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

Nothing has been paid on the above amount, which still leaves

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NEWS AND NOTES.

The Little Grandmothers at Liberal Hall Friday night.

The supper and dance given by the defeated side of the Y. P. S. S. C. Friday evening was a grand success.

Having engaged another printer and our office being enlarged, we are now able to do more job work. Send it along.

Examinations all along the line this week. The great majority of the students have worked hard and the standings will be good.

Nothing is added to the lumber fund this week, and it looks as if we must have "an outpouring of the holy ghost" in order to build this summer. Let us pray!

Our school closes with a much larger attendance than we started with last fall. We must now put up the new building in order to accommodate the students next year.

Each Freethinker should so love his principles that he would give one day's work that whosoever wants to get an education free from the old superstitions might go to a Liberal University.

Letters from young people living in different parts of the country are already coming in, asking about our work, accommodations, expenses, etc., for next year. Many will be here if we can only get ready for them.

Tomorrow evening the Liberal University closes its year's work by giving an entertainment, which we trust will prove both instructive and entertaining. It will consist of short orations, essays, songs, drills, operettas, tableaux, etc.

Earnest, conscientious Christians have deprived themselves, and in many instances sacrificed, a great deal in order to build their hospitals, orphan homes and schools. What are we going to do to show that we are as earnest, honest and conscientious?

Last week we received the following books from our friend, Dr. Stoll: "Devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary in North America," "The Faith of Our Fathers," "Doctrinal and Scriptural Catechism." The penciled marginal notes in these books indicate careful and critical study.

Brownies at Liberal Hall tomorrow (Friday) night.

One minister in Silverton thinks that he has a divine right to work in the vineyard of the Lord on Sunday, but that Mr. Smith has no right whatever to work in his vineyard. Smith thinks differently. One will continue to rant and pray and the other to plant and pay.

The Misses Scott, of Salem, called on their brother John at the University last Friday. They, in company with their mother, start for Salt Lake City, Utah, this week, and John will join his father in Lewiston, Idaho, as soon as the University closes for the vacation.

Macdonald, of the Truthseeker, refuses to publish an answer to Franklin Steiner's attack on the Liberal University on the grounds that it is personal. The answer was written by Mr. Geer and was the truth, but it seems to make a difference who the personality refers to. "Birds of a feather flock together."

Last Friday evening the members on the victorious side of the Y. P. S. S. C. were obliged to be initiated before being allowed to eat their supper. Alone in a darkened room; seized by two young giants; blindfolded; turned around and around till dizzy; head chucked through hole in wall; mouth opened; spoonfull of mush! Ho, ho! Ha, ha, ha! Never mind; another year is coming.

LOCALS.

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

Money to patent good ideas may be secured by our aid. Address THE PATENT RECORD, Baltimore, Md.

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

Ladies who wish cut hair or combings woven into switches may leave their orders at the Torch of Reason office. Orders by mail promptly attended to.

Irish farce (comic) at Liberal Hall Friday evening. Doors open at 7:30.

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 two-cent stamp.

LITTLE POINTS.

The Christian minister of Silverton preached on the 1st Psalm last Sunday evening, and represented us Infidels as the ungodly, etc. We offer a few points in reply:

Blessed is the man who walketh not in the council of men who tell things as facts that they know nothing about.

Who are the scornful if not those who have scoffed at every discovery that men of science have made?

Who are the sinners? Are they not those who hypocritically stand and pray to be heard of men?

Who delight in the law of the Lord (Nature)—they who teach the absurd doctrines of the Bible, or they who teach modern science?

Do the Christians bring forth their fruit in their season more than do the Infidels?

Does whatsoever the Christian doeth prosper? Do they prosper in any way more than honest, energetic Infidels?

Who are the ungodly if they are not those who teach that the innocent should suffer for the guilty; that there is an eternal hell; that belief in that which is contrary to one's reason is essential to one's happiness; that keep honest people from uniting to save the world from its ignorance?

What is the chaff which the winds of civilization are driving away? Is it science and morality founded on the truths of science, or is it the old rib story, the holy virgin tale, the (holy) ghost stories, the miracle nonsense, the holy priest's book and the thousands of other deceptive fables?

Who shall stand in the judgment of the enlightened future generations and in the congregation of the righteous, the priests and preachers of ancient lies or those who "cleave to that which is good?"

If there is a God who is as good as the best preacher can imagine a good man to be, whose ways do you imagine he would admire more, one who preaches unadulterated right living and progress or he who teaches that, no matter how good a man or woman is, he or she must believe as the preacher does or be eternally damned?

Whose ways shall perish, the Christian ways of eating bread and drinking wine and calling it the flesh and blood of a heathen god, or the Secular way of teaching the elements of which bread and wine are composed and their values as a food?

The Five Little Fiddlers will make you laugh tomorrow night.

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

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.—A fine little home in Silverton—½-acre; apples, prunes, raspberries, cherries, pears; neat little house, painted and papered; good sidewalk. Price, \$450. 3

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. 11

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

Teacher.—A gentleman, 40 years of age, residing in Missouri, desires to move to Oregon if he can get a position as teacher or find some congenial work. He has excellent recommendations and has had very successful experience in the school room. 19