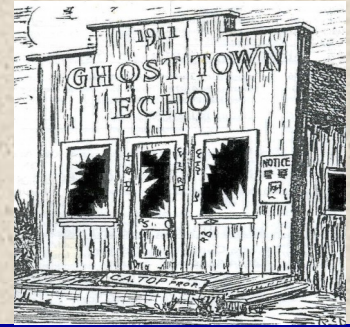


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# “GHOST TOWN ECHO” NEWSLETTER

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

(AND THEIR UNDERSTANDING FRIENDS AND FAMILIES)



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## STOPPER THE PRESSES!!!

**\*\*AN INTERESTING CLOSURE GETS SCRUTINY BY GREGG WILSON\*\***

Gregg has been busy searching out unusual closures and recently came across this one.

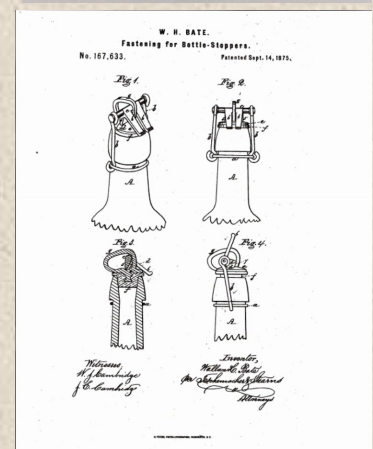
*Anyone ... a little help?*

I just got this bottle in an eBay auction - I thought it was a strange one by the seller's photos and now with it in hand I'm positive. Not listed by David Graci's book "Soda and Beer Bottle Closures 1850-1910" or on Tod von Mecho's web site [www.sodasandbeers.com](http://www.sodasandbeers.com), even the Bottle Blog [www.antique-bottles.net](http://www.antique-bottles.net) doesn't recognize it (in the Forum section go to "Sodas" and click back to older posts to find it). It is a version of the popular "Lightning" style but beyond that, I'll let the photos do the explanation. There were more than 300 bottle stopper patents awarded in the 1880s alone, so I've got some searching to do!

And after more research he found the actual patent itself and thus was able to classify this unique bottle on which this closure only exists on!

According to Tod von Mecho my stopper bottle will be cataloged as:

Bate Closure, circ: 1875-1880, Occurs on 1 bottle,  
Invented by: Wallace H. Bate,  
American Patent: September 14, 1875, Number: 167,633,  
This patent was awarded to Wallace H. Bate of Norwood, Massachusetts. The approach was to use a cam lever, secured under the lip by a wire, that would force the rubber lined stopper into the mouth of the bottle. This would have been an early competitor to the Lightning stopper, patented a mere 8 months prior. Part of the rights to this patent were assigned to Mathias Radermacher of Boston, who appears to be the sole user of this stopper.



# N.D. HILL AND PORT TOWNSEND-WHERE BOTTLES AND BUILDINGS MEET

By Scott Gibbons

I had the opportunity to visit Port Townsend this past week and was reminded of some bottle related coolness this town holds. There was a considerable amount of **construction and excavation going on** in the downtown area, so who knows what has and is going to be uncovered over the next few weeks. In addition, a really cool building remains that most diggers and collectors of WA state bottles would be familiar with: Nathaniel Davis Hill, or better known as N. D. Hill.

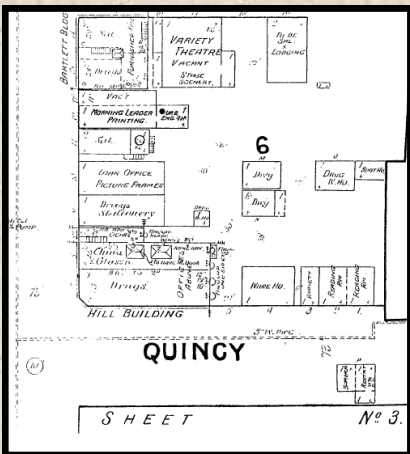
From research on the PTGuide.com website uncovered how this structure and business rose in the community:

“In 1888, at the age of 65, Nathaniel Davis Hill undertook the ambitious development of the corner lot at Water & Quincy streets.

One of the two most ornate structures in downtown Port Townsend, this building was designed by noted Seattle architect Elmer H. Fisher. It is principally Italianate in design, but also shows Grecian and Romanesque influences. He designed a skylighted central court, square-headed windows on the lower floors and small-scale Romanesque arches on the top floor. The exterior roof line is well known in architectural circles for its richly decorated eaves with their underlying corbels. Built by Hill, a retired pharmacist, in 1889, at a cost of \$25,000, the building remains a beautiful example of the grace and affluence of early Port Townsend.”



Above, the ND Hill building on Water Street in downtown Port Townsend, courtesy of Wiki Media Commons, photographer Joe Mabel



Detail of building and street area from Mar 1890 Sanborn Map, available via King County Library Online resources: [www.KCLS.org](http://www.KCLS.org)

“Hill arrived in the Northwest in 1852, and after a stint of farming and managing an Indian agency on Whidbey Island, he came to Port Townsend. Ultimately he became one of the most successful and well-respected men in the Washington Territory. He was the first manufacturer of medicinal drugs in the area. He was also involved in banking, railroads, saw mills, and telegraph companies. As a territorial representative and county commissioner, Hill became one of the leaders in the drive for statehood.

Hard times fell on Port Townsend in the 1890s, and the Hill family sold the building. Thus began a long period of poor maintenance and neglect. The building was finally placed on the tax rolls, where it remained for many years. In recent times the building has been recognized for its historical importance and is now enrolled on the National Register of Historic Places.

A complete program of renovation and restoration has been undertaken and currently continues. The foundation has been strengthened, the masonry repaired, a new roof has been applied, and a sprinkler and alarm system installed. The interior walls and woodwork have been restored, with close attention to authenticity. The AAA-approved Waterstreet Hotel occupies the entire second floor. It is the result of a 1990 renovation project. The brickwork and metalcraft are considered fine examples of late 19th century craftsmanship.”

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A small collection of earlier N.D. Hill W.T. bottles. David's book *The Pioneer Drug Store* cites quite a few styles, variants, and colors particularly as the business grew from just N.D. to include both his son Daniel in 1879 and then his sons with Howard joining the business in 1886.

To right, Downtown Port Townsend in 1887, just before the building boom that brought a spate of real estate speculation and construction of both commercial and residential buildings. Courtesy of *Winds of Change: A Brief History of Port Townsend in Words and Pictures* from <http://wakingupstrange.wordpress.com>

From reviewing David Bethman's *A Pioneer Drug Store*, "One of the most prominent druggists of Washington was Nathaniel Davis Hill, of Port Townsend. He was born in Hatboro, Pennsylvania, in 1824. His father, John Hill, was a physician and druggist, and N.D. Hill gained experience in his father's drug store." After serving in a number of positions of importance, the history of ND Hill as a pharmacist officially begins in 1868 when N.D. moved from Whitbey Island to Port Townsend in 1868 when he took over the J.J. Harned & Co business. Bottles in David's book show a span from 1875-1893, with evolutions in names, type set, colors, and styles.



## March Meeting Minutes

As Transcribed by Keith Ferguson, Secretary

March 16, 2012

Meeting called to order 7:40 pm.

- Insulator Meet is March 17.
- May show at Kent Commons. we can get in the building as early as 6:00 am. Allow one hour for dealers to unload and set up before letting the public in. Early badge will be required.
- There is space for 57 tables; at least 30 are committed. Some table fees have been collected.
- A shout-out to Quenton. last Tuesday he hosted an auction at his place in Puyallup, not far from the fairgrounds. He may host a garage sale during the time of the big antique show.
- Chico show report: Niel called Pete a "pig weasel jerk face" for buying all the eBay-able stuff in the beginning.

### Program:

- Gregg's not here, so Niel brought a study group of whiskeys for Steve to give a presentation on.
  - Fred told the story of Wistar's Balsam.
  - The April meeting will be on the normal day. Topic: Oddities
- Adjourned 8:10 pm.



### Federation of Historical Bottle Collectors

#### Contests

It's that time again! We need your contest submissions.

As a reminder, I will need the following items from you no later than **June 1, 2012**:

- The ONE best newsletter your club has put out in the period since June, 2011
- Your show flyer/poster for your most recent show
- Articles by club members to be judged in the categories of:
  - Best original research / information
  - Best original true story
  - Best original fictional story

Awards will be made during the banquet at the 2012 EXPO in Reno on July 27<sup>th</sup>.

Download information and applications for each contest by:

- going to [www.fohbc.org](http://www.fohbc.org)
- scrolling across the top to the "Members" tab
- scrolling down and left clicking on "FOHBC Club Contests"
- double click on each *Contest* to download the information and application

Please follow the instructions to either email or mail your submissions to:

Carl Sturm, Director-at-Large  
 Federation of Historical Bottle Collectors  
 88 Sweetbriar Branch  
 Longwood, Florida 32750  
 (407) 332-7689  
[glassmancarl@sprintmail.com](mailto:glassmancarl@sprintmail.com)

# The Washington Bottle and Collectors' Association

\*\*\* PRESENTS \*\*\*

## The Spring Antique Bottle, Insulator, Collectables and Relics Show

Friday May 18 2012

Saturday May 19th, 2012

**New Location!**

**The Kent Commons**

**525 Fourth Ave N Kent, WA 98032 Show Dates/Times:**

Friday May 18<sup>th</sup> 1 pm – 6 pm

**Early Buyers \$5 admission**

Saturday May 19th — 9am-3pm FREE admission



**Dealer Info:** Table Prices: \$40.00 per 8 Ft table

Dealers may bring in items prior at 11 am

but NO sales prior to 1 pm Friday May 18<sup>th</sup>

For Information:

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## 2012 WBCA Spring Bottle Show Info

On May 18<sup>th</sup> & 19th the Washington Bottle & Collectors Association invites you to be a part of our Spring Bottle, Insulator, Collectibles & Relic Show, held at our exciting new location, **The Kent Commons**

The Kent Commons operated by the City of Kent Washington and is located at 525 Fourth Ave N Kent, WA 98032.

Pete Hendricks and Niel Smith will co-chair the show this year, along with Robin Harrison from the Washington Insulator club.

Dealer drop off begins Friday, May 18<sup>th</sup> at 10 am. You may bring your items in, and set up racks but NO SALES until 1 pm .

Tables will be \$40 for a 8 foot table – all tables will be covered for you in advance. Note:

The Commons **DOES NOT ALLOW** personal chairs to be used – chairs will be provided. Also, any items to be set on the floor must be on a rug or other floor covering to protect the facilities gym floor.

Early Buyers will enter at 1 pm – fee \$5.00

Set up ends at 6 pm, with additional setup time Saturday beginning at 8 am

Saturday show hours are 9:00am - 3:00 p.m. with Free admission.

As a courtesy to our buyers, we ask that all dealers be prepared to stay until the close of the show at 3:00 pm on Saturday.

We look forward to seeing you there!

For More Information contact us at:

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### SALES TABLE RESERVATION FORM

NAME #1 \_\_\_\_\_

NAME #2 \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

# of TABLES @ \$40 each \_\_\_\_\_

AMOUNT ENCLOSED \_\_\_\_\_ (please make checks payable to:WBCA )

PLEASE MAIL RESERVATIONS TO:

Niel Smith 8319 16<sup>th</sup> Ave NW Seattle WA 98117

# BOOK(s) OF THE MONTH

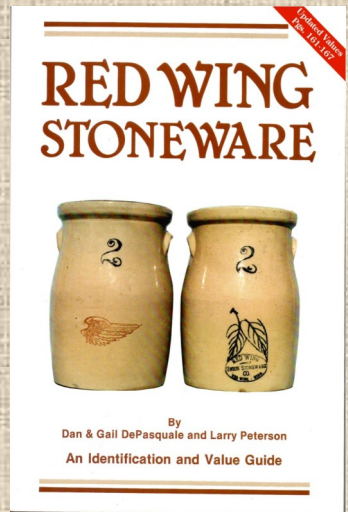
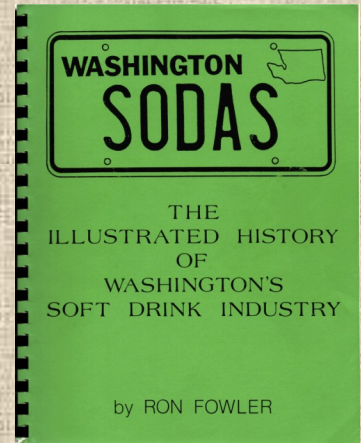
by Gregg Wilson

This month I feature two new additions to our library, purchased on eBay from a former WBCA member, John Packard.

Ron Fowler's "Washington Sodas - the Illustrated History of Washington's Soft Drink Industry" first edition 1986 published by Dolphin Point Writing Works of Seattle, WA. Superbly researched, this book covers all known sodas (and a few beers) from our state, with as much information on the bottlers and advertising as the bottles themselves. Ron includes very specific information describing the bottles with rarity and values as well. A great read.

Dan & Gail DePasquale and Larry Peterson "Red Wing Stoneware - an Identification and Value Guide" an updated 1990 version of their 1983 printing, published by Collector Books of Paducah, KY. This is a great introduction to collecting the popular Red Wing pottery. Loaded with photos of everything from cuspidors (spittoons to us country folk lol) to 20 gallon jugs, kitchen ware, miniatures and advertising.

I'll have both of these at the next meeting ... I know I said that last month (with the Leadville can book) but my brakes went out - ZERO front stopping power - and I didn't want to crash through the front door!



Antique Bottle Club  
of San Diego



## Save The Date San Diego 2012

Antique Bottle & Collectibles Show & Sale  
Saturday June 2, 2012

**DISPLAYS** Al Bahr Shrine Temple **RAFFLES**  
5440 Kearny Mesa Rd  
San Diego, CA 92111

Two Floors, 9,000 Sq. Ft. 100+ Tables  
Come For The Day, Spend The Weekend  
Close To Hotels, Beaches, Sea World & The Zoo



Dealer Set-up 7:30 AM  
"Early Bird" 8:00 AM \$10.00  
General Admission 9:00AM - 12:00 PM \$2.00  
Free Admission Noon - 3 PM

Kids under 12 free with adult

Mike Bryant Chairman

INFO: Jim Walker (858) 490-9019

[jfw@internetter.com](mailto:jfw@internetter.com)

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July 27<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup>, 2012



At the Grand Sierra Resort and Casino

Early Admission:	Friday July 27 <sup>th</sup>	1:30pm - 6:00pm
Banquet:	Friday, July 27 <sup>th</sup>	7:00pm
Dealer set-up/Early admission:	Saturday, July 28 <sup>th</sup>	7:00am - 9:00am
General Admission:	Saturday, July 28 <sup>th</sup>	9:00am - 4:00pm
General Admission:	Sunday, July 29 <sup>th</sup>	9:00am - 3:00pm

Show Chairman:

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Visitors Information:

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(800) FOR-RENO  
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Host Hotel:

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# The Washington Bottle and Collectors' Association

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## The Antique Bottle, Insulator, Collectables, and Relics Show

**\*\*FRIDAY MAY 18 AND SATURDAY MAY 19TH, 2012\*\***



At a new and great location at the Kent Commons Event Center, Adjacent to Kent Station  
 525 Fourth Ave N Kent, WA 98032

Dealer Set Up Friday May 18th 11am-1pm  
 Friday May 18th- Early Buyers \$5 — 1pm-6pm  
 (No Sales Before 1pm)

General Public / Regular Admission Hours at NO CHARGE!  
 Saturday May 19th — 9am-3pm



Dealers and collectors of *all genres* are welcome as a many collectables including antiques, bottles, ephemera, glass, paper, relics and other sought after curiosities and do-dads have been successfully marketed, traded, and sold at our club's shows over the past years!!!

**Free On Site Parking!**

**Easy Vehicle to Building Access for Loading and Unloading!!**

**Quick access to and from major Puget Sound Metro areas!!!**

**Horse trading, buying, selling, and general collecting shenanigans!!!!**

City of Kent • KENT COMMONS Location Map

**PARKING SITES**  
 A. Kent Commons Lot  
 B. RJC Pkg. Garage  
 C. Metro Parking  
 D. City of Kent

**Hotels & Motels**

- 1 Holiday Inn Hotel and Suites  
Highway 167, 84th St. Exit  
Kent (253) 395-4300
- 2 Howard Johnson Inn  
1233 N Central, Kent  
(253) 852-7224
- 3 Best Western Plaza by the Green  
244-15 Russell Rd  
Kent (253) 854-8767
- 4 Days Inn  
1711 West Meeker  
Kent (253) 854-1950
- 5 Hawthorn Suites Hotel  
6329 S 212th St.  
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- 6 Days Inn  
22420 84th Ave S  
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## MEMBERSHIP IN THE WBCA!!

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-5 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? \_\_\_\_\_

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

**20 & 21 April 2012** (Friday & Saturday) **Antioch, California** **46th Annual Golden Gate Historical Bottle Society's Antique, Bottle and Collectible Show**, Contra Costa County Fairgrounds (Sunset Hall) in Antioch, California, 1201 West 10th Street, Antioch, California 94509, Friday, 20 April, Noon to 6:00 pm, Saturday, 21 April, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm, Early admission: Friday: Noon to 6:00 pm, Set up Friday – Noon to 6:00 pm, Cost of admission for show & early admission: \$10.00 Friday – Free on Saturday, Golden Gate Historical Bottle Society (GGHBS), Contact: Gary or Darla Antone, President, and Show Chairperson, 752 Murdell Lane, Livermore, California 94550, Tele: 925.373.6758, E-mail: [packrat49er@netscape.net](mailto:packrat49er@netscape.net), Club Name: Golden Gate Historical Bottle Society (GGHBS) **FOHBC Member Club**

**18 & 19 May 2012** (Friday & Saturday) **Kent, Washington** **The Washington Bottle and Collectors' Association's Annual Spring Antique Bottle, Insulator, Collectibles and Relics Show and Sale** (**New Location !!**), Kent Commons, 525 4th Ave N., Kent Washington, Saturday 9:00 am to 3:00 pm Early admission: Friday 1:00 pm to 6:00 pm, Set up: Friday 11:00 am and Saturday 8:00 am, Admission: Early buyers Friday \$5.00 – Free admission to the show Saturday. The Washington Bottle and Collectors' Association, [www.wbcaweb.org/](http://www.wbcaweb.org/), Contact: Niel Smith 206.783.0215 [wbcaweb@gmail.com](mailto:wbcaweb@gmail.com), Pete Hendricks 253.335.1732, Robin Harrison (Insulators) 206.522.2135 [robin3250@comcast.net](mailto:robin3250@comcast.net) **FOHBC Member Club**

**01 & 02 June 2012** (Friday & Saturday) **Butte, Montana** **The Montana Bottle Collectors' Association 11th Annual Antique Bottle, Insulator, Collectible & Advertising Show & Sale**, (Saturday 10:00 am – 4:00 pm, early buyers Friday 4:00 pm – 8:00 pm), at the Butte Civic Center Annex, 1340 Harrison Avenue, Butte, Montana, Info: James Campiglia, Tele: 805.689.0125 or 406- 219- 3293, email: [chipsbottles@bresnan.net](mailto:chipsbottles@bresnan.net) **FOHBC Member Club**

**02 June 2012** (Saturday) **San Diego, California** **San Diego 2012 Antique Bottle & Collectibles Show and Sale** at the Al Bahr Shrine Temple, 5440 Kearny Mesa Road, San Diego, California 92111, Saturday, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm, Early admission, 8:00 am, Set up 7:30 am. Early Bird Admission: \$10.00, General Admission: \$2.00, San Diego Antique Bottle and Collectibles Club, [www.sdbottleclub.org](http://www.sdbottleclub.org), Contact: Jim Walker, Tele: 858.490.9019, E-mail: [jfw@internetter.com](mailto:jfw@internetter.com) **FOHBC Member Club**

**09 June 2012** (Saturday) **Aurora, Oregon** **The Oregon Bottle Association 2012 Summer Antique Bottle Show & Sale**, American Legion Hall, 3rd and Main Streets, Aurora, Oregon, Saturday, 09 June, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm, Early admission, Friday afternoon, 08 June, 1:00 pm to 6:00 pm, Set-up: Friday, 1:00 pm to 6:00 pm, Saturday, 8:00 am to 9:00 am, Admission: Early bird \$5.00, regular admission asks for a donation. Oregon Bottle Collectors Association, Contact: Jim or Julie Dennis, 541.467.2760, [jmdennis@hotmail.com](mailto:jmdennis@hotmail.com) **FOHBC Member Club**

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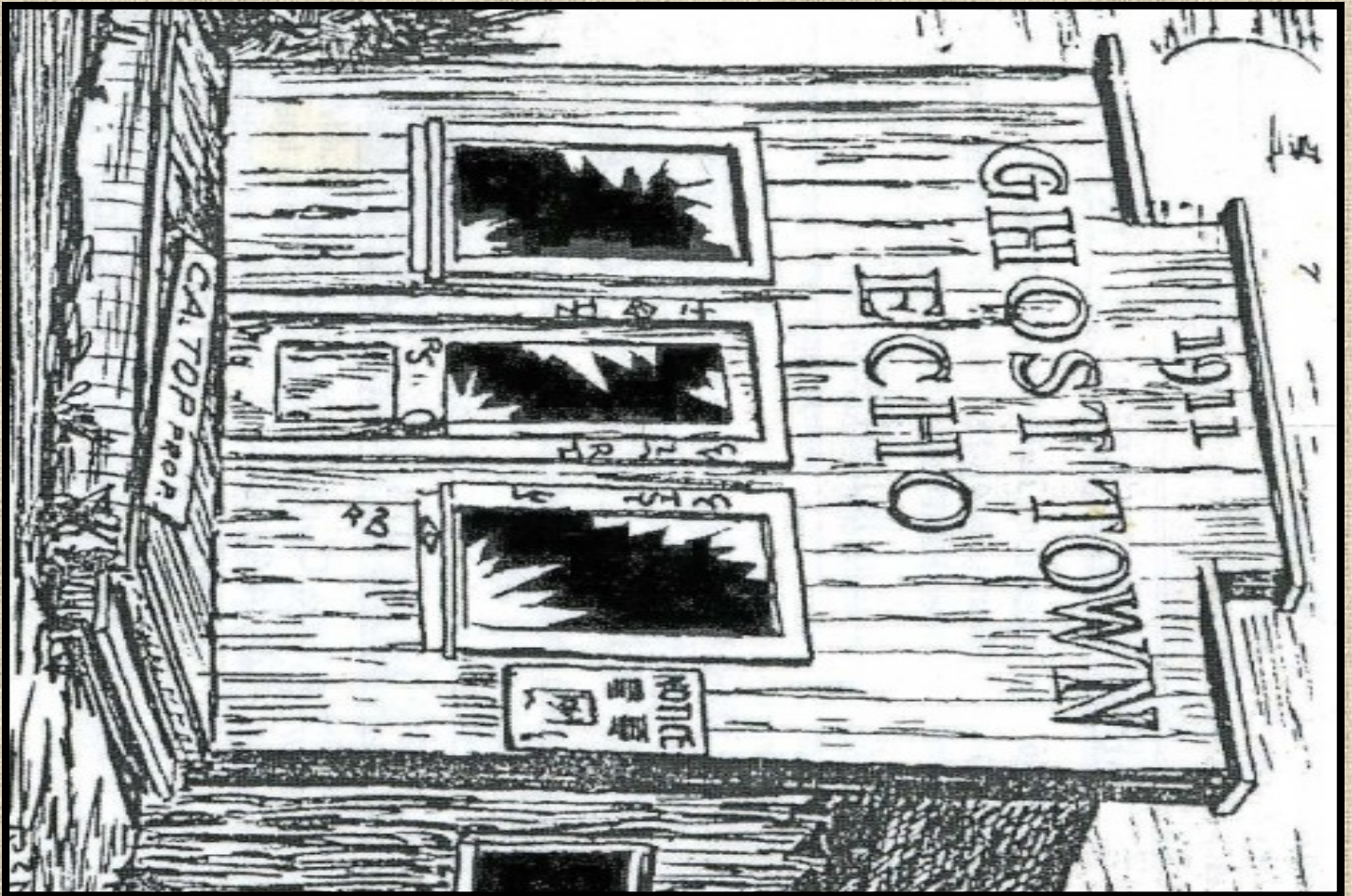
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As we continue to grow and expand our newsletter, we would love to increase its size and content. In order to do so, and expand the pages in this publication, I am appealing to our membership to try and get more of us on board via email. If you are 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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