

# PURE FOOD AND DRUG LAW INVOKED AGAINST PATENT MEDICINE MEN

### Courts Condemn Goods or Fine Manufacturers in More Than Fifty Cases.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 18.—More than half a hundred legal actions have been terminated successfully under the Sherry amendment to the food and drug act, which prohibits false and fraudulent claims as to the curative or therapeutic effects of drugs or medicines. Criminal prosecutions against the manufacturers were brought in twenty-five cases, but in thirty-one instances the falsely and fraudulently labeled medicines were seized while in interstate commerce. Claims made by the manufacturers for the curative powers of these preparations ranged from tuberculosis, smallpox and diphtheria to coughs, colds and scalp diseases. A number of other criminal prosecutions and seizures are pending in various federal courts, throughout the United States because of alleged violations of the Sherry amendment similar to those which have already been tried. The officials charged with the enforcement of the food and drug act are of the opinion that the evils of the patent medicine business can be stopped only by the most drastic action.

It is pointed out that traffic in medicines for which false and fraudulent claims are made is not only an economic fraud of the worst kind, in that a worthless preparation that costs but a few cents is frequently sold for a dollar or more a bottle, but that health and even life is endangered by failure to secure the service of a physician in such serious diseases as tuberculosis, diphtheria, pneumonia and scarlet fever, until too late, because reliance may have been placed in the curative powers of some worthless preparation which is claimed to be a never failing remedy. The deluded victim may not realize his danger until the disease has reached a stage too far advanced for even the ablest physicians to cope with it. Effective treatment depends in most cases on applying it during the early stages of the disease.

**Fails to Save Preparation.**  
The Houchens Medicine Company, of Baltimore, Md., pleaded guilty to the charge that a preparation called "Family Physician" and shipped by it into interstate commerce was falsely and fraudulently labeled. Among the many diseases for which this medicine was recommended by the manufacturers in statements appearing on the labels and accompanying circulars were diphtheria, scarlet fever, typhoid fever, smallpox, bronchitis, neuralgia, croup and all diseases of the throat and lungs. The following quotations from the label, carton, or circular are interesting: "This public is hereby assured that this is the genuine and original family physician." "For fever you need not give anything else but this medicine, it will keep the rash out itself." "For cases of smallpox take plenty and often—Use freely. Give no hot teas, just give the medicine and what pimples are under the skin will come out, the rest will be carried off by the medicine." "Also a wonderful and positive remedy for dyspepsia, keeps

measles out, nicely, regulates the bowels without trouble and by purifying the blood, prevents your liability to disease."  
Analysis of the product, which was claimed by the manufacturer to be effective in the treatment of so many virulent and contagious diseases, as well as a variety of minor ills, showed that it was a sirup containing 19.2 per cent non-volatile matter, 8.9 per cent alcohol, anise, and a vegetable cathartic drug. The government, therefore, charged that the medicine did not contain ingredients or medicinal agents effective for the relief and cure of the disease which it was claimed to cure. The court imposed a fine of \$75.

**Remarkable Claims for Extractor.**  
A plea of guilty was entered by H. A. Ingham and Company, of Vergennes, Vt., to the charge that statements and claims as to curative powers of a product called "Dr. H. A. Ingham's Vegetable Nerve Pain Extractor" were false and fraudulent. An analysis of a sample of the product by the bureau of chemistry showed the same to contain alcohol, eighty six per cent, opium alkaloids, camphor, capsicum and vegetable extractive matter. The government, therefore, alleged that the medicine did not contain ingredients or medicinal agents effective, as the labels or circulars asserted, for such ailments as fever, scarlet fever, rheumatic fever, cholera, dysentery, sun stroke, diphtheria, bleeding at the lungs, nervous exhaustion or piles, or to prevent fits of apoplexy and epilepsy when coming on, or to heal without inflammation or suffering all wounds, sprains or burns, or to break up a felon or to cure congestion of the lungs, pleurisy, fits of apoplexy, chronic rheumatism, paralyzed limbs and croup.

It was also alleged by the government that the statements "For teething and restless children, it is not only safe and harmless, but positively beneficial; it agrees with the most tender child or feeble infant," were false and misleading in that they were of such nature as to mislead the purchasers into the belief that the article contained no harmful or poisonous ingredient, whereas, in fact, it did contain morphine and other opium alkaloids of a poisonous and deleterious nature, such as might prove harmful and deleterious to the health of tender children and feeble infants and other persons, if consumed by them. The court fined the defendant \$100.

**Seize 4,000 Bottles.**  
Four thousand and ninety-two bottles of "Father John's Medicine" were seized in Philadelphia, Pa., it being alleged in the label that the labels on the bottles and on the pasteboard packages containing the curative effects of the medicine that were false and fraudulent. Claims were made by the manufacturers for the efficacy of the medicine in the treatment of consumption, coughs, colds, croup, asthma, bronchitis, sore throat, whooping cough, pneumonia, catarrh, rickets and a number of other ailments. A judgment of condemnation and forfeiture was entered, and it was ordered by the court that the product be delivered to Carleton and Hovey Company, Lowell, Mass., upon payment of all the costs in the proceedings and the execution of a bond in the sum of \$5,000 to insure that the goods would not be sold unless truthfully labeled.

**Jury Says "Guilty."**  
A verdict of "guilty" was rendered against the American Laboratories, a corporation located at Philadelphia, Pa., for shipping into interstate commerce a product called "Bad Em Salts" which it was alleged was falsely and fraudulently labeled. An analysis of a sample of the product showed that it consisted of common salt, Glauber salt, baking soda and a small amount of tartaric acid. It was claimed by the manufacturer that this preparation reproduced the medicinal properties of the great European springs famous for centuries for the cure of disease of the stomach, intestines, liver, kidneys or bladder, and that it represented the medicinal agents obtained by the evaporating of the water from famous European springs. The government alleged among other things that these claims were false and misleading. It was also alleged that the statements in the circular indicating that the preparation contained ingredients or medicinal agents effective for dissolving gall-stones, for the prevention of gastritis, for curing diabetes, for preventing or checking chronic inflammation of the kidneys, and for relieving catarrh of the bladder, were false and fraudulent. A fine of \$100 was imposed by the court.

**Other Misbranded Medicines.**  
The following list includes other preparations against which the government's charge that they were falsely or fraudulently labeled was sustained by the federal courts. Statements were made on the labels of, or on the circulars accompanying the preparations intended to make the purchaser believe that the medicines were effective cures for a great variety of disease for which they were recommended by the manufacturers or promoters. The main allegations of the government were upheld by the courts and judgment accordingly entered in connection with each of the following preparations:

- Radam's Microbe Killer.
- Hiton's Specific.
- Smith's Agricultural Linctant.
- Dr. Sullivan's Sure Solvent.
- Russell's White Drops.
- Stramolone.
- Wild Cherry Pepsin.
- Moreau's Wine of Antise.
- Dr. Herman Koch's Brand Phosphate, Celery and Gln Compound.
- Swisco Haid and Scalp Remedy.
- Cod Liver Oil with Syrup of Tar.
- Dr. Moxley's Lemon Elixir.
- Sa-Yo Mint Juices.
- Gray's Glycerine Tonic Compound.
- Dr. Martell's Female Pills.
- Quickstep, Frye's Remedy.

- Seawright's Magnesian Lichia Water.
- Hill's Aromatic Ext. God Liver Oil (Hollander-Koehler Company).
- Black's Palmolive Syrup.
- Tetterine.
- Laxative Quinine Tablets.
- Mrs. Joe Person's Remedy.
- Maignan Antiseptic Powder.
- Granitonic Scalp Hair Food.
- Dr. David Kennedy's Cal-Cura Solvent.
- Schenck's Pulmonic Syrup.
- Keller's Flaxseedine.
- Tutti's Pills.
- Universal Rheumatic Remedy.
- Green Mountain Oil.
- Weber's Genuine Alpine Herb Tea.
- Montague's Linctant.
- Coe's Cough Balsam.
- White Stone Lichia Water.
- Kalamazoo Celery and Sarsaparilla Compound.
- Quality Damiana Compound.
- Dennis Eucalyptus Ointment.
- Cassidy's 4X—the Great Blood Purifier.
- Porter's Antiseptic Healing Oil.
- Ballard's Horehound Syrup Compound.
- Dr. Shoop's Night Cure.
- Dr. Shoop's Cough Remedy.
- Dr. Shoop's Restorative.
- Rheumackide.
- Rice's Mothers' Joy Salve.
- Milam.
- Old Jim Field's Phosphate Dill and Gln.
- Stuart's Buchu and Juniper Compound.
- Osmolusion.
- Jones's Break Up.
- Carwell's Liver Acid.
- Dr. Shoop's Twenty Minute Croup Remedy.
- Rogers's Consumption Cure and Cough Lozenges.
- Rogers's Inhalant.

## HIGH WATER

### In Recent St. Louis Flood is the Cause of an Elopement.

ST. LOUIS, Sept. 18.—High water in East St. Louis is believed to have hastened the wedding of Miss Helen Riden of 713 North Twenty-third street and Hal C. Sheets of the Doyle apartments.

They eloped to Clayton, got a license, were married, telephoned news of it to relatives and friends from the Union station in St. Louis and then departed for Kansas City on a bridal tour.

The home of the bride's father, William S. Riden, is in the district flooded by Friday's rain, and the water surrounded it several feet deep. At noon Saturday Miss Riden was standing on her front porch talking to friends.

"We are thinking of a present to give you for your birthday, Helen," one girl said.

"Yes, we may present you with a pair of rubber boots," another remarked.

"I wish you would. I'd like to get away from this horrible water," Miss Riden said. "An hour later and left home, presumably to go on a short visit. She telephoned home that evening that she was married.

## SEEKING GOLD AND PLATINUM ALONG CHEAT

### Big Smelter and Other Mining Machinery Installed near Manheim.

CUMBERLAND, Md., Sept. 18.—Within a few weeks, probably before the first of October, the mystery surrounding the installation of a big smelter and other mining machinery along the line of the Morgantown and Kingwood railroad about three and a half miles west of Manheim, W. Va., will be cleared up. The plant will be in operation by that time, and ore will be mined and treated by the various machines and processes necessary to secure whatever of commercial value it contains. It is said on apparently good authority that gold and platinum have been discovered in the vein which is to be worked, and that careful calculations and assays have determined that it can be secured in paying quantities.

The plant which is soon to be ready for operation has been installed at a considerable expense, and is complete in every detail. There is an abundance of water available, and the vein ore which is to be worked is fifty-four inches in thickness. It stretches along the river for a distance of about four miles, cropping out near the crest of the mountain, and dipping beneath the river.

Expert-mining engineers have been on the ground for the last two years. The vein of ore that is to be worked has been tested with the drill at many points, and the ore has been assayed by expert chemists. The reports of these men are said to be entirely satisfactory, and that the production of gold and platinum in paying quantities is assured. Though no information of an authoritative character has been given out, the ore is said to yield as much as \$10 to the ton.

John F. Stoer, the Philadelphia millionaire, formerly an importer of silks and other fine fabrics is the owner of the land and has furnished the money to test the vein of ore and erect the plant. Operations are to begin about October 1.

Gold and silver ore is known to exist in the mountains of West Virginia, but so far it has not been found in paying quantities. The geologists have always maintained that the samples so far discovered were not rich enough in the precious metals to make their reduction profitable. If the present venture proves indeed to be an effort to obtain gold and platinum, and if it proves successful, a rush to locate leases on mountain land containing similar formations may be expected.

# RAILROADS REPORT EXPANDING TRAFFIC

### Particularly True on Trunk Lines and Coal Carrying Roads.

One of the most favorable features of the present trade situation is the definite improvement in the traffic and earnings of the railroads. This has been expected for some months by the leading transportation interests, and they all assert that it has at last arrived. This is particularly true of the trunk lines and the eastern coal roads, although business is moving more freely in all sections.

Officials of the leading eastern trunk lines say the freight traffic is heavy and increasing, and so far as they can see, will continue to improve for some time to come. Some of these systems have drawn all their freight equipment into use. Others still have cars available, but the surplus has been sharply reduced within the last two weeks. August reports for all these roads, will show up better than for a long time.

About the most important source of additional business in the East is coal. The Baltimore and Ohio and the Western Maryland will both show heavy gains in connection with this traffic, with the indications that it will continue to steadily increase. The Norfolk and Western reports that its June business established a new high record for that month, July was better than June and August was better than July.

The principal soft coal dealers are moving a heavy tonnage of coal westward to Lake ports and interior destinations, as well as to Atlantic ports for export. Chesapeake and Ohio gross earnings are about ten per cent ahead of this time last year, largely because of the high demand for fuel. Railroad men account for the coal situation in the rapidly increasing requirements of the steel mills and the heels of a long period of restricted buying and exhaustion of stocks.

General merchandise, which is better traffic than coal from a revenue standpoint, is steadily increasing in volume on the eastern roads and to a less extent throughout the middle west.

Rapid decline in the surplus car figures brings up the question whether the next two or three months will bring a serious car shortage. An officer of a big trunk line says that undoubtedly there will be some local and temporary shortages, though he does not anticipate widespread trouble. This officer says that the situation in regard to vessel supply for the export grain trade is better than it was at this time last year. Ships are getting back and forth more freely, and ocean facilities as a whole are being handled with greater efficiency.

## KEG OF NAILS

### Used by Man in Attack on Wife and She Sues Him for a Divorce.

EBENSBURG, Pa., Sept. 18.—Mrs. David Zimmerman, who lives near Blandburg, sued her husband for divorce, charging he threw a keg of nails at her, striking her on the head and seriously injuring her.

Zimmerman says his wife forced him to the limit of endurance by her seventy methods of keeping home. He charged her with spending the most of the day sitting by the stove with her feet in the oven. He also said that he had "chired and fired" nineteen housekeepers in three years, because of his wife's peculiar disposition.

## ONCE COWBOY, NOW IN THE U. S. SENATE

### Senator Ashurst of Arizona Also Hod Carrier at One Time.

The Hon. Henry Fountain Ashurst, United States senator from Arizona, formerly a cowboy on the plains, is 41 years old. His career is one of the most picturesque in politics. Beginning life as a clerk in a store, he later became a lumberjack, and then turned to hod carrying. The cowboy life appealed to him, so he mounted his broncho and "hired out." This was out in Arizona in the territorial days.

When statehood loomed up, Ashurst determined to be one of the men of the new state. He became a newspaper reporter, and studied law. At 22 he was justice of the peace and the same year was elected to the territorial house of representatives. He was elected speaker of that body at the age of 25, and is said to be the youngest man ever to hold such a position in the United States. He was made district attorney of Coconino county. He was elected senator on March 27, 1913, by unanimous vote of the first legislative assembly of the state of Arizona.

Senator Ashurst was born at Winnemucca, Nev., September 13, 1874, and was taken to Arizona by his parents when he was a child. His varied career gave him great popularity in his own state. He was recently chosen by President Wilson to make a survey of the political situation, and Senator Ashurst has reported that the president is today 2,000,000 votes stronger than his party. Senator Ashurst takes great interest in Indian affairs. He is chairman of the Indian affairs committee of the senate.

# RESPONDENT, GIRL JUMPS INTO A WELL

### Delicate Health Thought to Have Caused Act of Ritchie County Woman.

ELLENBORO, Sept. 18.—Dr. C. L. Boyers was called to the home of Miss Minnie Ross, a young girl who resides on the head of Goose creek, the other night, the report being that the young lady had attempted to commit suicide. The young lady, who has been in delicate health since her father, Francis Ross, was burned to death several years ago, when the family home burned, attended church Sunday evening, returning she spent some time at her writing desk. When questioned by her mother as to whom she was writing, she replied, "No one." Her mother then suggested that she cease. Waking sometime later, she mother found the girl still up, and started to search for her, but found she was not in the house. Calling help a search of the premises was instituted and in an old abandoned well on the farm, the girl was found. She had carefully removed the covering from the well and crawled, fallen or jumped into the fourteen feet of water, but the doctor insists she did not jump in, as there are no bruises on her body. Miss Ross left a note at the desk, bidding farewell and a sealed note for a well known young man of Ellenboro who had been paying her some attention, sending back a ring together with a message.

J. W. Stewart, of Parkersburg and J. F. Mallory, of Waterford, Pa., the well known oil operators composing the firm of Mallory and Stewart, were here Monday and visited their producing fields in this vicinity. They also made several locations in the Bond creek region and will begin work at once.

Harry Gorie is building a rig on the J. P. Stricker heirs land near Burtice.

The gas production of the M. M. Lambert gas well has been increased to something over 1,000,000 feet, and has been re-tubed for use.

While grading about the new residence the Lambert brothers are completing in the east end of town last week, Fred Lambert had the misfortune to have the scrapers he was operating catch one of their fine mares in the hip feet, cutting the necks of both legs. Veterinarian H. H. Warman was summoned, but after an examination, decided the only thing to do would be to shoot the horse and end its misery, which was done.

A nine year old son of John Scott, on Goose creek, is very ill with typhoid fever. He is under the care of Dr. C. L. Boyers.

Miss Alma Marsh is conducting an up to date millinery establishment at Cairo.

The box supper held a few nights ago at Fairmont church netted some \$15 or \$20 for the church. A supper was held Thursday night at Wince's chapel; it also netted a neat sum.

Miss Manley, a registered nurse who has been attending Mrs. John Wince, at Pike, was been called home to Wheeling, on account of sickness in her family.

Horse buyers from Richmond, Va., were at Pennsboro Monday, buying horses for the European war zone. While some good horses were offered only thirteen were bought, none bringing over \$100 and only one of the lot brought that price. One hundred dollars was the prevailing price paid.

PLAINFIELD, Wis., Sept. 18.—C. W. Bender saw a large turtle, measuring along a mile and a half west of his place, recently and noticed some curious marks on its back. Upon investigating he found the initials F. W., J. W., W. W. and F. E. H. cut into the shell and the year 1901 also carved thereon. He kept the turtle as a sort of curiosity, and he would like to know who put the initials and the date on the turtle's back probably some fourteen years ago.

to get sufficiently strong to write to you. However, I have been disappointed. Your letter pleased me very much indeed and it is a source of great comfort to me to have the evidence of the interest people take in me. I may go home at any time for a little while and about being glad to see you all when I get back to dear old West Virginia. The doctor may go to Chicago for some treatment, but his many friends hope for his speedy restoration to health.

The union tabernacle services at Harrisville, now in progress, under the supervision of the Rev. William Asher, assisted by Mr. and Mrs. George Moody of Chicago, started off very auspiciously last Sunday. The attendance has been good and the cost of the tabernacle, some thing like \$1,000, was collected on the opening day. Great good is expected from this revival of religion and the people of the whole county are taking a deep interest in the meetings.

Attorney Homer Adams was a business visitor at Clarksburg and Gratton this week.

F. W. Beal and wife are spending their vacation about Pittsburg and Canonsburg, Pa. Mr. Beal is an oil well gauger in this district.

Mayor A. W. Barnhart and family left in their car Friday to spend their vacation in western Pennsylvania.

D. B. Lattimer, wife and family, of Harrisville, left Wednesday in their Buick car for a visit at Wheeling, Washington, Pa., and will spend some time in Pittsburg; the guests of their daughter, Mrs. L. F. Head, boy.

Postmaster O. K. Wigner, wife and little daughter, Maxine, returned Friday evening from a visit of several weeks at Sunbury, O., where Mr. Wigner owns a valuable farm.

Lenz Smith, of Finch, has traded his house to Albert Criss, for the old Boliver Road farm on the lower Harrisville road and will move to his new home about October 1.

Joseph Corbin has sold his farm on Husher Run and expects to spend the winter in California, where his sons, Floyd and Longo, are engaged in the old fields. He expects to return to this section next spring and purchase town property.

Farmers are busy just now threshing their wheat, but many report serious injury to crops that were stacked out, owing to the numerous rains of the summer.

Rinehart and Gore, who are drilling the municipal well for the Harrisville board of trade for gas have a fishing job and may not complete the well for several days.

Harry L. Lambert is building a concrete wall, or fence around the handsome new residence he is erecting at Lambertown. His latest idea on beautifying the grounds is making extensive tennis and golf grounds and an artificial lake for fish.

The Hon. William A. Strickler and wife returned Thursday from a three weeks' visit in England, Paige and Rockingham counties, Virginia.

A large crowd composed a "hay ride" party who drove to Harrisville Thursday night to attend the Asher tabernacle meeting.

Misses Vada Brake and Clystics Cannon, of Harrisville, have gone to Buckhannon where they will attend Wesleyan College this winter.

Lee Horner, a leading orchardist of this section, presented your correspondent with a basket of very fine peaches and apples this week, which were highly appreciated. Mr. Horner often has exhibits of fruits at fairs and holds medals won at St. Louis World's fair and the Jamestown exposition, besides numerous awards from local fairs.

Mrs. W. J. Moran and little daughter, Mary Agnes, of Parkersburg, who have been the guests of Mrs. Moran's parents, Mr. McMullen and wife, returned home Wednesday evening.

A hot fresh supper was held at Pike, Thursday night, to raise funds for the minister.

A number of Hope Gas Company employees motored from here to Burdhouse on Thursday night to attend a dance.

## Carpenters and Mechanics

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