

Moulding the Minds of Children. Better for the individual, better for

EDITOR TORCH OF REASON:

address of welcome.

The speaker was secular part of stition-bound "soul" within the this office. their future lives. He said that and the true.

dren, I was at perfect oneness with ledge and the benefit of mankind. him.

of inspiration, of God's holy scrip- as much sacrifice as is made by tures, the truths of christianity and Christians will suffice for Secular its Jesus, etc., I got farther away work. "With malice toward none from him. These pious humbugs and charity for all," we shall in must be instilled into the minds due time "reap if we faint not." (christians say the hearts) of people when they are young or not at all. The evangelist who preached here Turner, Oregon. awhile ago said that about the age of fifteen was the most susceptible age, and argued that if a child was piously raised-i. e., kept from EDITOR TORCH OF REASON: learning otherwise-until that age Enclosed find draft on Chicago it might be expected to bring forth for \$10, which please apply on the fruit for righteousness (join the College fund, and if you need to church) if a proper amount of pres- have it repeated, in order to get the sure was used.

the family, better for the community, better for society, better for the timber land in Tillamook county. Yesterday your correspondent state, the nation, and the whole of visited the orthodox Sunday school the Homo race. It would be better picnic held here, and listened to the even for the orthodox. What a blessing it would be to every super-

the time (unconsciously, no doubt) "pale of the visible church" if every and eulogized education and the church house in the land could be public school incidentally, and Sun- changed from a pagoda of superstiday schools especially, claiming tion into a temple of true knowthat the latter is one of the greatest ledge, with every priest a teacher powers of the day, moulding the of facts, and learned in the knowminds of children for action during ledge of the useful, the beautiful,

the Sunday school has great influ- To be sure, there would be a lot ence; that it is instrumental in of preachers loose soft jobs, but modifying governmental institu- even they would be benefited by tions, laws, etc. What the children forcing them into more suitable, if are made today will be the men less congenial, occupations. And and women of tomorrow. All of even if that were not the case, they which is hard to controvert, even if should be sacrificed for the benefit one was disposed to do so, and so of others, on the same grounds that far I accepted the speaker's position we justify the surgeon or the naturcheerfully. And when he advo- alist in sacrificing other animals for cated the teaching of facts to chil- the advancement of human know-

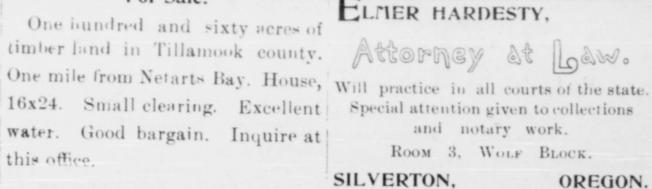
Therefore, let Secularists take But when he talked of the truths courage and hold their grip. Half Fraternally yours,

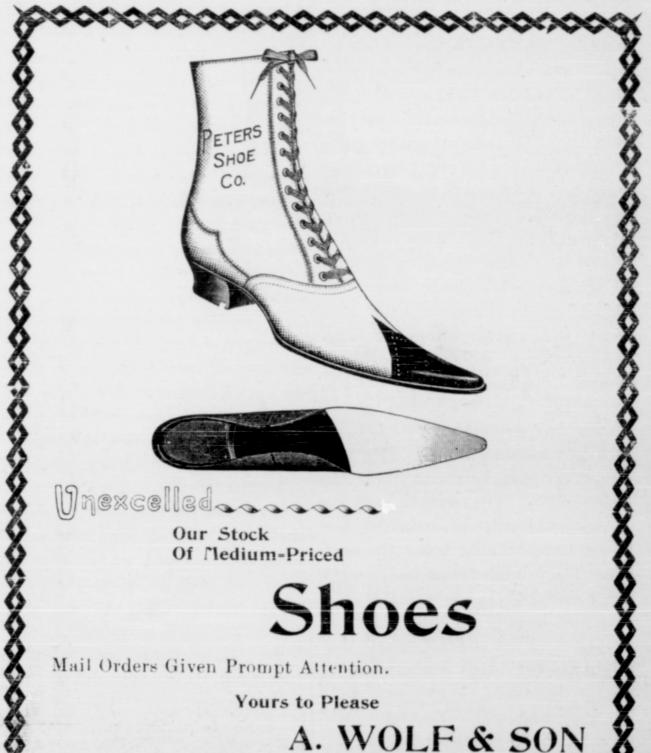
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(mind) gradually hardened (ma- gret to have you fail. Resp'ct., tured) until at about the age of forty-five it would be so tough and unreachable that the subject must be given over to the devil, and become a lost and ruined soul-i. e., lost for the preacher's use, and ruined as a pillar of the church.

Is it not infinitely better that children be taught scientific facts, R. instead of superstitious humbug? D That instead of being taught a blind W and unreasoning faith in the unseen and unknowable, that which eve hath not seen, ear hath not heard, neither has it entered into the heart (mind) of man to know, that they be taught to think, to examine, to investigate, to aspire to know those things which the eve can see, which the ear can hear, and which it does enter into the hearts (minds) of men, and women, too, to know and understand? They should be taught to accept facts as they find them, and wherein they don't know to be honest and courageous enough to say so. Teach them honesty, and not hypecrisy.

Who will deny that such teaching of the coming men and women of the future is infinitely for the better?

College completed, I may come to After that soft age, the heart the rescue for I would certainly re-Illinois. P. C. MOSIER.

Steiner's Lecture Dates.

Mr. Franklin Steiner is on his way to the coast. His dates are as follows:

Spokane, Washington July 31, August

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avenport,	• •	" 6, 7, 8
ilbur,	"	" 9,10
herman,	"	" 11, 12, 13
laterville,	"	" 15, 16
Mr. Steiner	will	arrive in Oregon

about Sept. 1. The Liberals of Silverton, McMinnville, Wamic, Rufus, Wasco, Dayville, Highland, Canby, Cottage Grove, and North Powder are making arrangements for lectures. It is to be hoped that oth-Steiner at Silverton, care "TORCH OF REASON."

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