

NEWS AND NOTES.

All Secularists who can, should be at Dayville, Ore., June 10th, 11th and 12th.

If you want Right Living in your family, send us \$1. It is much better than the Bible.

Part of the University ground is being tiled. This will make our land productive in a superlative degree.

Students can get their grade cards by calling at the Torch of Reason office or writing for them, enclosing stamp for postage.

Mrs. Hosmer took a delightful bicycle ride last Sunday. She visited her sister, Mrs. George Seward, who lives in Polk county. The editor went along as guide.

The new bicycle path is now in process of construction. It starts in front of the Liberal University and goes to Salem. There is also a path being made from the University to the center of the city of Silverton.

The programs of the O. S. S. U. convention, to be held June 10th, 11th and 12th, are printed, and a copy will be sent to each member of the Union. Others may secure them by calling at the Torch of Reason office or by sending stamps to pay postage.

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.

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.

Current History, a quarterly, edited by Alfred S. Johnson, gives the events of the quarter as they have happened, forming a tissue of facts woven together in beautiful language, giving to the reader a clear knowledge of the life of the world he lives in, its struggles and their results, inducing intellectual growth and an all-embracing humanity. There is no better publication for parents to talk to their children about. It ought to be in every home where children are growing up, and will be an addition of great value to every library. It is published by the Current History Company, Boston, Mass., at \$1.50 a year.

An Earnest Friend.

EDITOR TORCH OF REASON:

I have been thinking of writing to you for some time, but have been overworked on account of measles in the family. I have just been reading your article in the Torch, "Misjudged," and I do wish that all Christians, and some who are not, would read it, because I once thought that Infidelity consisted of everything that is immoral; but I know better now. I think you people are doing a good work, and I think, too, that if all true Secularists would each give what he or she could spare, even if we have to make a sacrifice once in a while, the University would soon be completed.

I had quite a warm discussion with a gentleman friend some weeks ago on that very question. We were talking about a colony of Catholics that had just come into this part of the country and wanted to buy a large tract of land and build a school house and church, and in the course of our conversation I said no child of mine should ever attend a Catholic school, at which my friend says, "Why, you are no Liberal, and besides, the Catholics have the best schools in the country." I told him that I was too much of a Secularist. If the people that called themselves Liberals were just as anxious for a good Liberal school, and just as willing to make a little sacrifice as were the Catholics, we would soon have a much better school than they ever had.

I do hope the Secularists will see the need of a good Liberal school and do all in their power to help it along. We have a large family to feed, clothe and educate, but any way that I can help the Liberal University and Torch of Reason, I will. I am done helping build churches and hiring preachers, as I told a woman who was here begging for the Methodist church, and I heard afterwards that she said she would like to have kicked me.

Best regards to Mrs. Hosmer. I wish she would come here this summer; I would like to see her again. I hope to see Silverton and the Liberal University some time. Wishing you all the success possible, I remain, yours for Truth and Progress,

MRS. ADDIE BROWN.

LITTLE POINTS.

Some parents would die for their children, but God crucified his only begotten, unnecessarily.

God "sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust." If it were not so, the preachers would all dry up.

While the churches are preaching Jesus and him crucified, the young people are "going to the Devil" for the want of a little scientific, moral instruction.

The world seemed to be full of devils in the time of Christ. Perhaps the priests who wrote the Bible were troubled with these parasites. Who knows?

Christians wonder why there is so much sin in the world, and then, instead of doing something practical to lessen it, drop onto their knees and pray a useless, degenerating prayer, thus throwing their responsibility off on to their god. Creeds and crime grow in the same soil of ignorance.

Christian parents teach their children "Now I lay me down to sleep," and "Our father who art in heaven," but Secular parents must learn to look out of their children's eyes and talk to them about things they understand and enjoy. It is a crime to teach children to say things that have no meaning.

Could god have another son now? If so, why wouldn't it be a good plan? Jesus has not brought peace on earth yet. But if there is to be another, we would suggest that in order to save time he be made of dust like Adam was, or, if this is too old-fashioned, God should get married in a legal way, "for thus it becometh us [gods] to fulfill all righteousness."

One On Him.

He.—I'm surprised to see a bird on the hat of a tender-hearted woman like you. I could never bear to wear anything that cost the life of an innocent animal.

She.—I suppose the calf from the hide of which your shoes are made died of old age?

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

How Much Will You Help?

As soon as we can raise One Thousand Dollars we will begin work on the University building. How much will you help?

If you can't send us the cash just now, fill the blank below with as much as you can afford, sign your name and forward to Liberal University, Silverton, Oregon; and when we have One Thousand Dollars signed we will call for your part.

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I promise to pay the Liberal University Company on demand \$....., to assist in the erection of their building at Silverton, Oregon.

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