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HISTORY OF AN OLD LETTER

Words Purporting to Have Been Written by Christ Appearing in Public Print

A subscriber to the Tribune at Holley, Ore., has sent the following with the request that it be published:

The following clipped from the Manistee (Mich.) Daily Advocate was received from a friend in that city with the request that it be given space in the Enterprise:

The following letter was received from a friend in Lodi, Cal., with requests that it be published in the Advocate:

A subscriber has sent the following to the Sentinel Lodi. Read it for what it is worth:

In this letter was an injunction that it should be published to the world whenever found, together with the statement that misfortune and bad luck would follow the person having possession of it in the event that it was not given publicity. There was likewise a promise that whoever may have a copy of this in his or her possession will prosper and be followed by good fortune.

According to the history of the letter it was written by Christ just after his crucifixion, signed by the Angel Gabriel 99 years after the Savior's birth and presumably deposited by him under a stone at the foot of the cross. No one knew the legend "Blessed is he who shall turn

J. M. Thompson, our popular butcher, is making extensive improvements to his Market property. He will soon be in shape to handle poultry along with his other line of business.

The Tribune family makes its politest bow to Mrs. Cora Swink for the necessary ingredients for a chicken dinner, last Sunday. Such neighbors maketh the heart of ye editor glad.

Wanted—This office can place a loan of \$500; first-class mortgage security. If you have the money, call and see us.

Hotel Sweet Home

MYERS & ROSE, Props.

Clean and Airy Rooms and Beds.
The tables are supplied with the best of the market affords



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Prices are Reasonable.

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me over." No one knew what the legend meant or seemed to have sufficient curiosity to investigate until the stone was turned over by a little child and the letter which follows was discovered:

Whoever works on the Sabbath Day shall be cursed. I command you to go to church and keep holy the Lord's day without manner of work. You shall not idle or mispend your time in bedecking yourself in superfluities of costly apparel and vain dressing, for I have ordered it a day of rest.

I will have that day kept holy, that your sins may be forgiven you. You will not break my commandments, but keep and preserve them, they being written by my hand and spoken by my mouth. You shall not only go to church yourself, but also your man-servant. Observe my words and learn my commandments.

You shall finish your work every Saturday at six o'clock in the afternoon, at which hour the preparation for the Sabbath begins. I advise you to fast five days in the year, beginning on good Friday and continuing the five days following in remembrance of the five bloody wounds I received from you and mankind.

Thou shalt love one another and cause them that are not baptised to come to church and receive the Holy Sacrament, that is to say baptism and then the supper of the Lord and be made a member thereof and in so doing I will give you long life and many blessings. Your land shall be replenished and bring forth abundantly and I will comfort you in the greatest temptation, and surely he that doeth the contrary shall be cursed.

I will also send the hardness of the heart on them, and especially on the hardened and unrepentant unbelievers. He that hath given to the poor shall find it profitable. Remember to keep the Sabbath day for the seventh day I have taken as a rest day myself.

And he that has a copy of this letter written by my own hand and spoken by my own mouth and keeping it without publishing it to others, and he that publisheth it to others shall be blessed by me, and if their sins be as many as the stars at night and they truly believe, they shall be pardoned, and they that believe not this writing, and my commandments shall have plagues upon you; will be consumed with your children, goods and cattle, and all other worldly enjoyments that I have given you. Do but once think that I have suffered for you; if you do it will be well for you in this world which is to come.

Whosoever shall have a copy of this letter and keeping it in their house, nothing shall hurt them, neither pestilence, thunder or lightning. If any woman be in birth and put her trust in me she shall be delivered of her child. You shall hear no more news of me except through the Holy Scriptures, until the judgement. All goodness and prosperity shall be found in the house where a copy of this letter shall be found.

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The story goes that the little girl

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P. O. SITUATION STILL IN MUDDLE

Postmaster F. L. Gilbert Gives Reasons For Refusing to Surrender the Office

The Tribune, in the spirit of fairness and with a desire that our post office squabble shall soon be settled, publishes the following rather long explanation by Mr. Gilbert:

I read in the last weeks issue of the Intermountain Tribune that I had resigned as postmaster of this office. It is true, I will admit, but it was to fill my part of the following contract:

Contract—This agreement made and entered into in duplicate by and between F. L. Gilbert, party of the first part and R. W. Van Fleet, party of the second part, Witnesseth: That the party of the first part hereby agrees to sell to the party of the second part all of the real property in Sweet Home, Oregon, now belonging to the party of the first part. Also the following named personal property:

One postoffice cabinet, valuation \$60 more or less. 1 peanut roaster valuation \$100 more or less. 2 show cases now in use, valuation \$15 more or less. All the stock of confectionery and stationer goods now on hand, the valuation of same being \$100 more or less.

The consideration of the above agreement being seventeen hundred dollars (\$1700). Also if the party of the second part is not appointed to the position of postmaster of the postoffice of Sweet Home, Oregon, this contract shall be null and void.

It is hereby agreed that possession shall be given April 1, 1913. The party of the first part hereby acknowledges the receipt of \$20 on the sale of the property.

Dated at Sweet Home, Ore., this 30th day of December, 1912.

Signed by

F. L. Gilbert
R. W. Van Fleet

This contract having expired on the first of April, Mr. Van Fleet came, saying he had no money but expected to get it in a few days and asked that the time be extended until the close of school. Thinking him a man of his word and promising me before witnesses that if he could not raise the money, he would never cause me any trouble over the office, I extended the time as asked for.

Not two weeks after I began dealing with Mr. Van Fleet I was informed by men from Holly and Crawfordville, both former homes of Mr. Van Fleet that he would beat me if there was any chance whatever as he had no money.

Beginning to see that this might be so and that I was in a tight place I made him an offer that he pay me \$500 down and give me notes for the rest with good security and I give him a bond for a deed. This he said he was sure he could do but only wanted a little time.

The next thing I heard he was

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In Union There is Strength

In past years this editor has written many articles, urging harmonious action along various lines. It is only by harmony of action that any public action can be carried to a successful conclusion.

There is, also, a matter of expense connected with almost any enterprise, especially of a public nature, which is too burdensome for the individual to undertake. The accruing benefit is usually indirect and the individual usually refuses to undertake a proposition unless he has assurance that the benefit is direct.

The following letter from the pen of Manager Stewart, of the Albany Commercial club, concerning harmony of action by Willamette valley counties in advertising our splendid resources, is along the line wherein a harmony of action is absolutely necessary. The benefit to accrue from this campaign will be general in its character while, incidentally it is individual. The plan or movement, referred to in Manager Stewart's letter is most meritorious and is worthy. We hope a general effort along the lines indicated will be made:

Albany, Ore., Oct. 4, 1913
Editor Tribune
Sweet Home, Ore.

Dear Sir:—I suppose you have noticed in last night's edition of the Herald and Democrat, an account of the preliminary meeting held at Salem last Thursday, to make arrangements for concerted action on the part of the eight valley counties to properly advertise the Willamette valley as a district at the Panama Pacific exposition.

This movement has so far met with the warm support of all to whom it has been explained, and we hope that as one of the moulders of public opinion in Linn county you will get behind it and give all the assistance you can. By getting the counties together and putting up a joint exhibit, the expense to any one county need be only a very small amount. Also, if, by concerted action we can prevail upon the railroads to issue stop-over tickets to people from the east, and arrange for excursions through the valley from Portland, we shall have accomplished a great deal. At the present time, when a tourist starts up the coast from San Francisco, it is a very rare occurrence for him to get off the train until he arrives at Portland, and most of them pass through the Willamette valley at night.

You would place us under many obligations and at the same time render valuable assistance to a worthy cause, if you give this movement favorable editorial comment. If you do so, kindly send me marked copy, so that I can read your article before the club.

Yours truly,

C. H. Stewart

Mgr. Commercial Club.

J. M. Goings is busily engaged in hauling lumber, these days. He will soon have quite an extensive lumber yard. He talks of establishing a planer in connection with the yard.

ANOTHER PIONEER HOME AT LAST

Asher Ferris Hamilton, After Lingering Illness of 18 Months, Makes the Final Journey

Asher Ferris Hamilton, of Holley, Oregon, departed this life, about noon, Friday, October the 3rd at the age of 68 years, 9 months and 17 days, after a lingering illness of a year and a half, suffering untold agonies, all of which he bore with the utmost Christian fortitude. Always cheerful and thoughtful of the comfort of those that attend him, to the last.

Deceased was born in Waukegan County, Ill., on the 16th day of December, 1845, an only son of Silas and Andana Hamilton and obtained his early education from the common schools; later he attended the Eastman National Business college of Chicago, graduating from that institution on the 30 day of April, 1866, with honor and with the degree of Master of Accounts.

Shortly after this, an opportunity offering, he crossed the plains to California with ox teams where he remained only for a short time, returning to Wisconsin to engage with his father in the mercantile business. But here again his restless spirit would not allow him to remain, and again he turned his course towards the Pacific coast. After a year or more sojourn in California, Oregon and Washington he once more returned to the land of his earlier years and on March 2, 1873, was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Crane.

But the west was still calling him and for the third time, in company with his wife and infant daughter and his father and his family, in 1875 turned his face towards the setting sun, arriving in Linn county and settling on a farm a few miles above Waterloo, on the South Santiam.

In 1885 he sold the farm and moved out on the valley a few miles from Lebanon where he remained until 1888, when he moved to Sweet Home to engage in the mercantile business with his father, remaining there till the store burned in 1893.

From thence, alternately he engaged in farming and in the store business till the time of his taking away.

Mr. Hamilton was the father of eight children, all of whom with the wife and aged mother, survive him. The children are Mrs. Lula Barr, of near Sweet Home, Mrs. Fannie R. Mealey, of Foster; Chas. A. of Holley, Wm. S. of Altona, Wash., Mrs. Ruth Hand of Prineville, Mrs. Jennie Rice of Holley, Mrs. Bessie Dickenson of Raymond, Wash., and James Harley of Holley.

Mr. Hamilton was a conscientious Christian man, as was attested to by his every day life. He was a member of the Christian Advent church of Sweet Home, and at one time was an ordained minister of that denomination.

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