

CURIOS & ANTIQUES

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DO YOU THINK you are a law-abiding citizen? Well, just try to digest a few of these things that City of Ada ordinances declare may or may not be done within the corporate limits. All of the following laws have been adopted by city officials since the first recorded ordinance was filed on city statute books in 1902:

"It shall be unlawful for any person or persons to leave, keep or permit any horse, mule or mules, vehicles, wagons, buggy, automobile, except same is provided with a grease pan, * * * for more than 8 minutes at any one place on the streets of the City of Ada where streets have been paved."—Ord. 235.

"Hereafter it shall be unlawful for the owner, keeper or possessor of any chicken, duck, turkey, goose, guinea, or other domestic bird to permit same to run at large * * * and any fowl running at large on the premises of any one, not the owner of such fowl, may have the right to slay the same and deliver it to the owner thereof if known."—Ord. 169.

"It shall be unlawful for any boy or girl under the age of 15 years to be or appear upon any of the public streets * * * after the hour of 9 p. m. and before the hour of 4 a. m. from April 1 to October 1."—Ord. 281.

Lightning rod agents and lung testers, muscle developers or striking machines are subject to an occupational tax of \$1 per day or \$25 a year according to Ordinance 282.

"It shall be unlawful for any person to resort to the stairways or halls of public buildings * * * for the purpose of drinking Tintop, Uno, White-mule or any other like drink."—Ord. 137.

"It shall be unlawful for any person not licensed as an auctioneer to beat any drum, play or cause to be played any musical instrument, blow or sound any trumpet, bugle, horn or any other thing * * * for the purpose of attracting a crowd of people * * * for the purpose of selling any goods or merchandise."—Ord. 85.

"It shall be unlawful for any person or persons who are non-residents of the City of Ada to vend, peddle or give away spectacles and eye-glasses within the limits of the city of Ada."—Ord. 361.

"It shall be unlawful for any person permitting or allowing any dancing in any private residence * * * to allow any person to attend such dance * * * who is drinking or in a state of intoxication."—Ord. 418.

"It shall be unlawful for persons of the opposite sex to be found in and upon any park or park grounds belonging to the City of Ada spooning, flirting, hugging, kissing, caressing or embracing each other."—Ord. 428, emergency clause attached.

"All bread manufactured in the City of Ada * * * and offered for sale or sold in said city shall be made into loaves weighing 16 ounces avoirdupois weight."—Ord. 410.

It is no disgrace to wear patched clothes but somehow we don't feel like going very far to help somebody whose clothing is torn but not patched.

THEY HAD HER NUMBER --- Mrs. Harry Putman was out visiting the other day when a friend called. But through some crossing up of the wires central gave the lady who was calling the wrong number. The wrong number happened to be the residence at which Mrs. Putman was visiting.

Pontotoc county is pretty well known as an agricultural area but as far as we know there never has been a contest to decide who is the best hog-caller in the neighborhood.

A YOUNG ADA WOMAN was concerned about whether the widely publicized theatrical production "Tobacco Road" was to be produced in a nearby city as scheduled. So she called The Ada News office. A bulletin was read to her, ending with, "The play will go on as scheduled and there won't be anything dirty in it." The young lady commented: "Well, if there's nothing dirty in it, why go?"

A stubborn car door is reportedly responsible for the broken toe Frank Finley is nursing. He got mad at the door and kicked it but it didn't help matters any.

MILTON KEATING had three letters returned undelivered on January 19. All three were just alike, addressed to W. P. Stubblefield of the Barnsdall Oil company. One was postmarked October 31, 1935, another November 14, 1935, and the third November 30, 1935. The addressee had forgotten to tell the P. O. where he had moved to.

We can't help wondering if the big world globe sitting on Frank C. Norris's desk is the culmination of an ambition to become a globe-trotter.

A LETTER addressed "financial editor" has been lying around The News editorial department for nearly a week unopened. We're waiting to see what, if any, member of the staff presumes to know enough about money to assume the title and open the letter.