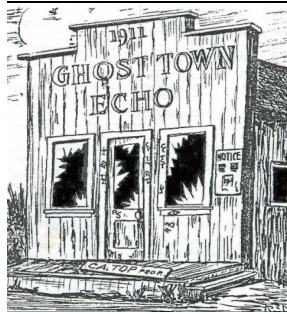


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JANUARY 2017



JANUARY MEETING

Friday January 13 2017

TOPIC: **ICONIC WESTERN ITEMS**

After some location problems, the topic of Iconic Western Items will finally get a full meeting's worth of attention. Also on tap is the annual election of Club Officers

Oregon Bottle Club Show – Aurora Oregon 17 & 18 February 2017 (Friday & Saturday) **Aurora, Oregon – Bottle, Antique & Collectibles Show & Sale**, Bottles, Fruit Jars, Insulators, Crockery, Pottery, Glassware, Antiques, Advertising, Coins, Tokens, Jewelry, Pre-Pro Liquor & Brewery Items, Marbles, Paper, Souvenirs, Collectibles, Memorabilia and more! Free Appraisals! Friday, February 17, 2017, 12 noon – 5:00 pm Set-up, \$5 Early Bird Admission, Dealer drop-off at 11 am, Saturday, September 18, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm, Admission by donation, American Legion Hall, 207 Main St. N.E., Aurora, Oregon, For more information and/or table reservations contact: Wayne Herring 503.864.2009 or Mark Junker 503.231.1235 or Bill Bogynska 503.657.1726 or email: billbogy7@gmail.com, (flyer attached)

ARTICLE of the Month – by Tom Harman

A Poor Directory, an Advertising Fake, Highway Robbery

This article caught my attention as I was in the Wallace library several months ago rereading a roll of microfilm containing the Wallace Free Press. This particular roll of film is of a nearly continuous edition the Wallace Free Press from July 2, 1887 thru June 28, 1890.

I had previously read this roll of film at least once but this latest effort was primarily an attempt to push back the ownership of some of the saloons in Wallace from the main stoneware jug era, 1912- 1916, to the construction and ownership of the first structure on a particular saloon lot in the late1880's.

Many of us who research bottles use business directories as a primary source of information to date a bottle or more correctly the business that utilized the bottle. This particular directory, the **Oregon Washington and Idaho Gazetteer and Business Directory 1889 -90, volume IV** was

published by R.L. Polk & Co., 21 Union Block in Portland, Oregon. It is currently available at least at the University of Idaho, the Seattle Public library and is probably on line.

Anyway, when the Polk representative arrived in Wallace in December 1889 to deliver the directory and collect a \$5 payment, Adam Albach, the editor of the Wallace Free Press, took notice of the event and wrote an article for his readership. I will quote the entire article, bold added, out of the December 21, 1889 issue for your amusement.

“A Poor Directory -- Some of our people last spring subscribed to an advertising fake, called a directory of Idaho, Oregon and Washington and during the week the agent came around with the bulky book and demanded his \$5 for each. Fortunately only a few subscriptions were found here, and these will ready to kick themselves when they look at the map and see how the towns in the towns in the Coeur d’Alenes are placed. It is a purely an imaginative picture, and not a single town is placed correctly. Our people should give these outside advertising dodgers the cold shoulder. It is money thrown away. Five dollars for a book of this kind is highway robbery.”

While in Seattle a few months ago, I decided go down to the library to check out the maps in this directory. But alas, the maps have been removed. But, the trip was not a total loss as I found a copy of the R.L. Polk, 1885 Portland City directory. In this directory, I found a listing for Emil Zeitfuchs and Karl Seelig who were partners in a wholesale liquor store in Portland. A few years latter Emil operated a wholesale liquor store and saloon in Wallace from 1896 to 1907. By 1886, Karl Seelig was a partner with E. Rammelmeyer in a brewery and saloon in Murray, IT, just to the north of Wallace.

Incidentally, in 1891 Adam Alback was selling his own map of the Coeur d’Alene mining district covering both the gold district to the north of Wallace around Murray and Eagle as well as the main silver lead belt to the south including Wardner, Kellogg, Wallace Burke and Mullan. This is a great map. This article published in the December 21, 1889 edition of the Wallace Free Press besides being amusing does clarify when the field work for the 1889 – 90 R.L. Polk directory was conducted and when it was available to the public. Well there you have it.

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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-5 north of Southcenter Mall in the Allentown neighborhood.

The club also holds shows once a year in May at the Kent Commons

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

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