given Hilary's experience and background I think this will be a fun and informative session for our club. Both Hilary and the White River Valley Museum's collection were featured in a November 2011 article in the Auburn Reporter, "Museum's many misfits: Auburn's WRVM collects its share of many thing-a-ma-jigs": <http://www.auburn-reporter.com/news/134007843.html>. -Scott Gibbons

ITS NOW TIME TO RENEW YOUR WBCA MEMBERSHIP!!!!

So where or where to my paltry annual dues of \$15.00 go, well I asked the same question and this is what it helps support!

- Rental fees for our meeting room for the monthly meeting at the Tukwila community center
- Membership with the Federation of Historic Bottle Collectors (FOHBC) which in turn provides our organization with cost effective insurance we otherwise would not be able to afford, free show listings, exposure on their website and in western region news....the list goes on!
- To secure sites for our bottle shows.
- To pay for the copying and postage fees associated with those still receiving the Ghost Town Echo via good old snail mail!

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WBCA Membership Form

Washington Bottle & Collectors Association

The Washington Bottle & Collectors Association is a non-profit organization founded in 1967 for the purpose of stimulating interest in the collecting and research of historical bottles.

We are a member in good standing of the National Federation of Historical Bottle Collectors. We encourage each individual member to join this national organization and help promote this great hobby.

The club holds meetings the second Friday of each month (except June – August) at 7:00 pm at the Tukwila Community Center, 12424 42nd Ave East, Tukwila WA. It's located just off I-90 north of South Center Mall in the Allentown neighborhood. The club also holds shows twice a year. (Usually May and November)

To become a member, please complete the application below and enclose your check or money order for \$15.00 payable to WBCA. Dues are renewable each January. Mail to the Club Treasurer, Warren Lhotka at 905 24th Ave South, Seattle WA 98144

Detach here and enclose with payment:

Name _____

Street address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Contact phone (____) _____ - _____

Email address: _____

Optional information

Would you like to be listed in the Club directory and have your want ads interests occasionally printed in the Newsletter ?

Yes _____ No _____

How long have you been collecting bottles? _____

Collecting interests/Specialties? _____

UPCOMING WESTERN AND SOUTHWESTERN BOTTLE SHOWS FOR THE NEXT FEW MONTHS:

28 January 2012 (Sunday) 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 (Friday & Saturday) Las Vegas, Nevada Las Vegas Antique Bottles & Collectibles Club 47th Annual Show and Sale at the [Texas Station](#) Gambling Hall and Hotel, 2101 Texas Star Lane, North Las Vegas, Nevada 89032, Friday 11:00 am – 4:00 pm, Saturday 9:00 am – 5:00 pm. Early buyers \$15.00 for both days 7:00 am on Saturday for Early buyers. General Admission \$5.00. Info: [Mark O'Dell](#), M1t2odell@aol.com (Show Chairman), Tele: 702.395.7110 (home), 702.339.0392 (cell). Supported by Las Vegas Bottle Club, **FOHBC Club**

17 & 18 February 2012 (Saturday) Aurora, Oregon The Oregon Bottle Collectors Association 2012 Winter Antique Bottle & Collectible Show & Sale will be held at the American Legion Hall in Aurora, Oregon. Set-up & Early Birds begin Friday, February 17th. Dealer drop-off is at 12 noon. Set-up & Early Birds 1:00 pm – 6:00 pm. Dealer Set-up 8:00 am – 9:00 am on Saturday, February 18th. Regular public admission is 9:00 am – 3:00 pm Saturday February 18th. For more info and/or table reservations contact: Jim or Julie Dennis (541) 467-2760 or e-mail: jimdennis@hotmail.com

24 & 25 February 2012 (Friday & Saturday) Phoenix, Arizona The Phoenix Antiques Bottles & Collectibles Club, Joined by the AZ Antiques & Collectibles Club Antique Show, Friday 24 February 3:00 pm – 8:00 pm, Early Bird at 2:00 pm., Saturday, 25 February 9:00 am – 4:00 pm. Info: bettchem@cox.net, phoenixantiquesclub.org

23 & 24 March 2012 (Friday & Saturday) Morro Bay, California The San Luis Obispo Bottle Society's 44th Annual Show and Sale Friday 1:00 pm to 6:00 pm and Saturday 9:00 am to 3:00 pm at the Morro Bay Veterans Hall, 209 Surf Street, Morro Bay, California. Free admission and no charge to early birds. Info: Richard Tartaglia 805.543.7484.

18 & 19 May 2012 (Friday & Saturday) Kent, WA The Washington State Bottle and Collectors Association Spring 2012 Show. Friday May 18th - Early Buyers \$5 - 1pm-7pm Saturday May 19th - 9am-3pm at the Kent Commons Center, 525 Fourth Ave N, Kent WA. New venue for this show in a great area, and more details to follow. Info: Niel Smith: weeslprince@gmail.com

27 – 29 July 2012 (Friday – Sunday) 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, rosemuley@charter.net, **FOHBC Club**

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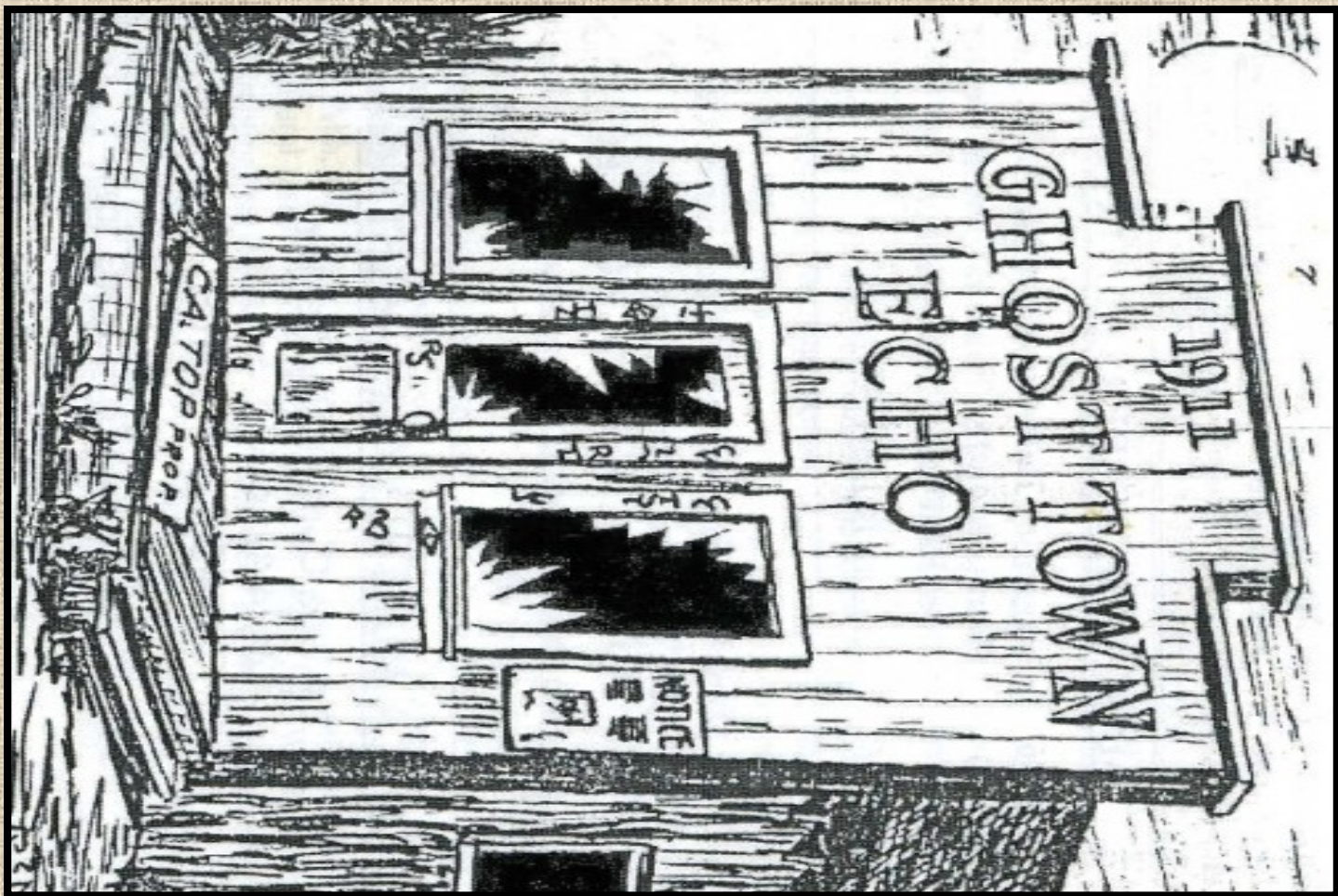


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