

NEWS AND NOTES.

Boom the Torch of Reason!!

Don't forget the Band Concert next Saturday evening.

We ought to commence work AT ONCE on our building, but we are obliged to wait for money. Pray!!!

Prof. Hoffmann is visiting his friend, Prof. French, of Monmouth, Ore., this week.

Already quite a number of new students have reported their intentions to attend the L. U. O. next term.

A Methodist church in the East is to be freed from debt by the children getting old junk and selling it.

Subscribers receiving Torches marked "Sample Copy" will kindly hand them to somebody who is not a subscriber.

Chas. Page went to Portland this week with some valuable horses which our fellow citizen Ed. Porter had sold to a firm in the metropolis.

Considerable excitement was manifest over the Silverton city election last Monday. The Sunday Law was the principal issue. It was defeated.

The Little Freethinker, edited by Elmina D. Slenker, Snowville, Va., is a bright little magazine for our young people. Price 25 cents per year. Address 2938 Cramer St., Camden, N. J.

Mr. Dick Barnhouse, Mr. John Scott and Mr. John Madden started east Wednesday morning. Mr. Barnhouse goes to Caleb, Ore., Mr. Madden to Lonerock, Ore., and Mr. Scott to Spokane, Wash.

The Ladies' Social Science Club of Silverton met at the home of Mrs. Dr. Leonard, May 5. The subject was Woman's Suffrage. The club meets again May 12 at Mrs. S. Ames. All ladies are cordially invited.

Reports come from Buffalo, N. Y., that Mr. Geer is at that place quite sick. We hope it is nothing serious, and that our friends will not wait for him to call on them, but help him do his work without waiting for him to visit them.

All of the Liberal friends will be glad to hear that Mrs. Down, of Down's Station, has made arrangements to move to Silverton so that Robert and the younger children will have a better chance to attend the Liberal University next year.

Miss Minnie Robison, of Talent, Ore., departed for her home on the noon train Saturday. So many of our young friends going away makes us feel somewhat lonesome, but we hope to meet them all again at the beginning of next term.

On the evening of May 30 will be rendered in Liberal Hall the very celebrated drama, "East Lynne." Watch for further announcements next week.

Misses Della and Dora Snyder and Mr. Aubray Wolfard started for Eastern Oregon Saturday morning. The young ladies go to their home in Dayville, and Mr. Wolfard will work for our mutual friend and co-worker of Caleb, Mr. J. L. Barnhouse.

Mr. Kautz, of Dolph, Ore., in his visit to Silverton has become so interested in our work that he has purchased a snug little six-acre home and will at once move his family here where his boys can have the advantages of a Liberal education.

We are in receipt of a copy of the complete works of Shakespeare. The donors, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Burtis, also sent in their renewal to the Torch and the kindest of letters in which they show that they really and truly have a deep interest in our work.

President Hosmer went to Portland and saw Thomas and Marguerite Carter aboard the O. R. & N. train last Saturday. These little people have spent the whole year at the Liberal University and will now spend their vacation with their mamma and papa in their Idaho home.

Notice our Building Fund Contribution Box. We will pass this around once every week and we hope our friends will not forget to drop in their mites according to their ability. All pulling together we can accomplish a mighty work. If any one does not wish his or her name mentioned we will record it as "a friend."

Every subscriber has a power to help our work that we can not possibly possess. One Torch placed in the hands of an unknown friend may mean MUCH HELP. Mr. Kautz, who is now donating work on the L. U. O. and who has bought a home here, where he will educate his boys, first found out about us by reading an old discarded Torch in which a fisherman had wrapped up his dinner.

Ugly typographical errors will sometimes creep into our paper in spite of our carefulness. How this happens was very nicely illustrated a few weeks ago in the scientific article written by Mr. Herman Wettstein. A Latin quotation which was written by Mr. Wettstein so as to make the first word appear to end in "s" instead of "o" as it should, was so set up by the printer. It was carefully corrected by the proof-reader, but was either insufficiently marked or the printer failed to change it, and all concerned were made to appear ridiculous.

Subscribers who wish to get "English Secularism" as a premium should not forget to mention the fact when they send in their subscriptions.

We are in receipt of a new book, "Our Bible and Higher Criticism," by Moses Hull. This book, which tells who wrote the Bible, when, where and how, is nicely bound and can be obtained of Moses Hull and Co., Buffalo, N. Y.; J. R. Francis, 40 Loomis St.; or Sunflower Publishing Co., Lillydale, N. Y.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Pleased.

J. E. HOSMER,

Dear Sir and Friend:—I am pleased that the children have done well in their studies, and I hope I will be able to send them next year.

Thanking you for the care bestowed upon them and with best wishes for the success of the Liberal University, I am,

Yours truly,

THOS. CARTER.

A Desirable Gift.

EDITOR TORCH OF REASON:

I will certainly give what influence I can to help build up your Liberal University. A Liberal University out in Oregon is a most desirable position for teaching Liberal religious thought. With kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

ELIZABETH CADY STANTON.

The Finger of Scorn.

EDITOR TORCH OF REASON:

What's wrong now? I see by the last Torch you are pointing the finger of scorn at me. I believe, if I understand aright, it says, renew your subscription to the very welcome and instructive paper, the Torch of Reason.

Well, set me ahead \$5.00 worth. I enclose check for same.

Yours for Progress,

J. L. BARNHOUSE.

Burning Indignation.

DEAR MR. HOSMER:—I am very glad you attended the meeting of the Teachers' Association, though I know it was very disagreeable to you. But for the civilization Christianity has received from Science, the agent of the S. P. R. R. and the Christians would have been glad, in the name of Christ, to have resorted to Inquisition methods. I am sure that every Freethinker who knows of the contemptible conduct of the S. P. R. R. agent feels a burning indignation, as I do.

Your friend,

(MRS.) M. M. TURNER.

From Pearl W's Father.

FRIEND HOSMER:—Will you please send me a set of the Forstner augur bits and I will send you the money by return mail. I think I can sell several sets for you. How are you getting along? I would be glad to see you all and have a good old-fashioned visit, but cannot come down this year. Probably another year we can arrange to spend the summer with you. Mrs. Geer sends her regards to all. Hoping to hear from you soon, I am as ever

Your true Liberal friend,

CAL GEER.

"Guilded" Points.

BY JOHN P. GUILD.

Holy smoke chokes thought.

Assumed dignity disguises stupidity.

"Beware of the man of one book", is an old warning. Its wisdom consists in the fact that such a man is either a dunce or a bigot, or else a joker.

Truth is the rock of ages. Do not get onto the rock edgewise, but stand square on the tip top, or you may slip off.

"Buy the truth and sell it not", is an old injunction found in the Bible, but it is a good enough motto for the Oregon Liberal University.

"Death has no appendix.—Investigator. Hence, it has no appendicitis.

Eating mule meat in Mafeking is a sorry shift for eating plum pudding in Pretoria.

When the British Lion has done with the Afric Boer, will they sing together,

"Blest be the tie that binds Our hearts in Christian love."

With 200 converts to Mohammedanism during the last year in the United States, it looks as though the Christian missionaries to Turkey were needed more at home.

Anything that will convert tipler to temperance, superstition to sensibility, and hypocrisy to honesty, is welcome to come. Temperance, sensibility and honesty are all required in a complete character.

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