

and as long as he lasts I am sure of regeneration. At any rate, he won't let me lie in the gutter."

When they entered Jimmy's almost tumbled-down cabin, he went to the hearth, dug up a stone, and out of a hollow drew several well-filled bags, and rolled their contents out upon the floor. They were shining nuggets of gold.

"There's about twenty thousand dollars," said Jimmy. "Isn't that a good friend?"

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News and Notes.

On the evening of February 27th, I speak to a good audience at the Eugene court house and again Sunday afternoon at the opera house. Eugene has long been noted for the predominance of liberal thought among its citizens. I meet many staunch friends who prove their earnestness by liberal financial support. I am favored with the musical assistance of a young friend, Mr. Leonard Gross, who with his skillful guitar accompaniment adds much to the interest of the program. To Mr. S. E. Brown and wife, proprietors of the Hoffman House, one of the leading hotels of the city, I am grateful for generous hospitality and personal entertainment. Dr. McAlister and daughter, M. E. Schwarzschild and family, Miss Ada B. Millican, and Mr. J. Howard, editor Eugene Register, are among the many earnest friends.

Sunday evening I had the pleasure of listening to the most liberal presbyterian sermon I ever heard. Rev. Mr. Gilbert is an able progressive man, and is doing a great work in the cause of truth and mental freedom. "I want the truth" said he "wherever it leads."

Tuesday evening, March 2nd, I am at Harrisburgh, a quiet little town of about 500 people. The city hall is well filled. Miss Cecil Rumpy presides at the organ with grace and skill. I am entertained at the splendid new home of Mr. H. L. LaSelle and wife. The day is pleasant and enjoyable. Mr. S. May subscribes for the TORCH. Many friends express hearty sympathy for the cause of Liberalism.

At Albany the 3rd. and 4th, I am greeted by the largest audiences I have had, there being 300, the first evening and nearly 500 the second. Much credit is due our friends Messrs Crawford and Harnish for the successful manner in which the meetings were advertised. I enjoy every hour spent in their splendid homes. They are broad progressive people and thorough students of nature. Mr. Crawford has as fine a private collection of geological specimens as can be found in the state. These gentlemen are photographers of years' experience and do some excellent work.

I meet Dr. Del MacClaire of the

Oriental Medical Syndicate and am delighted to find his work so nearly in accord with the principles of Secularism. While not exactly agreeing with us regarding the subject of religion, his mission is to overthrow the prejudice of creeds and dogmas that the light of truth may shine upon this world and enoble and beautify the lives of men and women.

I take several subscriptions for the TORCH OF REASON among which are Dr. M. H. Ellis and J. G. Gradwohl, two of Albany's most progressive citizens. I am sure a splendid local organization can be maintained at Albany.

Sunday and Monday evenings I speak in the Unity church at Salem. Bad weather lessens our numbers some, but the meetings are interesting. Our friend Rev. Copeland, pastor of the church, is a man whose mind is entirely free to do his own thinking. He deserves much credit for the frank and able manner in which he advocates the grand truths of nature. I spent a pleasant evening at his home. I meet our old-time and honored champion, Sebastian Adams, and wife, at whose home I am invited. It is to be hoped that Mr. Adams will retain his strength and vigor of mind for many years yet to do battle against the errors of superstition. I visit Mrs. Ben Forstner, whose husband lately passed away, and find her with the consolation that true Secularism brings strength to bear her loss. In the knowledge that Mr. Forstner was a grand, good man, loved and honored by all, she finds perfect peace and comfort. The world is better for his having lived. A higher tribute cannot be paid a fallen hero.

Tuesday evening I go by boat to Independence and find the audience waiting at the Opera House. Rain and wind make it disagreeable, but a good crowd assembles and our meeting is successful. Prof. H. C. Wymer performs beautifully on the piano and by his almost magic touch the sweet strains of the Mocking-bird carry us far above this world of want and care to elysian bowers of perfect peace. The Prof. is a graceful master of his chosen instrument. I meet many friends both old and new, whose cheering hearty words inspire the laborer to better efforts. Wednesday I pay a visit to our friends Mr. O. Nelson and family of Monmouth, who are ever ready and willing, both by word and deed, to assist in the cause of truth and equal rights. It is a real pleasure to mingle with such whole-souled people. I spent an hour in the Normal school. In another article I shall have something to say in regard to the condition of the public schools as I found them in different cities. I am at home Wednesday the 10th. I was out five weeks, visited thirteen towns, lectured twenty-three times and took eighty-four subscriptions to the TORCH and CANDLE.

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