

**Another Plan.**

\$34.75 was raised at a basket supper and dance by the Liberals at Wagner, Oregon, Feb. 14. This money was forwarded to us to assist the Liberal University. It was a pleasant surprise. Who will surprise us again? What other locality can do as well, or even better? Try it! Even if you cannot do as well, it will be a great help, and a few sums like this will build and equip the University. It is worth trying. Who will be the next?

**CURRENT EVENTS.**

There are now in Japan 197 kindergartens, with 390 teachers. Forty of these schools are in the city of Osaka alone. Japan has now 600 newspapers and periodicals where two decades ago she had none.

President Kruger, of Transvaal republic, is imbibing the spirit of preparation for war, and is said to be mounting guns at Johannesburg and transporting Maxims, shells, and cartridges to that point in an ostentatious and offensive manner.

Russia, France and England, with Germany's assent, are now proposing Prince George for the governorship of Crete, with the proviso that he renounce allegiance to the throne of Greece. It is thought this arrangement may be acceptable to the sultan.

It is reported that the Chinese loan of \$80,000,000 has been arranged for with the Hong Kong and Shanghai bank of London and the German Asiatic bank, and that the loan would not have been concluded had not Germany insisted, to prevent Russia obtaining it.

The suggestion that in the event of war between the United States and Spain the latter would receive active help from some unnamed European power, is treated with entire incredulity in political circles in London. Several members of parliament who are authorities on foreign affairs concur in the opinion that in case of such a war both powers would have a fair field and no favor as far as European countries are concerned.

Spain will have to reckon with Japan as well as the United States in case the responsibility of the Maine explosion is laid at the door of the don. The navy department has ascertained that on the Maine were several Japanese subjects employed as cooks or other servants, and that they were lost. Similar inquiries to that made by the Japanese legation as to the number of her subjects aboard the Maine, have been received by the navy department from the German and Swedish legations and it is stated that

others will follow. Nearly every nation was represented in the Maine's crew.

Spain is said to be seeking allies among the Spanish American republics to aid her in case she should go to war with the United States.

In the house of commons, Bal-four, chief secretary for Ireland, has introduced the government's Irish local government bill, which, he said, would provide for a re-establishment of county councils, rural and suburban district councils and a board of guardians. Morley, formerly liberal chief secretary for Ireland, Nationalist Leader Dillon, Parnellite Leader Redmond and others spoke hopefully of the bill, promising no opposition. They consider it a great step toward home rule.

The Loud bill to correct alleged abuses of the second-class mail matter privileges, which last year passed the house by a vote of 144 to 104, was buried under an overwhelming majority in the house last week. The vote was not taken directly on the bill, but on the motion to lay it on the table. By a vote of 162 to 119 the motion was carried. The refusal of Loud to allow a vote on an amendment at the last minute was responsible, in a measure, for the result, but the strength of the measure undoubtedly waned throughout the three days debate.

**REFLECTED RAYS.**

Action is the highest expression of thought. Thought without action is dead.—[Ex.]

The most terrible of lies is not that which is uttered, but that which is lived.—[Clarke.]

"It is not so much what a man does that he is condemned for, but what people think he does."

A man may grow rich robbing widows' houses, and the church elects him to an office if he will give a tithe of his ill-gotten gains to found a chair in a denominational college.—[Rev. Waters.]

What right have you to make your way of looking at things the standard by which to judge all other ways of looking at things? When will you learn that if you don't like something, it is not necessarily because it is it, but because you are you.—[Newman.]

The Rev. J. M. Buckley, editor of the Christian Advocate, was recently so unfortunate as to eat some poisonous canned corn and to be made dangerously ill thereby; and a correspondent is so unkind as to quote, with reference to the incident, that verse in the last part of the gospel of Mark which declares

that those who believe, may take deadly things into their system and not be affected injuriously. Is Dr. Buckley an unbeliever, or was Christ mistaken?—[Truthseeker.]

A London, Eng., paper says: At a tame deer hunt the other day, in which "gentlemen" and "ladies" and hounds took part, a deer with an eye torn out by a barbed wire fence, exhausted and fallen into a ditch, was given whisky in the effort to stimulate it to run further so that the pack of men, women and dogs might chase it." Is it a wonder that the spirit of war and killing is increasing, when such things are called sport by the ruling and influential classes?—[Signs of the Times.]

A Rome newspaper correspondent says: Following close on the government circular to the syndics of Italy pressing them to carry out the laws for the protection of animals, the recognized organ of the papacy in Rome has published an article which is a disgrace to the religion it professes to uphold. Infidels, Protestants and Freemasons are the only persons who have a care for animals, this article states, and it urges that as animals are only given for our use and our pleasure, and as they are not Christians and do not possess souls, they are not entitled to the exaggerated consideration which foreigners demand for them.—[Freethinker.]



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