

\$507.30

The above amount is what we owed on the lumber last week.

\$10.00 have been paid on the above amount which still leaves

\$497.30

NEWS AND NOTES.

Mis Leona McMillan entered the University last Monday.

We will be obliged to engage another printer on account of rush of work.

Don't forget to send \$1.00 for Right Living. It should be in every home.

We have rented another room on the ground floor and have moved our business office down stairs.

Some one with \$2000 can more than double his money here in a very short time, without a stroke of work. Write to us about it.

All amounts received as donations to the Liberal University after this date will be applied on the lumber debt unless otherwise ordered.

The Athletic boys talk of making a running track and bicycle track, with base ball and foot ball grounds enclosed. We need four acres more ground.

Easter Sunday witnessed many a poor creature robbed of his or her hard earned pennies to send ancient heathen literature across the sea to the modern heathen.

On account of the rush of work at home our popular student Mr. P. R. Barnhouse, was obliged to depart last Monday. We hope to have Dick with us again next year.

The Torch of Reason press will soon be run by water power. This will save much kicking on the press and give us a better chance to kick against the old superstitious through the press.

A rush of work put us behind this week, and to make it worse our foreman, J. H. Morris was taken sick. Excuse our tardiness this time and we'll try and not have it happen again.

The Athletic Association masquerade ball was a grand success. The following took prizes: Miss Pearl Buff and Alice Kent, Nuns; Chas. Page, Clam; Louie Wolf, Coffee pot; M. P. Hosmer, Mermaid.

The April number of the Free Thought Magazine has reached us, laden with the thoughts thinkers enjoy. Besides its able articles it contains the pictures of five of its

contributors and the editor and associate editor of the Free Thought Ideal published at Ottawa, Kas., Etta Semple and Laura Knox.

How do you like the picture of the Liberal University in last week's Torch? The photograph it was taken from is 10x12 inches and is much plainer. We will mail you one for fifty cents. Do you want it?

The author of one of the greatest of modern books of science compliments us highly this week on one of our late editorials. We know his kind words are genuine and they make us happy. They counteract the feelings produced by the dog-in-the-manger element who can see no good in anything.

The following persons have sent in the amounts opposite their names in answer to the Torch of Reason Supplement sent out some time ago:

E. Stewart,	\$20.00
Bascom Glaze,	2.50
A. P. Snyder,	5.00
E. Officer,	1.00
R. L. Oliver,	.50
J. C. Smith,	1.00
A. Friend	.25
C. E. Glaze	2.00

The recently organized normal school Y. M. C. A. held a meeting in the normal chapel Sunday afternoon.—[Ex. The normal school referred to in the above, which was clipped from an Oregon exchange, is the one at Ashland which has received a large appropriation from the state. Does not this prove that the state schools are sectarian? Prayer, religious songs and Christian lectures abound in nearly every state school in our land. How could they be more sectarian? And yet J. D. Shaw of the Independent Pulpit can't see any necessity of establishing a Freethought university

"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.

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

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

LITTLE POINTS.

Christianity is false, for it is unscientific.

Thou shouldst not suffer the witch stories of old religions to live.

People who believe in ghosts are as apt to lie and steal as those who do not, even though the ghosts be holy ones.

Witch stories are not as profitable to the child-mind as true stories. Men and women are but children grown tall.

To see the unbelievers delight in everything immoral is what would please most believers. It helps them prove that Christianity is best.

The same wonderful stories that are told of Jesus are also told of a Hindoo god who was worshipped twelve hundred years before "the king of the Jews" was born.

God and immortality are about all there is left of the old superstition in educated Christian communities; and they will go, for there is no more sense in these ideas than in the personal devil and eternal damnation notions.

A Soldier's Letter.

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here for over 300 years, and of course all intelligent people know what that means. We need missionaries here, but not Christian ones. We need those who will leave dogmas out of the question and teach these people the arts of commerce, and the useful sciences.

The Islands are naturally prolific. There is only one way that these Islands can be made useful to the U. S. and that is to banish or imprison all of the priests and establish industrial schools. Then I honestly believe in 20 years time, the Islands would become useful to us. But until this is done nothing need be expected from them. All the Filipino priests are known to sow nothing but the seeds of discontent among the ignorant people.

I am much interested in the Freethought cause, and hope to see it surmount all obstacles.

JAMES P. BALE.

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, row 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 widow, 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