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Freethought, which is the necessary

more impressively called for the were introduced and found many assertion of this fundamental Lib- supporters. In Nebraska a bill erey that the present. In Maral at providing for the takation of charch ways this is true we dare not begin property was passed by the House. to state, for our space and time fail The society is preparing for more to cover what must rise in the mind effective work in this field. In as the shadows darken the future, nearly every state committees have which future was made clear to us been appointed to look after legisby the teachings and example of lation and other matters of interest the great Liberal, Thomas Paine to the society. In every state, a and his co-workers.

only way for whom we are pleased laws, or the prohibition of religious to call the real Secularists to have teaching in the public schools, their ideas fairly represented and should be introduced at the next pushed to the front was to build session of the Legislature. The another national organization, but Union is now in a condition to we look forward to this twentythird Congress with great hopes, and believe that the most important questions will be settled in a way satisfactory to the workers and and aid of this national organizato the interests of mental liberty.

We understand that among the important matters to be passed Liberals in every state will be proupon by this Congress will be that of further and thorough organization of Liberals in each State. The every section of our country are time for that great measure was never more opportune. All the friends of intellectual liberty effecdifferences which have troubled and tive, both for our own defense and unsettled the past have scarcely the furtherance of the cause they left a ripple behind. The administration of Pres. Remsberg seems to have been like that of Pres. Monroe, attend this Congress. Let as many "the era of good feeling" and recon- as possible of our Western friends ciliation. Such is the time when attend. Able speakers will address the future may be placed upon a the Congress, inspiring music will solid basis of Secular harmony in be furnished and good fellowship each and every State of the Union. will abound. With the roses of Let the Liberals from the Pacific joy will be mingled the rue of grief. Coast who can attend prepare to Since we last met two of our Presibe candidates as delegates, and dents have died our great and bethose who may be in the East on loved leader, Col. Ingersoll, and business or pleasure, signify that they will act as such if appointed. For the great West ought to be well represented.

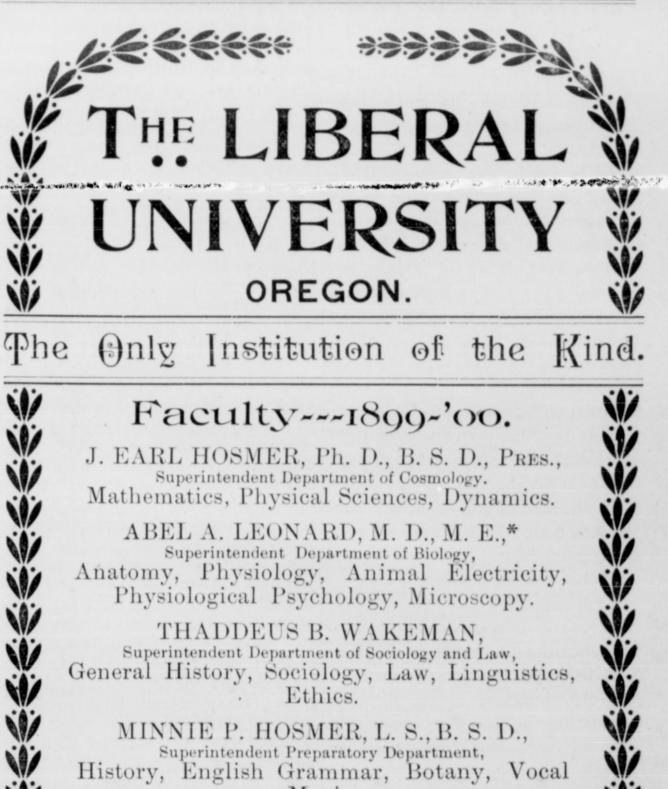
In California, Montana and other condition of political freedom, which states, legislation inimical to rewas and must be preserved as the ligious liberty have been defeated. foundation of the Republic itself. In several states bills for the repeal Never has any time or occasion or modification of the Sunday laws bill for the taxation of church pro-At one time we thought that the perty, the repeal of the Sunday render efficient aid in this work and all efforts for that or similar purposes should be reported to the secretary, so as to receive the support tion.

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To The Freethinkers of America.

The twenty-third Annual Congress of the American Secular Union and Freethought Federation will be held in Boston, Nov. 17th, 18th and 19th. For the first time in the history of the society a Congress is to be held in New England. Paine Hall has been tendered for the occasion and Boston Freethinkers will do all in their power to make it a notable gathering. The success of the coming Congress is assured.

While the results of the present year have not been all that could be desired, the society has accomplished much good. Thousands of and the Oregonian for \$1.50 is at pamphlets and papers advocating an end and we now return to the the principles of Freethought have old rate of \$1.75, which is very been distributed. Documents re- reasonable, and we hope to get lating to state Secularization have many subscriptions to both papers. been sent to members of Congress Torch of Reason, \$1.00; Oregonian. and State Legislators.

our able and worthy brother, Dr. Westbrook. Arrangements have already been made for an Ingersoll Memorial meeting to occupy one session of the Congress.

The expenses attending a great National Convention are large. To meet these expenses we shall rely as heretofore upon the generosity of our Liberal friends. Contributions for the purpose should be sent at once to the Treasurer, Otto Wettstein, Rochelle, Ill.; to the Secretary, E. C. Reichwald, 141 S. Water St., Chicago, Ill.; or to the Editor of this paper.

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