

NEWS AND NOTES.

P. W. Geer is in the East. He will visit the prominent Freethinkers in all the large cities and try to interest them in our Freethought University.

Freethinkers between The Dalles and Dayville who would like to have us stop and give a lecture and entertainment or hold a debate on our way over to the convention, should write to J. E. Hosmer at once at The Dalles, Oregon.

We are in receipt of "Bible and Church Degrade Woman," a 20-page pamphlet by the world-renowned authoress, Elizabeth Cady Stanton. This excellent pamphlet may be obtained of H. L. Green, 312 E. Indiana street, Chicago, Ill., for 10 cents, or 12 copies for \$1.00.

Our offer of the Torch of Reason and the Oregonian for \$1.50 is at an end and we now return to the old rate of \$1.75, which is very reasonable, and we hope to get many subscriptions to both papers. Torch of Reason, \$1.00; Oregonian, \$1.50—\$2.50 for only \$1.75.

Mr. J. H. Morris, our foreman, will take charge during the few weeks of the business manager's and editor's absence, and all communications sent to the Torch of Reason will be promptly attended to. While we are gone help him all you can, for he will have his hands full.

Say, Secular friends, do you realize that if we do not begin to build within a few weeks we cannot get into our building next fall? Do you know what that means? The building is a large one and cannot be built in a few days, and if we don't begin our school on time this year, it will hurt our work very much. Those who intend to help should do so AT ONCE. Notice the blank on this page. A thousand dollars' worth of these promises would give us something to work on. Can't we begin to build soon?

One of our friends, who backs up what she says by her deeds, writes the following earnest words: "Oh, that I only had the brain and pen of Ingersoll, that I might transfer my thoughts and feelings on paper for the good of the Freethought cause! But, to my disappointment, I have never had the opportunities that some have had, and that I have always craved, to cultivate my talent (if I had any) and increase my knowledge. But such is life. We cannot always have our wishes gratified. I hope to be able to send you a small donation soon. If I cannot help you mentally, I will try and do what I can financially, if it is ever so little. You can rest assured it comes with

a free good will, for the Torch seems to have become one of the necessities of life; I feel as though I cannot get along without it."

The closing entertainment last Friday night was highly appreciated. We had a good house, and the Christians who were present had many words of praise for the manner in which the young people were trained, and our Freethought friends were delighted.

Abroad.

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land, who has been employed by Wadhams & Co., of Portland, as city salesman, was on his way to his Philadelphia home, and we were soon well acquainted. My friend, Julius Durkheimer, of Wadhams & Co., was Mr. Loveland's employer, and we spent some time discussing Mr. D.'s virtues, one of which is his free thinking, which caused him to subscribe for the Torch of Reason.

Night was soon upon us as we approached the Cascade mountains. I would enjoy taking this trip by daylight and view the scenery of the "switchback" at the summit. Building a railroad in this country is up-hill business. A tunnel is being dug under the high ridge of mountains at the summit, but it will be some time before it is completed, and now the mountain is ascended and descended by means of a series of zig-zag switches called the "switchback." It is a splendid piece of engineering, and was a wild, romantic ride above the clouds. The snow was piled high on either side, and one would imagine that winter had set in.

When morning dawned we were in Eastern Washington among the bunch-grass hills and scrubby pine timber. We arrived in Spokane early in the morning and left some of our passengers and took several more aboard, making a jolly crowd, which lasted until we reached St. Paul, Minnesota, Monday, May 1st, at 2 o'clock p. m. The mountain scenery was mostly passed in the night and could not be enjoyed. Through the daytime we traveled over plains and among hills cov-

ered with small pine timber. There was some snow along the road in Montana and North Dakota, but the weather was very pleasant and the snow will soon be gone. We passed through a part of the famous wheat country of North Dakota and Minnesota, which must be a very pretty sight in the summer time. Mr. Loveland and I passed the time discussing the religious question when Mr. L. was not entertaining the ladies. He is an adept at that business and I never interfered, but would put in my time sleeping or whistling until he would tire of the ladies and return to me.

Upon reaching St. Paul, Mr. Loveland and I decided to relieve ourselves of the surplus dirt and whiskers gathered and grown during our trip over Oregon, Washington, Montana, North Dakota and Minnesota. We next took a stroll through the city and out on one of the bridges which span the great Mississippi. The bridges are exceedingly high and give one a splendid opportunity to view the river, city and surrounding country. I was disappointed in St. Paul, for I expected to see a much larger city. It is quite lively and apparently up-to-date in most respects, but does not compare with Oregon's metropolis, the city of Portland. My friend, Loveland, left on the evening train for Philadelphia and I accompanied him to the depot, where I bade him good bye. I hope to meet him again in the "Quaker City."

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Eleventh Annual Convention.

Pursuant to the call of the Executive Board, the Eleventh Annual Convention of the Oregon State Secular Union will be held at Dayville, Oregon, on the 10th, 11th and 12th of June, 1899. Much business of importance is to be transacted, and a good attendance is requested. Speakers from a distance have been invited, and a general good time is expected. A full program will be announced later.

E. STEWART, Pres.

KATE DEPEATT, Sec.

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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

or 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