

## NEWS AND NOTES.

Captain Ames rendered a good program at the Y. P. S. S. C. Friday evening.

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

The stone foundation of our building is laid and the students are laying an intellectual and moral foundation this winter that must not be lost sight of. Secularists, think what it means.

The University Athletic Association will have a meeting this evening to consider ways and means to purchase apparatus. Traveling rings, swing rings, etc., are already being made and will soon be in place.

Miss Julia Moffit, of Newton, Ia., was married on Feb. 28th to Mr. Tim Kating, of Metz, Ia. Both are enthusiastic Secularists, and talk some of coming to Silverton. Mr. Kating is a school teacher and his wife a teacher of music and a piano tuner. We hope they will come, for they can do our cause much good.

Mrs. M. M. Turner, of Washington, D. C., has sent us a fine bust of Thomas Paine. This is one of the nicest and most appropriate presents we have ever received and occupies a place in our school library. This bust will be used in instructing the students and others in the noble deeds of Thomas Paine.

We are pleased to acknowledge the receipt of one dollar from N. R. Adams, of Albany, Ore., and five dollars from R. L. Oliver, of Dayville, Ore., this week. This money is a great help, and it begins to look as though people want us to build this year. We are ready to go to work as soon as the lumber is paid for and the weather will permit.

We are sorry to hear of the deaths of Elijah M. Bell and wife, of Texas. Mrs. R. A. Bell, with whose writings the Torch readers are familiar, is a sister-in-law of Mr. Bell, and their local paper contains a well-written obituary by her, which is an exception for Texas newspapers to publish, as it refers to Mr. Bell's lack of superstition.

Isn't it a fine thing for Oregon's state university to have a divinity-school annex? The divinity school can advertise the Christian advantages of the university and thus save the university the embarrassment it might find in doing so itself. If the youths in attendance are saved from the snares of superstition it must be by a miracle similar to the hog-and-devil-catasrophe.

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

Mr. D. C. McMath, of Kentucky, has sent us a sample of tobacco seed. The seeds are exceedingly small and the teaspoonful sent us is enough to plant an acre. The seeds in themselves are harmless looking things, but would raise enough of the filthy weed to dull the minds of all the youth in Oregon. We are glad tobacco does not grow well in Oregon, and wish it didn't grow anywhere.

Dr. J. B. H. Feenstra, who advertised for prayers for a new leg, writes that he is patiently watching and waiting, but that the old stump does not sprout. His request was published in his home paper and called forth some ridiculous answers from some of the orthodox who were ashamed to sign their names to their articles. Dr. Feenstra replied to them in his usual style and showed himself more than a match for any in their ranks.

Spencer E. Carr, a traveling salesman representing seven large wholesale houses of the east, was in Silverton last week, traveling in his own special car. He carries with him an immense line of samples, and deals principally with the members of the Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana Cash Buyers' Union. He has with him a stenographer and typewriter, and his business amounts to several hundred thousand dollars annually. Melsons, of The Fair, are members of the union and bought largely of this, the most important salesman visiting the Pacific coast. He is permitted to sell to but the one store in our city.

## Is Time Valuable?

Nations are reckoned savage or civilized in proportion to the degree in which they value time. The Indians thought no time of less duration than four weeks worthy of note, hence days were not counted. It was three moons since some bloody victory, and four moons until the hunting season would come, and we call them a savage people. Life held but little for them.

Julius Caesar was far removed from such an indolent life, for every day held treasures for him. Twelve hours was sufficient to win a battle, to discover a new truth, to start a great reform, or enact a law. And so when he died the historian said:

"Julius Caesar was slain on the 16th of March."

Days in such a life are worthy of being counted and recorded.

But Tennyson's life was still more sensitive. His every heart-beat marked some noble impulse that went out to bless, to touch and to tender mankind, and his biographer says:

"Tennyson passed away at 1:35 a. m."

Minutes in his life were of such value as to be counted and noted.

Kind reader, have you learned to measure rightly the value of the youth that is so swiftly passing? If the seed time of life runs by unnoted, the harvest time will come unfilled, and age will reek in poverty and want, which ought not to be. The underlying principle of a nation's greatness is in the individual worth of its citizens. If our flag is to be the honored flag of the world in the years to come, it will be so because our youth have learned to treasure golden hours and diamond moments. Every sunset ought to find you wiser, stronger and better. Every sunrise ought to reveal new beauties, a larger life within and a grander world without.

This is the purpose of all education, and this is one of the objects of the Liberal University—to make a nobler manhood and womanhood of our youth, teaching them to so number their days that none may be lost or wasted. If you desire mental and moral development, cast your lot with us. We can and will help you.

## The Hand on the Torch.

EDITOR TORCH OF REASON:

I don't see the "hand writing on the wall", but I do see the hand on the Torch of Reason pointing to the unpaid subscription, which to us Liberals is more important than all the supposed handwriting on the walls of heathen mythology.

My health is poor and I can read but little at a time, still I want to help what I can to advance the cause of Liberalism, therefore find enclosed postoffice order for \$1.00.

A. VANDERPOOL.

Lodi, Wis.

## LOCALS.

A new line of shirt waists have just arrived and are on exhibition at The Fair. Prices range from 48c to \$2.

Remember our clubbing rate with the Oregonian only lasts for a limited time. Read our offer on page 7.

Spring and summer hats in profusion at The Fair. All the latest styles in crash. Brand new.

See the Heart of a Hero!

Ladies' sleeveless underwear for the summer at The Fair. Prices, from 4c to 50c.

Did you read Dreyer & Craig's ad., "Under Fire," on 6th page? It will pay you to do so.

The Fair expects a full line of men's fancy dress shirts any day. All the latest styles in bosoms and colors.

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.

## 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 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—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 lively 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