

**FIELD NOTES.**

Friday night I lectured at Roseburg. Rev. E. Ross was holding revival meetings and a lady lectured in the Baptist church, so we did not have such a large audience as we otherwise would. I met quite a number of Liberals, among them Mr. Benjamin, Mr. Frater, Mr. Cannon, Mrs. Freeman and several others. I also had a very pleasant visit with Mrs. Freeman's little daughter Daisy. She is to be one of the students at the University this winter and I am sure she will prove a valuable addition to our list. We can assure her a warm welcome. She will probably join me on my homeward trip. Friends in Roseburg are anxious to have another lecture and I may stop there on my return.

Three o'clock in the morning I took the train for Grant's Pass where I arrived at eight o'clock the same morning. I caught a very severe cold when I first started on my trip, and this, with the constant use of my voice, has rendered my throat very painful and my voice rather unmusical so I decided to postpone my lecture here until October. Not long ago I read in Mrs. Eddy's book on Christian Science that a person need never have a cold, but she neglected to state how to keep from it. I suppose though by faith. How very convenient a little faith would be now and then!

I spent my time very pleasantly visiting with relatives and friends and Sunday night I attended the Presbyterian church, of which Mr. McLean is pastor. He took as his subject a part of Judges XVI: 20: "And he wist not that the Lord was departed from him." Taking it all in all, it would have been a very good sermon on morality if the God part were omitted. He attempted to show that if we abused any of the faculties God (?) had given us that he would take them away from us. He said that after we get an education if we stop there and drop all study we soon forget everything we once knew and God takes our memory from us. We know that one of the simplest laws of nature is that if we do not give an organ or faculty the exercise it calls for, it becomes powerless. That minister certainly knew this and why attribute it to any supernatural power? People should remember that this is the nineteenth century.

Monday morning I went to Central Point where I lectured in the evening. We had a splendid audience and Mr. Hensley acted as chairman. There are a good many Liberals there, among whom are Mr. Case, Mr. Hensley and others. There also they want another lecture and I shall deliver one some time next month.

So many Liberals are afraid of public opinion and dare not express

their honest thoughts. But so long as they continue to bow down and worship public opinion, so long will they continue to be governed by the priestcraft. As Franklin said: "God helps them that help themselves," and if we get our rights we must demand them.

Tuesday night I lectured to a good audience at Medford. I met many friends of the cause and enjoyed conversing with them. Mr. Ling, Miss Rollins and Mr. Richards all took a prominent part in the work. The friends at Medford are talking of reorganizing the Sunday school and I earnestly hope they will. Wednesday I came to Ashland—my home. The Sunday school is holding a convention and I attended last evening. The principal of the Ashland schools made a short address in which he set forth "the great advantage to be gained by using the bible in the public schools." He claimed that all moral teachings are based on the bible. This from a nineteenth-century teacher and a teacher hired by people of all denominations! Secularists, there is work to be done, and to free the schools must be one of our principal efforts. In a few days I will deliver a lecture at this place. In the meanwhile I will spend the time with old friends and acquaintances.

KATE DEPEATT.

**LITTLE POINTS.**

The false and pernicious dogmas of the Christian church have kept the world in ignorance.

How do we know that the bible is not the word of the devil? He is said to be a great deceiver, and there are some devilish tough stories in the book.

Ignorance and her offspring, superstition and fear, are great evils, and anything that attempts to keep our youth from gaining knowledge is a deadly enemy to our race.

Freethinkers have too often made the mistake of trying to make a big show and have a big blowout, instead of thinking how to best promote the good and put down the evil in the world.

The different denominations of Christians in Hub City, Michigan, have been indulging in a church quarrel. The result is, two churches have been burned and an attempt made to blow up another with dynamite.

Two families, one living in Arkansas and the other in South Carolina, went to church last week and left their children at home. When they returned to their respective houses they found them burned to the ground, and the children (eleven in all) cremated. Where is the goodness of God, who is supposed to watch over the children while the parents go to worship?

**NEWS AND NOTES.**

More rock is being hauled for the university.

The Liberal University re-opens Wednesday, November 3rd.

Secular Sunday school at Liberal hall next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock.

Representatives of the Torch attended Oregon's state fair this week and report having a fine time.

Albert Mason, wife and child have moved to Silverton to reside. Prof. Mason will teach in the Liberal University this winter.

Those who are expecting to attend the Liberal University this winter should write to us immediately, so we can make arrangements in regard to board and rooms.

Our editor has returned and we are glad to welcome him back again. He has become so wed to out-door life that he has spent the past week exercising his muscle at carpenter work on the dining hall.

The Katie Kehm Smith monument has been purchased, at a cost of \$85, and will be placed over the grave at Wagner, Oregon, the last of this month. An effort will be made to have Miss Kate DePeatt present at the unveiling.

At the regular meeting of the Silverton Secular church last Sunday the following officers were elected: J. D. Guiss, president; Mrs. E. L. Smith and Mrs. J. E. Hammond, vice presidents; John Hicks, secretary; E. Wolfard, treasurer.

The Silverton Secular Sunday school will meet at Liberal hall next Sunday at 11 o'clock, a. m. Now that the summer is past, and we have had a good time in the woods, the fields, and at the sea coast, let us gather at our Sunday school once a week and do all the good we can for ourselves and others.

Notice the ad on another page of "Uncle Sam's Homilies on Finance." Mr. Blanchard, the author, has made us a liberal offer, and the proceeds arising from the sale of the book are to go to the Liberal University. This book should be read by people on all sides of the money fence. If for no other reason, buy it to help the university. Price 25 cents.

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