

\$507.30

The above amount is what we owe on the lumber for the Liberal University. We have given our notes for the amount and our creditors, Adolf Wolf & Son and L. Ames, have agreed to accept payments in any amounts. Whatever sums are received from this date will be promptly endorsed on these notes. The amounts will be announced in the Torch each week. We want to put the lumber into the building as soon as it is paid for and we earnestly hope the time will not be long. Spring is upon us, and we should spring at our work at once. Can't we liquidate this debt in thirty days? Then the lumber will belong to the University and we can put it into the building and be ready for the fall term of school. Do not delay.

NEWS AND NOTES.

The new apparatus for the electric bell works nicely.

The traveling rings in the gymnasium are much used these days.

Masquerade talk is heard on every hand. Somebody will be April fooled.

The latest addition to our museum is a piece of the famous Charter Oak.

Write us a letter. You can't help along the work in any better way perhaps.

Get five cash subscribers to the Torch and we will pay you \$1.25 for your work. Try!

Mr. H. C. Page, Mrs. Hosmer's father, started for Durand, Wisconsin, one day this week. W. E. Page, his brother of Tillamook, Ore., met him at Portland and accompanied him. These two Pages are whole chapters as far as Free-thought is concerned, and will say many good words for our cause and for our state during their visit.

"Right Living", by Susan H. Wixon, is one of the best books for both young and old that has ever been printed. It should be found in every home and in every school. Send \$1.00 to J. E. Hosmer and receive postpaid a book neatly bound in cloth, that contains many chapters worth many times the price of the whole book. As we have received the general agency for this most excellent work, we are very anxious to secure agents in every city, town and school district. It has been adopted in many schools as a supplementary reader. It contains instruction that is more necessary than arithmetic and geography. Send \$1.00 and write for terms to agents.

The Liberal University has had a steady growth from the first day's work to the present. It has come to stay. Help it on!

Under the able management of the president, Mr. Lyman Leonard, the Y. P. S. S. C. is flourishing. Captain Ames' program last Friday evening was excellent.

Jesus' Plan Forsaken.

EDITOR TORCH OF REASON:

You will find enclosed money order for one dollar and fifty cents. The fifty cents is to extend my subscription to the Torch and the dollar is to put where it will do the most good. I have been pinching to pay a hundred-and-fifty-dollar mortgage on our little place. It is now paid and I hope to be able to do a little for our cause. I took the advice of Jesus, when I was young, to take no thought for the morrow, and I came out the same as he did—the son of a gun had not where to lay his head. The birds build their nests and the foxes dig their holes, but our heavenly father's

LOCALS.

Hoptwine 11½¢ at F. McClaine's store.

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

Ride a Crescent wheel, the best wheel for \$35 on the market. For sale by F. McClaine, W. H. Snyder, m'g'r.

Just received a full line of extras for all chilled plows—shares, landsides and mouldboards to fit the Oliver also. F. McClaine.

All kinds of grass seed and a full line of bee supplies on hand at McClaine's store, Silverton, Ore.

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

Buggies, buggies, buggies! Yes, I have the latest styles for 1899, and all direct from the factory. Prices lower than ever for a first-class job. For sale by F. McClaine, W. H. Snyder, m'g'r.

Give your orders for McCormick harvesters now and get the best prices. Over 189,760 sold last year. F. McClaine, agent, W. H. Snyder, salesman.

Everybody invited to call and see the new '99 Crescent wheels, the neatest on the beach. For sale at the Crescent agency, F. McClaine's. W. H. Snyder, manager.

Liberal University.



The above cut will give our readers a faint idea of what our work is at the present time. The structure in the foreground is the stone basement and framework of the first story of the Liberal University building. This building when completed will be 70x90 feet. In front of the building is some of the lumber, while most of it is in the rear and does not show in the picture. The white building is intended for a dining hall, but is now used for school purposes. The building without a roof is the gymnasium, which is now completed so as to afford the students good opportunities for exercise and physical culture. The picture is only half the size ordered, but we give it to our readers, that they may have some idea of what we are doing and also what we intend to do.

houses are built by carpenters and masons, and the mansions in the skies are founded on moonshine and the superstructure is of the imagination. The bricks are chunks of vacancy moulded by Ignorance, burnt in the brick kiln of Gehenna and cemented together by faith. Those are the summer reports which the preachers are trying to swap for cash down. Selalah.

Fraternally,
D. PRIESTLEY,
Newberg, Ore.

The experience of many ages proves that men may be ready to fight to death, and to persecute without pity, for a religion whose creed they do not understand, and whose precepts they habitually disobey—[Macaulay.

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.

Dairy Farm.—480 acres of deeded land, 80 acres in meadow and balance grain hay land, pasture, etc. A good stream of water runs through the farm the year round. Also 320 acres of timber culture and homestead which can be proved up on for \$200. Good house, dairy with utensils for making cheese and butter, smokehouse, blacksmith shop and tools, and large, new barn to hold 50 head of cows, 50 calves and 100 tons of hay. Good well at house and barn. This fine dairy farm is located in one of the finest little valleys in Eastern Oregon. The owner finds ready market for all his cheese and butter at high prices, and has made enough money at the business so that he can afford to retire. He wishes to locate in Silverton and educate his children in the Liberal University. He offers all this for only \$3000—one-half down and balance on easy terms; also 130 head of cattle and some hogs will be sold very cheap for cash. Address the Information Bureau, Silverton, Ore. 13

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 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