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## THE HOBO'S DEFENSE

A hobo writes to a newspaper an interesting exposition of his point of view:

"I would like to ask what right any one has to pity a hobo! As I write I am lying under a big, shady tree. I am free—I worry about nothing. The birds singing above have nothing on me when it comes to liberty. Just a little ways off are the yards of a big railroad with its trains coming and going constantly. Any time it suits my fancy I can travel, and it matters not to me whether the railroads are returned to their owners or taken by the government, I will ride them anyway. Why should I envy the busy folks of the city wearing themselves away inside of skyscrapers, living their conventional cut-and-dried lives, doing the same thing over and over again 365 times a year? I pity them. "I work when I want a few dollars. When I get thirty or forty dollars—

or a 'stake', I hand in my resignation and am strictly my own boss while it lasts. I consider myself a thousand times more fortunate and happier than many who are shut up in factories and offices and tied down to jobs. I have found my happiness on the road.

The letter justifies, to the hobo, his hobo existence. But he forgets a few important things. Without this civilization he scorns, the product of other men, he could not lead the happy hobo life. Without the labor of other men there would be need. There would be no workshop or factory where he could earn his stake at need. There would be no cheap newspaper to tell him what the problems of other men about railroads or other matters may be. There would be no shelter for his winters, no hospitals to care for what wound or illness he may acquire on the road. There would be no provision for his old age.

The hobo may be happy in his way—but it is a selfish way. He is a parasite upon the labor of the world. Other men pity him—not for his freedom nor his shady tree, but for the fact that by his parasitism he has lost the greatest happiness in the world—that of the self-respecting worker. And he has lost the happiness of home joys and children and the chance of a future when freedom and shady trees and sunny roadides have been well-earned, and are therefore all the sweeter.

The hobo's joys are the child's joys—those of today, dependent upon wind and weather and other people. The joys of manhood are forever denied him.

## JOSEPH L. TURNIDGE IS LAID TO REST

MILL CITY, Aug. 29.—Special.—Joseph Lane Turnidge, who died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. W. E. Lovering at South Bend, Wash., Aug. 23, was born near Scio, Ore., Feb. 3, 1856. He was the youngest son of Joseph Warren Turnidge and Elizabeth Dayley. They crossed the Plains from Missouri in 1847, the journey being a long and tedious one of nine months. His early boyhood was spent on the old donation land claim in the forks of the Santiam. When he was 14 years of age his parents moved to

Southern Oregon where he lived until his 20th year, when he came back into the Willamette Valley. He was married to Mary Frances Henness Oct. 22, 1876 at King's Prairie, Ore., and was married nearly 43 years. He was 63 years old. He left the home that he loved so well on Feb. 15 of this year, thinking a change would be beneficial. He was operated on in Portland April 26 but never recovered his health, although he was not confined to his bed until a few days before the end. He was patient, kind, and ever thoughtful of those about him and in his last conscious moments requested that his friends and neighbors be told of his love and goodwill for them. He was ready and willing to go and the beautiful songs he sang and the words of love and comfort that he last spoke to his wife and children, who were all present at his bedside, will always be a sweet memory. He was ever a loving and devoted husband and father.

Besides his wife he leaves the following children: Mrs. G. W. Murphy and Mrs. W. E. Lovering of South Bend, Wash.; Mrs. Frank Lovering of Raymond, Wash.; and Elda C. Turnidge and Delbert L. Turnidge of Mill City, Ore. Two brothers, John R. Turnidge of Toledo, Oregon, and James C. Turnidge of Turlock, Calif., and one sister, Mrs. Mary Kelsoe of Gold Hill, Ore., also survive.

The funeral took place from his late home in Mill City on Wednesday, Aug. 27, Rev. E. E. Clark officiating. Many neighbors and friends were present to pay their last respects to this son of Linn county. Interment took place in King's Prairie cemetery.

## ADVERTISEMENT FOR STREET IMPROVEMENT

Scaled bids will be received by the council of the City of Albany, Oregon, until 7:30 o'clock P. M. September 10, 1919, for the following improvements, to-wit:

- I. Salem Road from East line of Main street to center of Geary street in the following manner, to-wit:
  - First: By grading said street to the proper subgrade.
  - Second: By paving the roadway of said street twenty feet in width with asphaltic concrete pavement on an asphaltic concrete foundation.
  - Third: By laying and constructing rock and gravel shoulders.
  - Fourth: By laying and constructing wood headers.
- II. First Street from the West curb line of Sherman Street to the East line of Pine street, in the following manner, to-wit:
  - First: By grading said Street to the proper subgrade.
  - Second: By paving the roadway of said street full width with asphaltic concrete pavement on an asphaltic concrete foundation.
  - Third: By constructing inlets.
  - Fourth: By laying and constructing asphaltic concrete headers.
- III. Sixth Street from the West curb of Washington Street to the East curb of Elm Street in the following manner, to-wit:
  - First: By grading said street to the proper subgrade.
  - Second: By paving the roadway of said street full width with asphaltic concrete pavement on an asphaltic concrete foundation.
  - Third: By laying and constructing asphaltic concrete headers.
  - Fourth: By constructing inlets.
  - Fifth: By laying vitrified sewer pipe.

Sixth: By constructing and establishing monuments. IV. Elm Street from the North line of Ninth Street southerly to the city limits in the following manner, to-wit:
 First: By grading said Street to the proper subgrade.
 Second: By paving the full intersection at Ninth and Elm Streets with asphaltic pavement on an asphaltic concrete foundation.
 Third: By laying and constructing asphaltic concrete headers.
 Fourth: By laying and constructing wood headers.
 Fifth: By laying and constructing wood and gravel shoulders.

Said improvements to be made in accordance with the charter and ordinances of the City of Albany and plans, specifications and estimates of the acting City Engineer on file in the office of the City Recorder, where said plans may be seen and specifications and estimates obtained. Bids will be opened at 8:00 o'clock P. M. September 10, 1919. No proposals or bids will be considered unless accompanied by a certified check, payable to the City of Albany in an amount equal to five per cent of the aggregate bid, to be forfeited as fixed and liquidated dam-

ages in case the bidder neglects or refuses to enter into a contract and provide an approved bond or bonds for the faithful performance of the work within ten days after the notification of the award of contract to such bidder, which said bond or bonds shall provide for the sum of \$5,000 on the account of the improvement of Salem Road; \$4,000 on the account of the improvement of First Street; \$10,000 on account of the improvement of Sixth Street; and \$4,000 on account of the improvement of Elm Street.

Proposals shall be made separately for each improvement and bidders may submit a proposal for all of said improvements. All bids must be made with a view of completing the construction of each of said improvements prior to the 1st day of November, 1919, under a liquidated penalty for damages of \$25.00 for each day of delay upon each of said improvements not completed within that time. The Council reserves the right to reject all bids deemed unreasonable. All bids must be addressed to "City Recorder, Albany, Oregon," and marked "Proposals for Street Paving."

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