

## NEWS AND NOTES.

Mr. Geer's trunk has arrived and he will soon follow.

Miss Ada Page is installed in the University cooking department again.

The August showers stopped the work on the University building for a day or two.

Mrs. Cynthia Hosmer, the editor's mother, will be in Silverton in a few weeks.

Silvertonites celebrated their soldiers' return Tuesday with music, races, parade and grand barbecue.

Our work would move much faster if we had a few more almighty dollars. But we are doing all we can.

Don't forget to send for our 1899-1900 announcement for the Liberal University. We send them free and pay postage. Help us distribute them.

As soon as our work of receiving bids for stock in the Liberal University has progressed so that we can incorporate, we will publish the names of the stockholders.

Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Dedrick and their son Earl, Mr. and Mrs. T. Preston and Mrs. Cynthia Hosmer, all relatives of the editor, have concluded to move to Silverton. Many more Wisconsinites are looking toward the West. Welcome!

Mrs. Minnie Preston, of Chippewa Falls, Wis., has been engaged to take charge of the kindergarten of the Liberal University. Mrs. Preston, the editor's sister, was formerly a Christian; but through the agency of the Torch and private letters she has been persuaded to

drop her Santa Claus ideas and enter the broad field of the Religion of Humanity. She comes into our work with years of successful experience in kindergartening, and we welcome her with delight.

Just as we go to press our secular Uncle Sam's mail comes laden with a Secular friend's kind words and \$500 in secular cash. If our readers can't guess who it is that sent it we may tell them next week. This money comes as a gift to the University, and will save us untold anxiety and delay. We haven't power of language sufficient to thank our kind friend for the confidence and generosity shown. We will try to express it by our work for the cause of Science.

Do our patrons and friends realize that we are rapidly building a Freethought University? Think for a moment what our work means for the cause! T. B. Wakeman, a graduate of Princeton, is coming! An experienced kindergarten teacher is coming! Others whom we dare not mention at present are coming! Many new students are coming! The new building is coming! Financial aid is coming! And orthodoxy is on the run!

"When knowledge enters, the marvelous recedes; so when knowledge falters, the marvelous advances"

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.

## LOCALS.

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

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**\$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.

**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.; 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.

1899.

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