

## NEWS AND NOTES.

We will begin work on the University next week, with C. W. Thompson as foreman.

It is quite warm in Silverton these days, but we are never in danger of sunstroke, cyclones nor thunder storms.

Among the noted Infidels of the East, perhaps none have done more for humanity than the great inventor, Thos. A. Edison

Time is very precious with the Liberal University promoters during the next two months. Help us get started in the new building.

Mr. J. Barnhouse, father of student Dick, was with us Monday and Tuesday. Mr. B. took stock in the University, and will do all he can to make it a success.

Get subscribers for the Torch. People who read our paper will become interested and help our cause. If each subscriber gets one new one it doubles our circulation.

Mr. Ayers, a Secularist, of Wandel, O. T., was in Silverton this week. He was looking for a home for himself and for our well-known Freethought friend of Oklahoma, Mr. O. E. Brewster. Mr. Ayres has three sons he wants to educate in the Liberal University.

The Christians of Silverton seem bothered by the presence in our midst of two Mormon preachers. But why should they? The Mormons preach God, Jesus, hell, heaven, etc., etc., and their Joseph (Smith) may have had as good a dream as did Joseph, the husband of Mary.

The "Announcements" of the Liberal University for 1899 and 1900 will soon be out. Send for one. They are free.

It don't matter what people think, Silverton is sure to be the home of thousands of people who now live in the East. Many people want to live away from the evil influences of old, heathenish orthodoxy.

Not many universities have gained in numbers 300 per cent. during the first three years of their existence; yet the Liberal University has exceeded even this gain. What will be the record for 1900?

## LOCALS.

Have you "Common Sense"? If not, send at once for a free copy of this liberal-minded advocate of advanced thought. Brings health and success. Address, Common Sense, 55 State St., Chicago, Ill.

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.

A descriptive catalogue of all the best Freethought works free on application to Dellquest & Andrews, Secular Booksellers, El Paso, Texas.

## Information Bureau.

**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

## From the Philippines.

## EDITOR TORCH OF REASON:

Enclosed find postoffice money order for \$1.00, which please apply to lumber fund.

You will no doubt be surprised to hear from an entire stranger. However, your paper is no stranger to me, and today having received the Torch of April 16, sent by my wife, who gently reminds me of my duty, I hasten to comply.

This is most certainly a priest-ridden country. There is a church in every city, town and hamlet, and they are mostly large structures, built of stone and exceedingly well fortified, which plainly shows that the God-given light which the thousands of padres are shedding upon the people does not fill them with confidence of safety from an attack by their own beloved sheep as a six-foot stone wall with port holes does. We find crosses nailed, tied or built on everything—they have them everywhere. A native or a Spaniard will mutter his pater noster and slip a bolo between your ribs, or call you omega (friend) and shoot you at the same time. We (the Minnesota and Oregon regiments) were 35 days in the wilderness, under the command of Col. Summers, and some part of the column was in a skirmish with the insurgents 28 days. The last four days we marched from Isidro to Calumpit and took the train for Manila. Thursday, June 2, we will sail away for home, sweet home.

DAN J. KRETZER.

Manila, P. I., May 27, 1899.

**Agents.**—Agents wanted to sell Right Living, a book that should be in every home. Send \$1.00 for sample copy and terms to agents.

## 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, ORG.

**\$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

**Home.**—Fifteen acres in Silverton, on Silver creek; fine, finished house, new barn, nicely fenced, fruit, water power—\$3000. 14

**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

**For Sale or Trade for Property** in or near Silverton—320 acres near Dayville, Ore., on both sides of John Day river; 80 acres meadow; good house, barn, sheds, cellar, etc.; excellent water, well and spring; 200 head horses, 100 head cattle, 24 swarms bees, etc., etc.; one-half section of school land, which can easily be obtained, joins the place. All for \$8500 or good trade. 25

**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

## LIBERAL UNIVERSITY CORPORATION.

The capital stock of the Liberal University Corporation will consist of 10,000 shares at ten dollars per share—a total of one hundred thousand dollars. Each stock-holder is entitled to vote the amount of his stock at any of the stock-holder's meetings. No assessments will be levied. The money raised by selling stock will be used in constructing the University buildings, purchasing apparatus, and necessary lands, and carrying out the plan of the school. Thirteen trustees will be elected by the stock-holders each year; said trustees to have full control of the management of the University. The money received for tuition and the sale of scholarships is expected to be sufficient for carrying on the work of the School after it is once started. How many shares do you want? Fill out the following blank, and forward at once to Liberal University, Silverton, Oregon; or, to T. B. Wakeman, 93 Nassau Street, New York City.

## Liberal University Corporation.

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I HEREBY SUBSCRIBE for \_\_\_\_\_ shares of Stock, at Ten Dollars each, in the Liberal University Corporation, now forming at Silverton, Oregon.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Post office \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_

Street, or Post office Box \_\_\_\_\_

The right is reserved to reject any or all Bids