

## NEWS AND NOTES.

Don't forget to see "The Heart of a Hero".

Read our clubbing rates with the Oregonian on page 7.

Notice the Information Bureau's column on this page. It has something new to offer.

The entertainment given at Liberal Hall by the public school students last Friday evening was quite interesting and well attended.

The Artisans will play "The Heart of a Hero" at Liberal Hall Saturday evening, March 18. A crowded house should greet them.

Mr. Richards, of Albany, Ore., sent us a club of subscribers for the Torch this week. Thanks, Brother Richards. Let the clubs roll in.

At the public school meeting in Silverton last Monday, the director and clerk were re-elected and a tax was voted to repaint the school building.

We have the roof on the gymnasium and teams are hauling sawdust for the floor. Now let us fill our playhouse with some good apparatus. Who will help to do this?

Mr. W. J. Gilstrap, a professor in the Agricultural College at Corvallis, Ore., has sent us fifty cents for the University. This is an example that other professors and lovers of science should follow.

Mr. A. J. Shrum, after having introduced his Vitae-Ore remedies in Silverton and vicinity, left for other parts of the state. P. W. Geer has been appointed agent for Marion county and will fill all orders for the remedies.

Do you want to take the Weekly Oregonian? You can get it of us at the regular price, \$1.50 a year, and we will give you the Torch of Reason for a year absolutely free. Think of it! Send in your orders at once, as this offer only lasts a short time.

George Crawford, of Lonerock, Ore., is in Silverton taking orders for enlarging pictures. He carries as a sample a picture of Katie Kehm Smith, which is the best we ever saw. We are glad to have a visit from George and hope he will do well in his line of work while in our midst. He will remain in Silverton but a few days.

The following students entered the Liberal University this week: Fielda McClaine, Florence Fisher, Elma Fisher, Johnnie Thurman, Roy Lengele, Henry Lengele, Samuel Dreyer, Pauline Mascher, Ida McMillan, Ruby Downing, Joseph Brewer and George Brewer. This gives us a larger attendance than we anticipated, but we can still accommodate more.

Saturday evening, March 18, is the date set for the drama, "The Heart of a Hero." The members of the troupe are busy practicing, and will give a good entertainment.

The attendance at the University is already larger this year than ever before, but it is small compared with what it will be when we get into our new building. We know of many who are getting ready to enter next year.

The students in elocution and music meet each Sunday evening at Liberal Hall and spend an hour or two in physical culture, reciting, and music, under the direction of Prof. Wolf. These meetings are quite interesting and will prove to be of inestimable value to the students. None but students are allowed to attend.

We are pleased to acknowledge the receipt of twenty-five dollars this week from Mrs. Nancy Shrum, of Grade, Ore., and a check for fifty dollars from a friend who lives near Silverton. This money is for the Liberal University, and if support continues to come at this rate we will have our new building ready for school next fall. Can't you do something to help it along?

The Y. P. S. S. C. held its regular business meeting at Liberal Hall Saturday evening and elected the following officers for the ensuing term: Lyman Leonard, president; Ada Page, vice-president; B. B. Smith, secretary; Louie Rauch, treasurer; Victor Dahl, sergeant-at-arms, and Lora Ames and Pearl Geer, captains. Captain Ames will give the first program next Friday evening. The contest this term promises to be interesting.

We were very pleasantly surprised last week to receive a visit from our friend Emil Straube, whose home is near Waterman, Oregon. Mr. Straube is an enthusiastic Secularist and is doing much good for the cause in Eastern Oregon. He is much pleased to see the progress we are making and is surprised to learn that we have accomplished so much. We are always glad to have our friends visit us and hope none of them will miss an opportunity to make us a call.

The following named students of the Liberal University received 100 per cent. in the last examination: Wynola Allen, penmanship; Frank Brown, physiology, mental arithmetic; B. B. Smith, mental arithmetic; Ollie Geer, mental arithmetic and English literature; Reber Allen, mental arithmetic and grammar; Clay Allen, arithmetic; Lora Ames, ancient history, rhetoric and English literature; Clarence Dolan, grammar; Henry Fisher, grammar and mental arithmetic; Elvin Ames, arithmetic and penmanship; Floyd Allen, language; Harry Melson, mental arithmetic.

## LITTLE POINTS.

The fear of God is the root of much evil.

The leader of all superstitions is the Christian religion. When this goes the others will soon follow.

Knock out superstition; the people will then unite and soon correctly solve every political and social problem. Help!

Preachers, like drunken men, think that others are wrong when the trouble is that they themselves are overcome with spirits.

If the true character of the priests and preachers of the United States could be shown to our people, orthodoxy would die at once.

God so loved the world that he sent all the different kinds of preachers, that whosoever believeth all they say shall inherit the insane asylum.

Christians who think the old testament theories done away with, that they were for the people of that time and that the new testament should be our guide, should remember that the new testament with its miracles, devils and ghosts is getting old also. Science never gets old. It is the best guide.

## A Beautiful Gift.

The Youth's Companion calendar for 1899 is the most beautiful gift ever presented to Companion readers. The subject of it, "The Ideal American Girl," is exquisitely depicted in twelve-color lithography. It is suitable for an ornament in the prettiest American home. It is given to all new subscribers for the 1899 volume of the Companion, which surpasses all former ones in interest and value. Two hundred good stories and articles are already provided for the entertainment of Companion readers during the remaining weeks of 1899. A beautiful illustrated announcement of the principal contributions engaged for the 1899 volume will be sent free to any one addressing The Youth's Companion, 211 Columbus Avenue, Boston, Mass.

Secularists would you not like to have some letterheads printed with Secular sentiment and Wettstein's Freethought badge, to use in correspondence with your friends? We will furnish them to you with your name and address printed on them for 75 cents per hundred, \$1.50 for 250, or \$2.50 for 500, post paid. Let the people know where you stand.

Remember, if you send us the names and addresses of 25 of your Liberal friends and acquaintances, we will make you a present of a copy of the Torch of Reason Song Book No. 1. This will only cost you a few minutes' work and a 2 cent stamp.

Woodworkers, don't forget to send an order for a set of the Forstner Auger Bits. Price, \$2.60 by mail. See ad.

## 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.

**\$3000.**—Three lots and buildings, consisting of a 2½-story hotel, a saloon building, a blacksmith shop, two dwelling houses and a barn, situated in Oswego, Oregon. Would trade for other property. 15

**Dairy and Fruit Farms.**—A dairy farm of 36 acres, good alfalfa land, and fruit farm of 80 acres, 10 acres grapes, 2 acres peaches and other fruit, good house and barns and other outbuildings. All situated in San Diego county, Calif. Will sell cheap or trade for a stock farm. 16

**To Trade.**—Twenty-two acre fruit farm, 8 miles south of Salem, Ore.; 4 acres bearing orchard, mostly winter apples, 2 acres strawberries, new wire fence, good house and barn, plenty of pasture, excellent water, and timber enough for wood. Would like to trade for a larger place. 17

**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 saw-mill 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—½-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, 1½ miles from Silverton. Price \$700. 6

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