

NEWS AND NOTES.

Our school begins next Wednesday.

Clyde Mount will attend the University again this winter.

Miss Jane DePeatt, our musician, is a great help in the Sunday school work.

The ladies' choir practices regularly now. They are getting ready for the winter's campaign.

The students will soon be shouting, Rah! Rah! Rah! again. Don't forget the date, November 3rd.

Our workmen are improving their time this nice weather. The work on the buildings is moving slowly but SURELY.

The next issue is Vol. II, No. 1. If your subscription has expired, do not fail to renew, and thus avoid missing a number.

McMillan & Pittman, the Main street butchers, have a card in this issue. They solicit a share of your patronage.

Those who wish information in regard to our work, or the misrepresentation of our enemies, should write to us asking definite questions.

Miss Kate DePeatt returned to Silverton last Friday. Her sister, Miss Jane DePeatt came with her and has entered into the work with a will.

If all who claim to be Liberals loved Humanity as much as Christians love their Jesus, it wouldn't take very long to build our school.

The real, true, moral, active, freethinking Secularists are scattered. Let us concentrate, and we will accomplish wonderful things in a very few years. Don't wait!

Our work is bound to be a success, but it needs your support now in order that it be not delayed. "One world at a time," is our motto; and now is the time.

It is thought by some that the Labor Exchange would be a good thing to establish in our Liberal Community. We would like to hear from others; if it's a good thing we want it.

Young people should not worry too much about what they are going to do to make a living. Get a good, practical education, and there is no danger that you will not find plenty of work.

Most Liberals believe in cremation of the body after death, on account of the sanitary advantages; and we think, as there is not a crematory in this state, that some one would do well to put in one here at Silverton.

Don't fail to buy a lot in Liberal Home. Make yourself happy by helping to build up a community that is free from gods and devils. Come with us and enjoy life; you'll soon be dead and may have to shovel coal.

Do not fail to read "Bohemian Evening, No. 2," on the first page of this issue. Number 3 will appear next week, the subject being "the soul."

The attention of the ladies is called to the announcement of the "Leader" millinery parlors, to be found elsewhere in this issue. All the latest styles and novelties are kept in stock, which all are invited to call and inspect.

Mrs. Hosmer and her sister, Mrs. Ella Seward, went to Portland last Tuesday. Mrs. Hosmer will purchase some needed kindergarten supplies, music for entertainments, etc., while there, and meet Miss Lillian Johnson who starts from Vale today to attend the University.

We have rented another building for the use of the Liberal University this winter. It contains five rooms, well adapted for school purposes, and is just across the street from Liberal Hall. This will be very convenient, and we will be enabled to accommodate a much larger number of students.

Many of our subscribers will find the pencil mark on the editorial page of this issue of the TORCH, which denotes that their subscription expires with this issue. We hope that they will all renew and send along new subscribers, for the larger our subscription list, the better the paper will be.

A reception will be tendered the new students of the Liberal University at Liberal Hall next Tuesday evening, November 2nd. All the old students and their friends are invited to attend, and participate in an evening of pleasure and sociability before entering upon the duties of school for the coming year.

The Pencil Mark.

EDITOR TORCH OF REASON:

I see that the last number of the TORCH has the pencil mark. I don't feel willing to do without the paper, although money with an old soldier who receives no pension is very precious. I feel like trying to keep up my subscription; if for nothing more to show the interest I have in the cause you advocate. I send only fifty cents, but when the pencil mark appears again I hope to be able to renew. Long live the TORCH OF REASON, and brighter may it shine. J. T. Cox.

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LITTLE POINTS.

If god damned the whole human race because Adam sinned, why didn't he damn all the angels because one angel (the devil) fell?

If it is the revealed will of God that all men should be saved what is the sense of having a hell? Can't he save all men if he wants to?

If the eyes of the Lord are in every place, beholding the evil and the good, (Prov. XV:3) was the Lord just fooling when he was hunting about in the garden for Adam?

If God changed his mind once, after he thought all he had created was good, may he not change his plans again? Perhaps he has committed suicide and left us to take care of ourselves. We hope so.

The Lord is represented as saying: "I will also send wild beasts among you etc." The priests and preachers used to be pretty wild but they are becoming somewhat tamer.

Does God know everything? Did he know that a large part of the race would suffer in hell throughout an endless eternity? Would you create a worm if you had the power under such conditions?

Joseph dreamed about Jesus being born; then he had another dream about taking him to Egypt and another dream to bring him back. Nothing but dreams. Keep dreaming christian friends; the Secularists are waking up.

There has always been and there always will be the brave, advancing minority, the world's hope, the invincible few—not a remnant, meaning something left over, but a leadership, keeping in the van of thought, bearing and daring for what it believes to be the truth and right.—Anon.

"Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord." Modern christians don't seem to think this treatment inspired. Many of them keep a little alcohol on hand for internal application.

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