

**PATENT MEDICINES  
LOADED WITH ALCOHOL**

**A Proposition to Tax Them According to the Amounts of Whiskey Contained.**

Washington, D. C., Sept. 5.—(Special)—Serious consideration is being given by several members of congress to the question of pressing at the coming session a bill providing that patent medicines bearing above a certain percentage of alcohol, shall pay a stamp tax equal to the proportion of alcohol contained. Prohibition leaders are inclined to agree with the proposition, but just how to go at it is the problem. The prohibitionists have begun to find out what the "antis" have long ago known—that so soon as prohibition is established in a community the outgo of money for certain patent medicines is exceedingly large, and the drug stores immediately place extra orders for the additional trade they are sure to get. Besides handling the well advertised patent medicines, the druggist puts on the market compounds of his own preparation that have a wonderful effect in curing all kinds of diseases. Their chief ingredient is alcohol. In many instances the drugs used along with the alcohol are harmful to the human system, doing incalculable damage, not to take into consideration the appetite that is created for opium, paregoric, laudanum and similar drugs.

Government officials have recently received analyses made by a prominent physician in a large city, who says he found exactly the same percentages of alcohol in certain well known patent medicines as found in the analyses made by the Massachusetts state board of health several years ago. It is shown that hardly a single one of the best known medicines contained less than 12 per cent of alcohol and some of them went close to 50 per cent. A half dozen of them averaged above 40 per cent, and another half dozen above 30 per cent. Various samples of ordinary bar room whiskey averaged below 50 per cent of alcohol, while all samples of beer showed below 4 per cent, a revelation to the physician who had thought beer contained much more alcohol. Ten years ago it was found, according to the Massachusetts figures, that 300,000 bottles of a certain highly advertised patent medicine were sold in Massachusetts alone. Nearly one third of the contents of the bottle was pure alcohol. Most of the sales were in prohibition communities and the larger the percentage of alcohol contained the larger the sales.

The suggestion is made that the amount of the tax shall be in accordance with the amount of whiskey contained in the medicines, and this would have to be determined by requiring the manufacturers to file with the commissioner of internal revenue sworn statements of the alcohol they use. At intervals inspectors would procure samples and make analyses. Some of the medicines are said to be so strong with whiskey that they would have to pay a high tax.

Authorities of the internal revenue bureau are unconcerned about it all. They say that the alcohol contained in the medicines has already paid a tax to the government; and, further, that so many medicines contain alcohol to a large extent that the taxation plan would probably have to be an extensive one. They point out that the chief basis laudanum is alcohol, to which opium is added.

**Mrs. C. E. Worthington Dead.**

The many Owyhee people who will remember Dr. and Mrs. C. E. Worthington, who removed from here to Moscow, some three years ago, will be pained to learn that this most estimable lady died in that town on the 5th instant. Mrs. Mills, who has known her since girlhood, they having grown up together in the same neighborhood in Missouri, has contributed the following sketch in memory of her lifetime friend:

"On the death of my dear friend, Mrs. C. E. Worthington, I would like to write just a line in behalf of the many noble qualities I knew her to possess; having known her from my childhood, being reared together in the east. She, as a girl, was Sallie Busey, a rosy-cheeked, merry, happy lass, a girl beloved and admired by all who knew her, those considering themselves very fortunate who were on her list of acquaintances. Later in life her health failed her, but never her kind-hearted disposition. She was a friend to everyone, and especially to the sick and distressed. It can truly be said of her, she did her part faithfully. For years she has been a constant sufferer but she bore it with patience and fortitude, always cheerful and willing to help others. Her death, to me, has been a very sad blow; my sympathy goes out to the bereaved ones, her husband and two children, that are left to mourn her loss. Besides her family, there are friends innumerable who will be saddened to hear of her untimely death. All through her girlhood life and her married life, as wife and mother, I don't remember ever hearing an unkind word spoken of her; in losing her I feel that I have lost a true and tried, loving friend, but

"We are wondering home as time glideth by  
And weaveth its garland of years,  
To a beautiful home that is better by far  
Than the one in this valley of tears.  
Wandering home, yes wandering home,  
Soon shall we wander no more;  
And oh! may we meet each other at last,  
At home on that beautiful shore."  
M. MILLS."

**Home Again.**

W. J. Hill, editor and proprietor of the Index, arrived home on the 9:55 train Sunday night from the east, having been absent just a month. He spent some time at his boyhood's home in Prescott, Ontario, and visited relatives in New York, Niagara Falls and Chicago. Returning over the Union Pacific route to Salt Lake City, he went thence north over the Oregon Short Line railroad and visited his old home in Silver City, Idaho, which he and his family left when they came to Salinas, thirty years ago. He also visited old friends in Boise City, the capital of Idaho, and came around by Portland, Oregon, where he "took in" the Lewis and Clark Exposition, and then came home by rail, having traveled about nine thousand miles since leaving here on the second of August. He saw much good country while away, but returns more in love with California than ever.—Salinas (Cal.) Index, Sept. 5, 1905.

**Battleship Idaho.**

There will be launched at the Cramp's shipbuilding yards in Philadelphia, next fall, a battleship which will be one of the most effective in the world. The battleship will be the Idaho, and belongs to what is known as the Mississippi class. The Idaho will be a ship of 13,000 tons, with a water line at 375 feet, 77 feet wide, and have a coal bunker capacity of 1750 tons and 17 knots speed. Her main gross draft will be 27 feet. When completed it will have cost nearly \$6,000,000.

In drawing the plans and specifications for this ship the navy department have taken advantage of the lessons proffered by the Japanese Russian war. The Idaho will have but one mast which will have three fighting tops. To protect the ship from torpedo attacks the water line will be protected by a 9½ inch belt of steel and water tight compartments, which it is figured, will make the boat well nigh unsinkable.

The main battery of her armament will consist of four 12-inch breech-loading rifles, eight 8-inch and eight 7-inch breech-loading rifles. In addition the Idaho will be supplied with two 18-inch submerged torpedo tubes. Her secondary battery will consist of twelve 3-inch 14-pounder rapid firing guns of 50 calibre, six 3-pounder automatic guns, two 1-pounder rapid fire guns and six automatic guns of 30 calibre each. The 13-inch guns will be placed in two electrically controlled, balanced, elliptical turrets, on the center line, one on the upper deck forward and one on the

main deck aft. This arrangement, it is figured, will give the two turrets an arc of fire of about 270 degrees and 250 degrees respectively. The 8-inch guns will also be placed in electrically controlled turrets, the 7-inch guns in broadsides, and the secondary battery will be placed in a commanding position so as to protect the vessel from torpedo boats. All the 7-inch guns will be so arranged that their muzzles will train inside the line of the side armor, thus leaving a clear and unobstructed side when it is desired to go alongside a pier or vessel.

According to E. W. Parker's statistics in the U. S. geological survey's report on "Coal production in 1904," Idaho produced 3330 short tons, with a spot value of \$12,230. The only coal areas of Idaho from which any production has been obtained are found in the Horseshoe Bend and Jerusalem districts, occupying the lower portion of a ridge between the Boise and Payette rivers, in front of the Boise mountains. In the Horseshoe Bend district there is one seam of high grade lignite of about 3 feet in thickness. The Jerusalem district, which contains four different seams averaging from 3 to 8 feet in thickness, also contains lignite of about the same character as that of the Horseshoe Bend district. There are two other occurrences of coal in the state—one near Salmon City, the other at the northern edge of the state, where the Sublette field of Wyoming extends across the line. No mining is carried on in either of these districts at the present time. The production from the Horseshoe Bend and Jerusalem districts has been very irregular, never reaching and commercial importance.

**To Butter Makers.**

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**Legal Notices.**

**Notice to Creditors.**

Estate of William J. Clegg, deceased. Notice is hereby given by the undersigned, administrator of the estate of William J. Clegg, deceased, to the creditors of, and all persons having claims against the said deceased, to exhibit them with the necessary vouchers, within ten months after the first publication of this notice, to the said administrator, at his residence in Pleasant Valley, Owyhee county, Idaho, the same being the place for the transaction of the business of said estate. Dated August 17, 1905. PHILIP CLEGG, Administrator. J. F. NUGENT, Attorney for Administrator. 13-5

**Dissolution of Co-Partnership.**

Notice is hereby given that I have sold my interest in the property known as the Seales & Wagener arastra mill property, at Silver City, to Mr. James Ingles, and that the co-partnership heretofore existing between myself and Mr. John Wagener, in the ownership of the said property, has been dissolved. Silver City, Idaho, September 1, 1905. 16-3 JOHN SCALES.

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