

Elocutionary Contest.

Every one was pleased with the entertainment last Sunday evening. The program was as follows:

- Music—Silverton Marine Band.
- Chorus—Little children.
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- Recitation—Miss Kate DePeatt.
- Introductory remarks—President.

CONTEST.

Night and Morning—Amie Forward.

Barbara Fritchie—Leona Allen.
Brown Got His Hair Cut—Winnie Whitlock.

The Unknown Speaker—Beauford Smith.

A Hindoo Legend—Lora Ames.
Chorus—Little children.

Winding the May-pole—Eight young ladies.

Announcement of result of the contest and award of prizes—President.

Miss Winnie Whitlock received the first prize, which was five dollars in cash, given by the University, and Miss Lora Ames received the second, a beautifully bound volume of Burns' poems, offered by Guiss & Son, druggists, of this place.

The following cards were used by the judges, and the judgment was therefore as fair and just as could possibly be rendered:

Liberal University Elocutionary Contest.

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| Pronunciation..... | | | | | |
| Modulation..... | | | | | |
| Posture..... | | | | | |
| Gesture..... | | | | | |
| Facial expression..... | | | | | |
| Total..... | | | | | |
| Average..... | | | | | |

The students all did excellently, and we hear words of praise on every hand.

UNIVERSITY NOTES.

All thought that the May-pole dance last Sunday evening was excellent.

An investment in an education is the best investment that a man or woman can possibly make.

Captain Allen furnished a fine program last Friday evening at the Y. P. S. S. C. One hundred and six points.

Louie Rauch and Morris Van Valkenburg were obliged to stay out of school a few days on account of bad colds. They are back again, however, ready for business.

F. S. Matteson, of Turner, sent us nicely prepared skulls of the following animals: Skunk, polecat, raccoon, hare, cat, and muskrat. These specimens are very valuable, and not only create an interest in the school but furnish a splendid means of gaining a knowledge of the general anatomy of the head.

Notice.

\$100 must be raised on the press fund this month. Let us have a hearty response.

Chicago News.

The public schools of this city were closed on Good Friday. But the city council did not ordain Saint Patricks day a legal holiday this year as they have done before and persons having business at the city hall that day were not barred out through respect for the memory of a dead snake-killer of another continent.

I copy this from a city paper of recent date. With his right arm in a sling and heavily bandaged because he had chopped off his hand, Frank Johnson stood before the insane court at the detention hospital. "I have read in the bible if thy right hand offend thee cut it

Lectures.

Remember that B. F. Underwood is coming to the Coast this summer and will be pleased to hear from friends who can make arrangements for lectures. We know from past experience that Mr. Underwood will do the cause a vast amount of good. Write to him at 2653 Evans-ton avenue, Chicago. Do not delay.

Secularists in Southern Oregon and California prepare for a lecture or two by Pearl W. Geer, President of the Oregon State Secular Union. He will visit you next month in the interest of Secularism and the Liberal University. Address him at this office for dates and particulars.

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ROBERT SCOTT, Woodburn,
JOHN HICKS, Treasurer, Silverton,
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off" said he "and I cut it off, I think it will grow again."

William T. Powers, colored, condemned to die on the gallows May 28th, was baptized and received into the Baptist church faith. The ceremonies were conducted by the Rev. J. E. Ford and Rev. A. L. Harris. The baptism took place in the bathtub in the little room at the east of the jail office wherein condemned murderers usually pass their last hours. This is one tally for the Protestants; the Catholics, I think, have had a large majority of the business passing between the county jail and heaven, but perhaps they were entitled to it, as many of the murderers were Catholics before they were criminals.

J. B. BEATTIE.

Little Points.

Are the leaders of the Methodist church in league with the Roman Catholic powers?

Perhaps when the good christian people find the chains of Roman Catholicism fastened around their necks they will then realize that this is really a Christian Nation.

The fact that some people worry about dead relatives until the mind pictures them as "natural as life" does not prove that there is no death and that "spirits" are a reality. Our advice to those who have lost friends is to be careful and not let their loss put them in a worse condition than the lost.

While some people are dreaming about a future state of existence, knaves are closing the prison doors that will forever rob us and coming generations of liberty and happiness here. Will the dreamers never wake?

No man who does not believe in sending the money which is so sorely needed in America to the heathens across the ocean need expect to be appointed a foreign minister from this country. How is that for a premium on hypocrisy?

The horde of superstition venders are getting supreme power in this government and will soon be able to pass laws prohibiting free speech and free press and thus stop liberty loving citizens from injuring the traffic in credulity and ignorance. No danger? Wait and see.

Some men regard the use of intoxicating liquors and tobacco, the practice of libetinage, etc. etc. as mere material, intellectual, and social diversions vouchsafed by providence to ameliorate the sufferings of mankind and the looking forward to a happier existence in another world as a great benefit but secularists regard these things as deadly poisons which have robbed men of their happiness. A man can not be a free thinker with his brain befogged by poison nor can homes, the schools of paternal and fraternal love, exist among people whose practices mean death to the home; and as far as a future life is concerned, every secularist knows that this delusion is one of the greatest hindrances the human family has in trying to bring about happy conditions here.

Entertainment.

A large and appreciative audience enjoyed the operetta "Babes in the Wood," given by the Secular Sunday-school children, at the First Secular Church of McMinnville, Ore., last Sunday evening. The play will be given by the same children at North Yamhill next Sunday evening.

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