

NEWS AND NOTES.

Who wants to dispose of a nice little pony? Answer at the Torch of Reason Office.

Beautiful weather again, and the building of our Freethought school goes merrily on.

There is another large delegation of Wisconsinites which will arrive in Silverton soon.

Rain has delayed our work during the past week but now the weather is delightful, and fifteen men make the Liberal University building grow.

Freethinkers desiring to hold stock in the Liberal University Corporation should send in their names at once, before the stock books are closed. Sign the blank on this page and send as directed.

The editor's mother and two sisters, with their families, have arrived in Silverton from Wisconsin since our last issue, and are well pleased with our country, and will make Silverton their home.

Liberal Hall's seating capacity ought to be crowded on Sunday evening, October 1, when Mr. Wakeman delivers his first address to the students of the Liberal University and the citizens of Silverton.

Miss Alice Davenport, sister of the cartoonist, Homer Davenport, has been employed as teacher of stenography and typewriting in the Liberal University. She is now busily engaged in our private office.

Prof. Thaddeus B. Wakeman will lecture at Liberal Hall, Silverton, Oregon, on Sunday, October 1st, the day before the opening of the fall term of the Liberal University. This will be an "inaugural address," and Prof. Wakeman will take for his text, "I come not to destroy but to fulfil."

Mrs. Bliven's letter in the last issue of the Torch seems to strike many of our readers favorably, which is not at all surprising, for her ideas along the educational line are very good indeed. We would like to have others of our readers send in their opinions of the plan outlined in Mrs. Bliven's letter.

We hope to have the roof on the University building before the next issue of the Torch reaches its readers.

Just as we go to press we learn of the wedding of the Freethought poetess, Miss Grace E. Gruber, of Brockton, Mass., to Mr. A. W. Dellquest, formerly of El Paso, Texas. After a year or so spent in traveling at home and abroad, Mr. and Mrs. Dellquest will make their home in Norfolk, Va. The Torch of Reason extends hearty congratulations and predicts a prosperous and happy life for the two contracting parties.

BOOK NOTICES.

"No Beginning."

We are indebted to Mr. W. H. Maple, of Chicago, for a copy of his book, "No Beginning," an extract from which will be found on first page of this issue. Mr. Maple attacks the fundamental fallacy in a vigorous manner, and no one capable of following his close reasoning can read the book and continue to believe in the Biblical "beginning". The logic of this work is conclusive, the manner of handling the subject is admirable, and it is a contribution to Freethought literature with which every Freethinker should make himself familiar. The price is, cloth binding, 75 cents. Send to this office.

"The Master's Masterpiece."

Daniel K. Tenney has a style of his own and when he writes an article it is appreciated by all readers. His latest piece was published in a recent issue of the Freethought Magazine and has been brought out in a neat pamphlet with the above title. The price is only 10 cents. Send your orders to the Torch of Reason.

"Jesus Paid it All!"

The Medford, Or., Methodist church once got in a bad way and was about to lose its building on a lumber bill. Two faithful brothers stepped forward; borrowed \$600 and

paid the debt, not even asking the organization for security. One of them afterward donated his half of the amount, but the other, being old and nearly blind, and having already donated liberally of cash, could not afford to do so, and asserts, in a recently published statement of the case, that he actually needs the money to live on. But the now prosperous church refuses to pay—denies the debt, in fact.

Of course, they owe nothing. Jesus paid it all! Nevertheless, simple honesty is worth more than all the religion in the universe.

LOCALS.

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

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, T. R. 99, 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.

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.

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.

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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. 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.

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