

NEWS AND NOTES.

And still the job work comes in. That is what we want and we are able to do all that comes.

Remember we give fifty visiting cards to each person getting up a club of five for the Torch before January 1st.

Leona Allen, one of our students who has been sick for some time, expects to be able to return to school next Monday.

The Silverton Secular Sunday school is preparing a fine entertainment for Christmas. Watch for a full announcement later.

The Y. P. S. S. C. did not hold a meeting last week on account of too many entertainments. The meeting Friday evening promises to be very entertaining.

We will send the TORCH OF REASON from now until January 1st, 1899, for one dollar. Tell your friends about it and have them subscribe.

We are getting out some letter-heads to be sent to Colorado. We hope that friends from other parts of the country will send us their work. We print anything.

This week we received for the University collection of curios, a fine specimen of a saw-fishes nose from Florida. Miss Florence Dyer of that state is the donor and we thank her for the fine gift.

Notice the ad. of the Western Information Bureau and Exchange in this issue. This firm will be pleased to serve you, if you need anything in their line, and we assure you that you will be satisfied.

J. E. Hosmer will lecture in Liberal Hall Sunday evening, subject: The Devil's Waterloo. Besides the lecture there will be a literary and musical program. Admission free. All are invited to attend.

Mr W. C. Clow expects to be in Silverton about the holidays with a cineograph, one of Prof. Edison's latest inventions, and promises some splendid entertainments, one of which will be given for the benefit of the Liberal University.

Dr. A. A. Leonard of Huntington, Oregon, has located in Silverton where he will engage in the practice of medicine and make Silverton his permanent home. We are very glad to have the Doctor with us as he is of the right sort, and we wish him unbounded success.

The Clow Family Concert Co. gave some interesting entertainments at Liberal Hall last week. It is worth anyone's time and money to hear the little musicians and witness the tricks and magic by Prof. Clow. This gentleman says he knows nothing of spirits or spooks, but can perform any of the tricks done by spiritualist mediums.

Remember the lecture at Liberal Hall Sunday evening.

We give the Torch of Reason and the Freethought Magazine for one year for the small sum of \$1.50. Now is the time to subscribe.

Miss Julia Moffitt, of Newton, Iowa, sent us several nice specimens for the University collection. They consist of several peculiar insects and the shell of a small turtle. Miss Moffitt never loses a chance to aid the cause of Secularism.

The new amended constitution and by-laws of the Oregon State Secular Union is printed and is ready for distribution. Members of the organization will receive copies by sending a stamp to pay postage. Those who are not members and wish a copy, send ten cents to Kate DePeatt, Secretary O. S. S. U.

The American Secular Union and Freethought Federation held its annual congress in New York this year and as we go to press we receive the report of its meetings, which lasted three days and were devoted to the usual business, lectures, discussions, and letters from friends. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: J. E. Remsburg, president; E. C. Reichwald, secretary; T. B. Wakeman, Susan Wixon, Franklin Steiner and W. A. Croffut, vice-presidents, and Otto Wettstein, treasurer.

LITTLE POINTS.

Is the devil a product of Cod's love?

If God made the devil how could Jesus be his only son?

Is the plan of having an eternal hell for the wicked, the wisest way of correcting God's mistakes?

Every man and woman should be his or her own prophet, priest and king.

The bible says "take a little wine." Do you obey God's holy word?

The Romans' idea of many gods was fully as sensible as the "three-in-one" idea.

Christians believe in spirits, but the spirits of the spiritualists are just awful superstitions. See?

Wrong doers need never expect to be made perfectly whole, for every wrong thought and every wrong deed leaves its blemish.

Does the idea of a reward in a heaven for doing right make people better or worse? Is it best to hire children to do right?

Should Infidels be forced to pay taxes to support Christian churches any more than Christians should be taxed to build Liberal halls?

Long enough have the instructors of the people fixed their eyes on heaven; let them at last bring them back to the earth.—[Meslier.

The New Testament is your guide? Well, why don't you follow its teachings then, and send us your coat and your cloak also? We have asked for them several times.

"Let not a widow be taken into the number under three-score years old," says the holy book. Do Christian churches obey God's word?

There is more than one cause for hard times, and the great waste in supporting foreign missionaries, building useless god-houses and paying preachers and chaplains large salaries is not a small factor in the product of our distress.

Board Meeting.

There will be a regular meeting of the Executive Board of the O. S. S. U., at Liberal Hall, Silverton, Oregon, Sunday, Dec. 5th, at 9 o'clock, A. M.

PEARL W. GEER,
President O. S. S. U.

"Too Pure."

A copy of the TORCH OF REASON containing my poem, "Death," received. Accept my thanks.

It is with much pleasure and genuine gratification that I read your reply to Mr. Emil F. Reudibusch. I am delighted to know that your paper "is too pure" for Mr. R. for of course a person holding the views of this gentlemau(?) would not be likely to read so pure a paper. Mr. R may be a Free-thinker as well as a "free-drinker", but in my estimation he is not a correct-thinker. May long flourish the purity of your paper.

Yours sincerely,
GRACE E. GRUBER.

University Fund.

The amount given in this fund is actual cash paid in, regardless of what has been promised:

Previously acknowledged,	\$544.30
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