

LIBERAL UNIVERSITY.

Opening Exercises At Liberal Hall.

The difference in the new religion of humanity and the old religion of the gods was shown by the interest manifested last Sunday evening at Liberal Hall. The occasion was that of the initiatory steps in the opening of the Liberal University. The house was crowded with earnest, intelligent people and all seemed well pleased with the program.

The Silverton Marine Band gave a concert of half an hour which was a credit to the boys and a surprise to those who were not aware of the fact that Silverton has a band which is second to none in the state. The program was as follows:

"The Inquirer Club".....March
Cornet Solo, "Water Lily".....Prof. Welch
"Españole Don Caromelo" Spanish Waltz
"The Jolly Night".....Overture
Clarinet Solo, "Ar Varie".....Prof. Allen
Descriptive Over. Hoe-down on the Levee
"Standard March".....

Between the first two selections by the band, Miss Amie Forward rendered "St. Peter at the Golden Gate" which was highly appreciated by all. At the close of the concert the members of the faculty took their seats on the stage and Minnie P. Hosmer read a paper on Co-education in which she strongly advocated equal education intellectual, moral and physical for both sexes. The paper was exceedingly well written and well rendered. Following her, Margaret Fischer recited "The Fireman" in a manner reflecting credit on her ability as an elocutionist. She has been taking lessons of our elocution teacher for the past two months.

Pearl W. Geer made a few remarks on the question of benefiting the town and in fact the whole country by building the Liberal University. He showed that where young men and women have to leave homes to gain an education they are liable to stay away and the locality in which they are raised loses what would otherwise be a valuable addition to its society. He was followed by Miss Nettie A. Olds who made a few splendid remarks on the "Old and the New." The lecture will appear in the next issue of this paper.

Prof. J. E. Hosmer delivered the final address of the evening, taking for his subject: "Education vs Superstition." He dealt with the school question in general and brought out many strong points, interesting his audience from start to finish.

Announcement was made that school would begin Wednesday January 6. If enthusiasm figures in this case at all, the Liberal university will surely be a success. R.

Obituary.

Ruth Bailey was born June 10 1887 in Minnesota and came with her parents to Oregon, where she

lived till the time of her death in the city of Portland. On December 29, 1896, after only a few days sickness, death closed her tiny eyelids and stilled her sweet voice forever.

Her delicate frame and pale waxy face told even in her strongest days, that her hold of life was weak, and thus early her frail bark, though precious and beautiful, hove and sank in the surging foam of life's billowy sea. Her disposition was sunny and gleesome, making her presence like a glad happy sunbeam so full of sweet innocent mischief and childish grace. Nine fleeting years marked the end of her happy life, but the memory of those years, and those who knew her is filled with sunny gladness. Frail and sweet, she fell like a shattered bud in the beating storm, but the perfume of her pure dear little life will make happy and more beautiful the lives of those yet left to mourn.

She was an exceptionally precocious child, and often gave utterance to sentiments worthy an older head. She had come to understand enough of the truths of Secularism to relieve her mind of any fear of death. Not a trace of superstition marred her brain. Shortly before her death she said, of her own accord, "I am not afraid to die." Precious little one, what'er of grief we bear at loss of you, we have the consolation of feeling that in death, all is peace and rest. Sleep, sweetly sleep. The good wrought by your life will live forever.

News From Portland.

The News Years Entertainment last Sunday eve. was a decided success. Every one went away happy and satisfied.

After the entertainment the matter of maintaining the organization was thoroughly discussed and the Sunday School work received new impetus.

Hereafter, commencing Sunday Jan. 10th, the Sunday-school will open at 10:30 A. M. sharp. All members please take notice.

The action taken by the board in changing hour of opening, has already met with approval and a large number of former active workers have expressed their determination to come out and take a hand in the work.

Our beloved co-worker and Sunday School musician Miss Ada Dewey, leaves Saturday next for Silverton to teach music in the University and assist in the Kindergarten work.

Next Sunday marks a thorough reorganization of the Sunday School. This means new teachers.

The people who attended the entertainment last Sunday night voted the performance given by Marie Keller and Albert Krumpf as the most excellent.

The Tableaux were well received; the last one, "The statue of Free-thought, eliciting rounds of applause. "JOEBERT."

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