

NEWS AND NOTES.

Miss Emma Hult, of Hult, Ore., entered the University, Monday.

Roscoe and Norris Ames are again enrolled as students of the Liberal University.

The Silverton public school closes this week and will give an entertainment at Liberal Hall Friday evening, March 3.

Friend D. C. Andrews, of Lone-rock, Oregon, sends us greetings and also a dollar to help along our work. Many thanks, brother; success to you and yours.

The Bernhard Walther Concert Company gave two high-class concerts at Liberal Hall last week. This company is composed of some of the best talent that has visited Silverton for some time.

Mr. A. J. Shrum, of Grade, Ore., is still with us, but will soon leave for other parts of the Willamette Valley. He is very successful in the line of business he represents, that of introducing the Vitae Ore remedies, which appear to be doing all he claims for them.

We report three new students at the University this week and we are promised a much larger increase next week. Our patrons are appreciating our work more than ever, and when we get into our new building there will be nothing between us and success.

We are pleased to note that Miss Grace E. Gruber, our young Secular poet, of Brockton, Mass., is devoting her time to furthering the cause of true Secularism. We picture for this young lady a bright future and a life of usefulness for herself and the cause she loves.

Mr. Frank L. Brown, of Ontario, Ore., who has spent two terms in the Liberal University, left for his home last Saturday, where he will remain for the summer, assisting his father on the farm. All were sorry to have him leave, but he expects to be with us again next year and until he finishes his education.

Mr. H. C. Edwards, who has been with us for the past five months, will soon leave for the Alaska gold fields, where he intends to "make a raise", and has assured us that if he is successful the Liberal University will profit by said "raise". Mr. Edwards is a worker, and we see no reason why he should not be successful.

Captains Rauch and Wolf were interrupted in their programs in the Y. P. S. S. C. last term, so both sides contributed to the entertainment at the close of the term and the result was a splendid time at the dining hall last Friday evening. A large, happy crowd was present and all seemed to have a splendid time.

THE HEART OF A HERO at Liberal Hall, Saturday evening, March 18.

At Lonerock a preacher ran away with another man's wife. Verily Christianity is a cloak for rascality.

The address of Miss Kate DePeatt, secretary O. S. S. U., is Ashland, Ore., instead of Vale. Please send all dues to her.

The spring rains have stopped the work on the gymnasium for a few days. We hope to have our big playhouse completed in a week or two, and then the students will have a better place to exercise on rainy days.

All of our readers may not have learned of the attempt, now being made, to establish a Liberal University at Silverton, Ore. If there are any such, we advise them to send for a copy of the Torch of Reason, published at Silverton, and learn all about it.—[Freethought Magazine.

The Artisans' lodge of Silverton will play the drama, The Heart of a Hero, at Liberal Hall, March 18, under the direction of Miss Wolf, our professor of elocution and music. The play gives promise of being quite interesting, and will doubtless draw a large crowd.

Have you used the supplement to last week's Torch? It means a great deal to the cause of Secularism if you do your best, and we earnestly hope you will lose no time and do all you can. In this case the great and small will fit together nicely, so don't be afraid of making the amounts too large, nor ashamed of them if they are small. It all helps, and help is needed badly.

A man was hanged in Chicago the other day for murdering a laboring man on his way home to his family with his week's wages in his pocket. The murderer got converted after he was convicted, and Jesus washed his sins away. Jesus is a handy thing to have on such occasions, but, like most policemen, is out of sight when most needed. He should have been around when the murderer was at work, saved him from being a murderer and his victim from being murdered. He is a great savior who comes to our aid when it's too late.

C. C. Moore, editor of the Blue Grass Blade, is in the Ohio state penitentiary, convicted of sending obscene literature through the mail. He made his own defense, and now accepts his fate with good grace so long as he is permitted to keep his luxuriant crop of hair and beard, and seems to think that since the world dearly loves martyrs, he stands a chance of being loved. An attempt is being made by the Ohio Liberal Society, we hear, to have his case appealed, as it is claimed he was convicted on account of

spite work, and his "self-defense" was weaker than it should have been, considering the small amount of evidence against him.

Mr. R. D. Allen, one of our subscribers living near Silverton, has received a fine gold medal and a diploma from the Omaha Exposition for his splendid exhibit of "Dorsch" prunes. Mr. Webb, of Silverton, received a silver medal for his exhibit of cherries and other fruit, and Mr. Starrett received a diploma for his quinces. The Willamette valley is the garden spot of the world, and Silverton is in the garden spot of the Willamette valley, the Waldo Hills.

BOOK NOTICES.

THE DOMINION REVIEW, J. Spencer Ellis editor, published monthly at Toronto, Canada, is a most valuable Freethought periodical. Vol. IV., No. 1, for January, has just reached us, and is loaded with good things on subjects scientific, political and religious. The price of this splendid magazine is only one dollar per year.

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THE TEN COMMANDMENTS ANALYZED is the title of a new book just published by the author, W. H. Bach, at Lily Dale, New York. Many of our readers are acquainted with Big Bible Stories by the same author, and can judge by that, Mr. Bach's ability to deal with the Commandments. He takes them one by one and analyzes them as they have never been analyzed before. Every person ought to read this book. Eighty-eight pages, paper cover, 25 cents. For sale at Torch of Reason office.

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THE FREETHOUGHT MAGAZINE, the best periodical of its kind ever published, reproduces some of its best articles in ten cent pamphlets, which are just the thing to use as missionary tracts. Holy Smoke in the Holy Land, and The Christian's Plan of Salvation, by D. K. Tenney; Bible and Church Degrade Women, by Elizabeth Cady Stanton, and Voltaire, by Prof. Emile Pingault, are among the later ones published. They should be read and distributed. For sale at this office at ten cents each.

LITTLE POINTS.

"Right wrongs no man," but in making belief in Jesus essential to salvation, the Christians' God wrongs all those who can't believe.

If we wish to teach children to do right, we must not tell them things for truth that they cannot believe, but the preachers have told the people false and contradictory stories for years. What is the result?

We are still disunited, ignorant and wicked.

Priests and preachers are paid for being good. This spoils children

Is it for the interest of all that our land be rid of evil? Then let every honest man and woman act as a detective and report each case through the Secular press.

Many a saint, who has been pictured with a halo around his head, would have had a rope around his neck if his true character had been known.

Information Bureau

IS THERE ANYTHING YOU WANT? If so, make your wants known to us, and we will try and supply them. If what we do for you is worth nothing to you, we will expect no pay. Cast your eye over the list, and then write to us. Read our ad. on page 6. Address, INFORMATION BUREAU, BOX 100. SILVERTON, ORE.

Housekeeper.—Wanted, by a widower, a lady as housekeeper; one who understands the care of children and wants a permanent home. None but a Liberal need apply. 14

20 Men Wanted.—If you are a Secularist and have \$500 to invest it will pay you to write to the Information Bureau. In writing state your age, family if any, occupation and views in regard to religion. 12

Agents.—Agents wanted to sell the Forstner Auger Bit. Money can be made. Send 60c for sample, or \$2.60 for full set packed in neat box. 13

80 acres.—About four miles from Silverton; small, unfinished house; about 5 acres cleared; \$600. Better see it. 11

For Sale.—A fine little house in Silverton, with one acre of land, for only \$285. "First come, first served." 4

For Sale or Trade.—A farm, about 30 miles south of The Dalles, 320 acres, in good school district of about 100 scholars; county road crossing Cascade mountains, daily mail, short distance to sawmill and flouring mill, two stores, blacksmith shop, free wood and an unlimited mountain range; box house 16x22 with kitchen and woodshed added, good brick fireplace, both up and downstairs ceiled with matched lumber; post barn 20x32; 3 miles of good fence, 120 acres in cultivation, about 50 more ready for plow. The owner holds deed from government. Price \$2000. Would trade for a place in Silverton of equal or less value. The price of the place is based on its money-making capacity, and it is now paying a good income. We will investigate any offer made. 2

For Sale.—A fine little home in Silverton—1/2-acre; apples, prunes, raspberries, cherries, pears; neat little house, painted and papered; good sidewalk. Price, \$450. 3

Wanted.—A buyer for a well equipped livery stable. Good horses, good buggies, good harnesses, etc. Cheap. Write to us. 8

Secularists Wanted.—Secularists who are thoroughly interested in the cause are wanted to help build up a Secular community near Silverton, Oregon. It is thought best that each member of the community own a little home of his or her own, which can VERY EASILY be obtained. Write to us. 10

Real Estate for Sale.—80 acres, house and barn, good orchard, all fenced, 8 miles from Silverton, near school, 35 acres improved, on main road. Price \$800. 5

Twenty acres; 15 acres improved, all fenced, good spring, 1 1/2 miles from Silverton. Price \$700. 6

One hundred and sixty acres; 12 acres cleared, 6 miles from Silverton. Price \$300. 7