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LAW AND THE POISON BOTTLE.

"They found the wrong bottle"—that is the simple explanation put forward by one coroner in Illinois for 148 deaths from accidental poisoning in this district last year. Grasping the death dealing phial unwittingly, perhaps in the dark, hurried that many persons into untimely graves. Consequently the official recommends the passing of a law prohibiting the sale of liquid poison except in distinctive "porcupine" bottles, and of poison tablets save in odd colors and shapes.

Doubtless the coroner will get the legislations he craves. What then? Will the law be enforced, or allowed to lapse for lack of enforcement as has Michigan's "poison bottle" statute of 1911?

That statute was drastic enough to be an effective preventive of accidents, if public officials busied themselves with its enforcement. It provided that all stops or stoppers on poison containers shall have fitted thereon a wood, celluloid, glass or metal disc sufficient to call attention to the fact that, either in daylight or darkness, that the bottle or receptacle—contains poison or poisonous substances.

Offenses against this statute are punishable by imprisonment for not less than three months nor more than one year, or by a fine of not less than \$90 and not exceeding \$300, or both fine and imprisonment in the discretion of the court. Each sale or delivery contrary to the provisions of the act is made a separate offense.

That is punishment enough certainly; but the weakness of the statute seems to lie in the fact that its enforcement is left to the general police power and not delegated to any special bureau of the state government. The state of health, to be sure, is charged with the duty of approving devices submitted to prevent

error in handling poison and mailing samples of the approval devices to every retail and wholesale druggist, thirty days being given the board to make its decision and spread the information. On December 1, 1911, it did so approve certain inexpensive devices and samples of these were mailed to all druggists. The druggists secured supplies of these and for a time the cork in every bottle of poison sent out bore a device with a serrated or saw tooth edge which would tell instantly in the dark that the seeker for medicine was grasping poison. The health boards responsibility did not go beyond sending out the samples and no effort was made to see that the law was being enforced. After the first stock of devices was used up most druggists ordered no more, though every man of them knows that he is violating the law when he sends out a bottle of poison without the warning device. Some are still observing the law carefully.

The "poison bottle" law is a good law and should be enforced to the letter as the legislators intended. It should be impossible to buy in the United States an ounce of liquid poison save in a container equipped with a warning device. Chicago's ratio of accidental deaths from poison doubtless holds true for other states.

Notice of Contest.

Department of the Interior, United States Land Office, La Grande, Oregon, May 25th, 1914.

To Josiah Fuller of La Grande, Oregon, Contestee:

You are hereby notified that George B. Hunt, who gives La Grande, Oregon, C-O, H. E. Dixon, as his postoffice address, did on April 25th, 1914, filed in this office his duly corroborated application to contest and secure the cancellation of your Homestead Entry No. 09926, made November 2nd, 1911, for NE 1-4 SW1-4 Section 26, Township 4 South, Range 38, E Willamette, Meridian and as grounds for his contest he alleges that said entryman, has not, for more than eight months last past, resided thereon or has he cultivated the same or any part thereof during the said time; that there is no indication that any part of this land has ever been cultivated, and the affiant verily believes that no part of said land has been cultivated, and no attempt has ever been made to farm same or any part thereof, and that said entryman has wholly abandoned the same.

You are, therefore, further notified that the said allegations will be taken as confessed, and your said entry will be canceled without further right to be heard, either before this office or on appeal, if you fail to file in this office within twenty days after the FOURTH publication of this notice, as shown below, your answer, under oath, specifically responding to these allegations of con-

test, together with due proof that you have served a copy of your answer on the said contestant either in person or by registered mail. You should state in your answer the name of the post office to which you desire future notices to be sent to you.

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PERSONALS

W. H. Berry and wife left this morning for Summerville where they decorate graves of departed relatives. Attorney L. Denham of Elgin and Geo. W. Wyatt of Enterprise are registered at the Hotel Sommer.

J. Bennett an employe of P. S. Robinson at Palmer Junction, left this morning to resume his work.

Bert Carr substituted on the Elgin branch as conductor this morning in Conductor Grady's place.

Theodore Harm of this city left today for North Fork where he will visit with relatives for an indeterminate time.

Miss Kathleen Thompson of Union, arrived in the city this morning to visit with her sister Mrs. H. E. Sittler for a few days.

Miss Gertrude Biever went to Kamela this morning to be the guest of her sister, Mrs. Le Roy Morgan, for the day.

Joe Jones of Wallowa, Frank McNally, of Elgin, and James A. Nichols of Baker were registered at the Foley last night.

Miss Hazel Stageberg of Enterprise who has been visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Baker on Washington Ave., returned home this morning.

Master Ora Bechtel of Elgin returned to that city this morning after a visit at the home of his grandmother Mrs. P. L. Wittly.

L. Knapper and C. L. Hartshorn, well known residents and business men of Joseph were in the city last evening on their way to Pendleton on business matters.

Conductor Smith and daughter, Miss Vera, came over from Pendleton last evening to decorate the grave of the late Mrs. Smith who died in this city several years ago.

Mrs. W. H. Bull and daughter Ivy left this morning for Summerville, where they will visit at the homes of W. A. and H. E. Bull for an indeterminate time.

Miss Belle Porter of this city, left this morning for Elgin, where she will visit with friends for several days. She is a sister to Mrs. McVey of La Grande.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Primm of Wallowa left this morning for home after visiting with Mr. and Mrs. L. Steward, an employe of the La Grande Grocery company.

Mrs. L. A. Weaver of Elgin passed through the county seat this morning on her way home from Baker, where she has been decorating graves of departed ones.

Miss Lovrene Mulkey left this morning for Joseph with her father, Mrs. Mulkey and an older daughter will join them later in the season. They have spent the winter in La Grande and will now go to their ranch for the summer.

W. R. Jones left this morning for Looking Glass with rod and reel where he will while away the day at the banks of the Looking Glass angling for some of the fish put in that stream by the state game and fish commission.

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MARY PICKFORD COMING AGAIN

ARCADE WILL PRESENT FAMOUS ACTRESS IN "HEARTS ADRIFF."

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Mary Pickford, the actress who in a short space of time has made more friends in the moving picture world than any other woman, will appear at the Arcade in a famous picture player film on next Monday and Tuesday in a play entitled "Hearts Adrift". Advance information on this picture says that it is considered one of the very best pictures produced by the famous players, all of whose productions are of superior order. Miss Pickford plays the part of Nina adrift on an island where she meets another castaway, whom she at first fears

and whom she later admires and then loves.

The setting is rich in marine scenery. Her camp is near the ocean and the play of waters makes this picture interesting not only from a standpoint of human emotions playing on each other, but also from the bigness of the ocean that forms a fitting background. Miss Pickford appears in a grass costume to lend realism to the story. No actress of modern times has such control of a variety of feeling, is so versatile in expressing the same, and smiles so bewitchingly. Her former appearances in La Grande were star numbers. Portland had a record run of this picture at the Peoples theatre and La Grande patrons of the Arcade will appreciate its coming to this city at regular prices. Monday and Tuesday are the days.

The Calliope Trio opens here tomorrow for the vaudeville number. The wire from Spokane stated "positively great" about this bill.

ADDITIONAL SOCIETY.

Mrs. Chas Merrill has returned from California where she went to visit her mother, Mrs. Sarah Potts, and to accompany Mrs. Potts to La

Grande where she will spend the summer.

Mrs. J. P. Dougherty and two children of Sioux City are here, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Chester P. Newlin. Mrs. Newlin and Mrs. Dougherty are cousins.

Mrs. F. R. Bridges has returned from California where she spent the winter and is at home to her friends at the Foley hotel.

Mrs. Hattie R. McDonald has returned from Pendleton where she has been visiting friends, and is again ready to meet her classes in music.

Maccabees to Give Dance. Next Thursday the Lady Maccabees will give a dance to which they will invite besides their husbands, their friends. Details have not yet been arranged.

Don't fail to partake of the fine chicken dinner at the Oregon Restaurant Sunday, 25 cents.—Adv.

You'll buy at Newlin's again. Newlin Drug Co. The busy corner.—Adv. 5-19-tf.

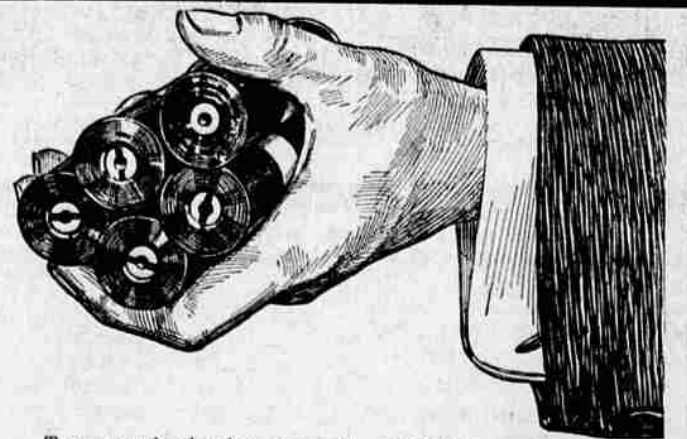
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It's Grandmother's recipe to bring back color, thickness and lustre—Everybody is using it again.

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