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IKE LONGBONES WRITES LETTER

LOCAL MAN GETS MORE OR LESS HUMOROUS.

BATCH OF GENTLE RAILLERY

West Side Man Inclined to Use Pen Sends Article of Considerable Length--Touches Humorously On Minor Follies.

Corvallis, Ore., Dec. 10th, 1909. Mr. Editor, Dear Sir:

Thinking perhaps it would be a pleasant surprise for you to get a letter from me and just to let you know I am still alive I will proceed to write. I know of no excuse or good reason why I should be alive and consuming so much good oxygen, but the fact is I am here, and the only excuse I have for being here is because I've got to be somewhere, and this place comes as near being somewhere as any place I've ever been, except over at Salt Lake City, where Brigham Young had only forty-five wives and slept with his grandfather. And speaking of Salt Lake City reminds me Mr. Editor, that that is a place worth going to see. I stopped there about two weeks, and of course that is another reason why you should go. You know people travel a long way nowadays just to be where great men have been. Why, just think of it, it seems but yesterday since I knew old James Whitcomb Riley down at Anderson, Indiana. He was just about as common an individual as I ever came in contact with. He used to work 'round the printing office and when business was slack he would come out to our place and hulk corn for my grandmother. But now 'tis different since he wrote the little poem about the old swimmin' hole. People travel thousands of miles to see him and if he is not at home they steal a doornob or perhaps a splinter off of the old picket fence, take it home and put it in the bible or lock it up in the tool chest, just to show on state occasions. Who knows, Mr. Editor, what the future may bring forth? After I have executed my master stroke of the pen, after I have exhausted my literary ability, after I have been dead for about one or two thousand years, people may kneel at my grave. And that reminds me, Mr. Editor, I think I'll have my monument made out of concrete so it will last me a life time and so people can whittle it to pieces and pack it off.

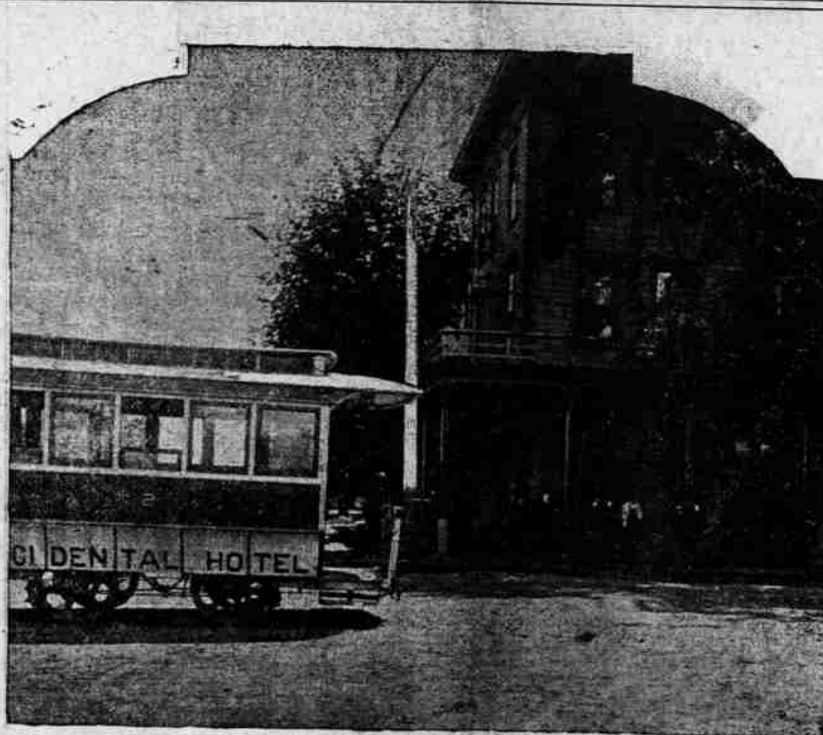
My daughter is attending the Agricultural Collage. She is getting quite peart (looks like her father, too.) My peartness has settled in my feet and I've not been able to get my boots on for a week. (Pardon me, Mr. Editor, how is your mother.) Down in Kansas some forty-five years ago the grasshoppers were so numerous and industrious that the natives had to move out and now it develops that after the people quit raisin' corn and

vegetables for the hoppers for a few years, said hoppers quit hoppin', and in fact that particular branch of the animal kingdom became extinct. And now it appears that after the price of dressed or undressed turkeys have advanced to twenty-five cents a smell there is quite a demand for grasshoppers. I understand that over at the Agricultural collage, which is about two blocks from my house, and where my offspring is in attendance, they are doing some experimenting along the line of bugology you know, just trying to propogate or develop a new sort of grasshopper, one that will be both attractive and palatable to the average turkey gobbler you know. President Kerr is a learned man, you know. And as he is assisted by eighty-three professors, nine carpenters, four blacksmiths, two cooks and a bootlegger, methinks there will soon be somethin' sturrin' over there. In fact, I think they have already succeeded to considerable extent, for I saw a flock of something fly over the house that looked like grasshoppers, only they were almost as big as wild geese. President Kerr is also making war on the bugs, trying to kill all the bugs and worms you know,—the green aphid, the wooley aphid, the colling moth, the wire worm and even the fish worms has to set up and look strait. Even the fence worms in the rail fences refuse to be crooked any longer, and have straitened themselves out so strait that all of the worm or rail fences in a radius of five miles of President Kerr's office have fallen down, and nearly all the farmers in Benton Co. have been consealing themselves for the last three days in their own corn shocks with their double barrel shotguns watching to see if they can find out what is causing all of this trouble.

And that reminds me, this has been a great place for football. There is about one thousand young men students here and they have all been very enthusiastic about football until recently, very recently. In fact they have been making such loud noises recently that I've not been able to sleep for forty days, and now that they've been defeated by nearly every team from Puget Sound to Sheyann, they are not so enthusiastic and I am getting considerable sleep. Since their last defeat this town has been as quiet as a Trojan graveyard, and President Kerr is lookin' around to see if there is anything the boys can play. He will probably adopt Rugby. That is a game that my aunt Sinthy Sims used to tell us children about when I was a boy, and she was an old maid school teacher down on the Wabash in 1865. By the way, Mr. Editor, how is your mother? Mr. Editor, I am still running at large and gettin' larger ever day. As soon as my feet get well I'll just run down and tell you all about it. Your old friend, IKE LONGBONES.

THE POWER THAT DEGRADES LIFE

Jesus' attitude was one of compassion for the sinner and intense aversion and antagonism toward sin. Rev. Bassford declared in a sermon at the Baptist Church Sunday evening. While Jesus denounced the hypocrisy and formalism of the Pharisees, and severely con-



CORVALLIS A FEW YEARS AGO

This is a sort of a night-mare reminiscence of Corvallis dug up from the office "hell-box." The particular car shown in this picture, with another one or so, now reposes in a street car grave yard on the Marshall Miller acreage north of Corvallis.

demned the greed and oppressions of the Scribes and Lawyers, he did not permit his intense hatred of sin to swallow up his pity for the misguided sinner. His aversion and hostility toward sin grew out of his love for men and his conviction that sin was of such a nature as always to bring loss and suffering to the guilty soul. Because he loved men, he could not bear to see them defiled and degraded. And this which Jesus observed has been confirmed by the sad experience of every member of the human family. From whence come our tears and heartaches, our sorrows and our soul anguish? What is it that sinks men and women, made in the image of God and destined to be conformed to his moral likeness, down to the level of the brute beast but sin, refined and loathsome sin?

This was the fourth sermon in the series on the "Religion of Jesus, and was closely followed by an interested and attentive audience.

The thaw, with brilliant sunlight, and chickens scratching around on Second street, makes this season appear considerably like Spring.

CORVALLIS MAKES A GOOD GROWTH

The growth of Corvallis since last year at this time is demonstrated in the difference shown in the school enumeration. On December 24, 1908, the enumeration was 1050. The enumeration on December 24, 1909, is 1222. As other towns figure, this would give Corvallis a population of 5400. However, Corvallis has not quite that number of people, exclusive of students. The Gazette-Times mentions this fact merely that the enthusiastic people of this city may not get their nerves jarred when the Government census takers announce their findings.

Letter List

The following letters remain uncalled for in the Corvallis Ore. P. O., for the week ended Dec. 28, 1909:
Mrs. L. C. Cooper, Miss Della Dildine, Y. Harrison, Abraham Hinkle, Ed Lallie, E. L. Patterson, Miss Eva Peterson, E. D. Swaney, Louise Swan, box 260.

B. W. JOHNSON, Postmaster.

TO ORGANIZE A FIRE COMPANY

CITIZENS WILL HOLD PUBLIC MEETING TO GET PROTECTION

CITY HALL, WEDNESDAY 7:30

Lack of Adequate Fire Protection Has Aroused Business Men to the Necessity of Prompt Action--Many Plans to be Considered.

Tomorrow evening at the City Hall there will be a meeting of business men, city officials and all citizens interested in providing better fire protection for Corvallis. The intent is that there shall be a full and free discussion of the question and the presentation of any and every plan that might result in a betterment of conditions. The business men generally are becoming insistent in their demand for adequate fire protection, which they have not at present. A general demoralization of the department has resulted in no department at all. The city has certain fire-fighting apparatus, but no organization of fire-fighters.

One of the plans that is suggested calls for a fire team, a fire-chief on regular pay, and a certain number of men paid for every fire they attend, with a fine in case of failure and a reward in case of superior service. It is claimed that the city needs a team for various and sundry purposes and that it could be always kept busy. Even though the team were some distance away during the day, at the alarm of fire it could be hustled to the city hall, attached to the apparatus, and with the delay get to the fire before the hand cart people could make it. However, the team is most needed at night. With the fire-chief sleep-

ing at the city hall the apparatus could be put to instant use. This fire chief could be employed by the city in other capacity during the day and disturbed at night by only the occasional alarm.

But this is only a suggestion, and various plans are being considered. Some think a volunteer department rejuvenated and cheered up a little will answer the purpose and still others are or mean enough to say that there should not be any better fire department until about half of main street is burned out. Unfortunately the fires seldom start and end at the place where these people would have it, so in order to protect the better buildings it is necessary to have a department for the protection of the shacks with the rest.

No one should be absent who is interested enough to make a kick in case the final decision is unsatisfactory to him. Go to the meeting, submit a plan, pick other plans to pieces, or assist in boosting a plan that looks good. Wednesday evening at 7:30, City Hall.

RECENT REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

N B and P Avery to school district No 9 block 9 in N B and P Avery's 2nd Add, Corvallis \$3000.
O & C R Co to S B Bowen, 61 acres near Alesa, \$152.50.
Sam Bowen and wife to E B Follett and wife, undivided 1-2 of 61 acres near Alesa, \$10.
H H Glassford and wife to Chester Taylor, parcel of land in Corvallis, \$1.
W H Malone to Hardy McCormack et al, lot 15 bl 1 Alesa, \$75.
Albert R Starkey to Thomas F Wilson, 200 acres near Alesa, \$1.
Marshall C Miller to Claude I Starr, 163.60 acres near Monroe, \$10.
T J Pettit et al to P L Cate, 22.70 acres south of Corvallis, \$10.
James M Herron to R C Herron, 384 acres near Monroe, \$1.00.
Evan McLennan to Tony N Armstrong, 200 acres north of Corvallis, \$1.
Emil R Wischnofsky to Albert Wischnofsky, 10 acres near Blodgett, \$10.
Charles Reed and wife to A C Miller, 27.64 acres Kings Valley, \$10.
W J Kent to Alfred A Mannoek, lots 26 and 27 Emery & Kent's addition to Corvallis, \$10.

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TOYS AND ALL CHRISTMAS GOODS ONE-THIRD LESS

OUR AFTER-CHRISTMAS SALE OF MEN'S AND WOMEN'S SUITS COATS---OVERCOATS---CAPES

For this week we have made a great reduction on every suit, coat and overcoat in the House. We also have a few Men's Coats and Vests, sizes 33, 34, 35. There are a lot left from our Christmas Sale and we have put them on a table and they will be sold for \$2.00 each. They are all-wool and sold for \$8.00 and \$10.00 a suit. FOR THIS WEEK ONLY

\$2.00

Misses' Coats, sizes 8 to 14 years, from \$5.00 to \$15.00. FOR THE WEEK, ONE-FOURTH LESS.



Women's Hose

Ladies' Fast Black Hose, good quality, sell regular for 25c. Special Price,

18c



A SAFE PLACE TO TRADE

Boy's Suits

Boys' Short Pants, good all-wool Suits, THIS WEEK

One-half Price