our best endeavors.

ward to this time and the time friend, when we will have a new and better home where the work of decoration, mounting specimens, etc. etc., will be permanent.

We cannot appeal to your superstition as many other institutions do, but we do appeal to your common sense. Please take hold of this work, for it needs your assistance at once. We have now subscribed, counting land and all, less than \$3000 and we should have, before we commence work, at least \$5000 and this would only finish and a great mistake is being make by furnish part of the building. So you see this work needs your help. We are doing all we can. The Liberals of this little city subscribe about \$1000 cash besides the land. The very life of our cause depends to the laws of nature. No greater upon the success of our University and every liberal in the United young than to make false impress-States ought to pray for our success in a way that will do us some good. Do not hesitate! We need your help now!

An Open Letter.

Silverton, Or., May 13, 1897. My Dear Will:-

Yours received. I will be punctual in answering. Perhaps I didn't make it as plain as I might. I understand everything better now myself so can explain better. Here chooses to follow through life. goes.

that is the way to begin but my things. The teachings of the story is newer so can't be com- parent carry great weight with the menced in that way. The Secular- young child, therefore if the parent ists are working to build up a teaches myths and miracles the Liberal University—at present the child naturally becomes superstionly one of its kind in the world. tious and it takes a long while be-Here everybody is at liberty to fore reason is able to prove their think for himself and the students fallacy. are not compelled to listen to learned discourses upon the good- to this world in anticipation of anness of the Lord God or Holy Ghost, other, just so long will we be and are not required to waste half rocked in the cradle of superstitious an hour every day in singing fear. praises as I did when "I was Let us make the best of things young." You know already how on this earth that we possibly can; much all the orthodox teachings let us wait until we get to the dwarf the mind so you see how all bridge before we cross it. Accordimportant is the work. Morality ing to Christ's command, "take no and charity is the only religion thought of the morrow," apply it taught here. The purpose is to fit to this case, and take no thought students for pure, useful lives. of another world until we come to Now everybody in sympathy with it (if we ever do.) In the meanthe objects should not hesitate to time let us turn our attention to do all they can for the cause. Four this world, try and help the poor acres of land has been donated for and unfortunate, seek after truth five-hundred dollars has been ly love. subscribed. It will take five-

are sure that this work is worthy of thousand for the work at first. At present the Liberal Hall is being We wish that those outside of used but to say the least it will not Silverton could be acquainted with afford suitable accommodations so the noble young men and women the need for a new building is very who are working here to gain an great. Our motto is "Universal education and with what interest mental liberty." On the opposite side they are looking forward to the of the enclosed blanks you will find time when they will have a build- a cut of the proposed building. Now ing with suitable recitation rooms write your name on that immortal so that one grade will not interfere scroll of fame and rustle up some with the other's work. The students contributions if they be only fifty and teachers are all looking for- cents each. We will succeed. Your

From Idaho.

Council, Idaho, May 10, '97. Editor Torch of Reason:

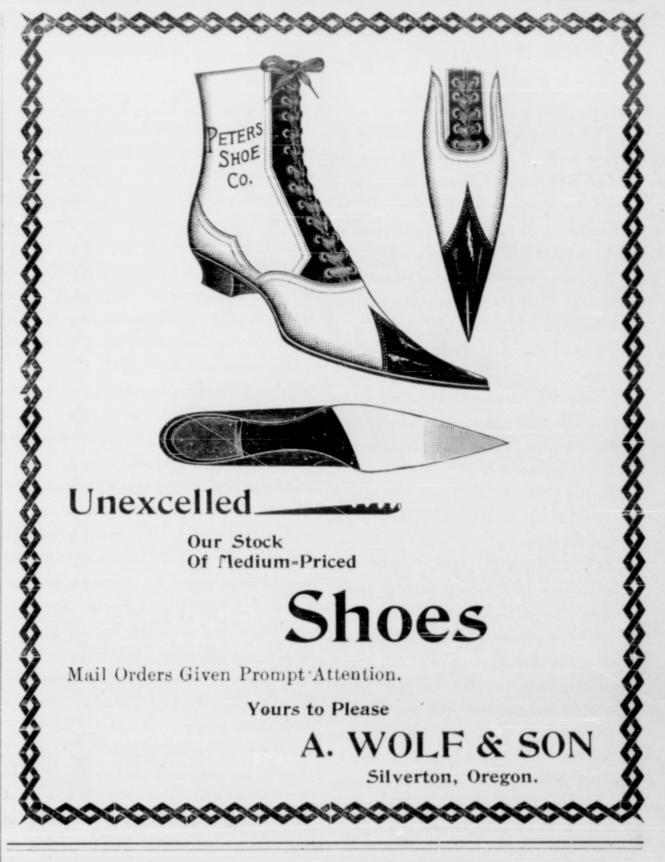
I enclose noney for renewal of subscription. I first subscribed for your paper for three months, as a trial, and now I cannot possibly get along without it. As long as I can get the necessary money I will be a subscriber. It strikes me that preachers and others instructing children and those seeking information by teaching things they cannot prove, that has never been proven and things that are contrary wrong can be done to the growing ions upon their youthful minds.

Do not tell your children things for facts that you do not know to be true. Beware of false ideas. Be frank with your child, tell him you do not know these things; do not try to stuff him with some old erroneous idea that has been grandfather. Allow him to hear both sides, and as the child grows up to manhood his reason and judgement will select the path he

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