

Federation Song.

Air, "America".

[After having changed one word, the following song, which has been adopted by the State Federation of Women's Clubs, is very appropriate for our noble Freethought women.—Ed.]

Daughters of Freedom's land,
Ready with heart and hand,
Strong for the right!
Now raise your voices high,
In one clear song reply
To Life's appealing cry
For love and light!

Why stand we here today?
Why, but to make the way
For Hope's glad feet.
Bidding the world aspire
To purer aims and higher,
That Home's own altar fire
Burn bright and sweet.

Daughters of Freedom's land,
Holding Truth's torch ye stand,
Crowned with all grace,
That this great age may see
How fair its destiny,
And they who come may be
A nobler race.

NEWS AND NOTES.

Help the Torch to blaze!

Chas. Page has returned from Zena.

Farmers are haying in the Willamette valley.

We hope to have our new catalogue out soon.

J. H. Morris, our foreman, talks of taking a vacation.

Miss Ada Page has been engaged as cook at Wolfard's Hotel.

Notice the offer above our "contribution box", on this page.

Today's warm summer rain will make the Silverton gardens grow.

Freethought exchanges are hereby invited to exchange electros with the Torch of Reason.

Mr. Kautz is making arrangements to move his family to Silverton this month.

Our building will look much better when finished than the picture which has been given in our announcements.

Secretary Geer's address until June 21st will be 213 E. Indiana St., Chicago, Ill., care of Freethought Magazine.

Mrs. Wakeman, the L. U. O. matron, says that Oregon is the greatest place for roses she ever saw. They are indeed beautiful.

We made a mistake last week. The "prominent pillar" of Silverton did not lose ten dollars on the election. He won the bet.

Master Owen Wolfard, one of the L. U. O's hard-working students, has been engaged to help on the building during his vacation.

In those parts of the state of Oregon where any effort was made, Women's Suffrage carried, but the politicians know how to work things. Some of the leading(?) ladies were induced to circulate the idea that it was best to keep quiet

and not arouse any antagonism, and so the amendment was lost. But "a question is never settled until it is settled right".

Louis Rauch, the popular L. U. O. student, was in attendance as a delegate at the Good Templar's Convention, held at Astoria, Ore., this week.

We expect Miss Katie Matteson to return to the L. U. O. today. She has had a few weeks' vacation, and will now return to her duties as librarian.

Students who want their grade cards may have them by calling at the L. U. O. office or by writing for the same and enclosing a two-cent stamp for reply.

Hon. T. W. Davenport and wife, of Silverton, are reported as having arrived safely at the home of their son, Homer Davenport, the cartoonist, in East Orange, N. J.

The L. U. O. people have plenty of work to do during their vacation, but a labor of love is always a pleasure, and then we are rewarded with berries and cherries and new vegetables, fresh from our own garden, and with many other blessings to thank each other for.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Improvement.

EDITOR TORCH OF REASON:

The neatly-bound copy of "English Secularism" just received. Many thanks! The Torch is improving with each issue. Your great, good work is not all confined within Silverton walls, but is felt and highly valued far and wide.

With best wishes, I am,
Fraternally,

G. L. GULLICKSON.

Dixon, Ill.

Religiously Damned.

EDITOR TORCH OF REASON:

I received yours of May 10, and as sure as you are born I felt, on reading the letter, as though I had gone to hell and struck congenial company. O, Lord! how I did wish for Horace Green, or Elizabeth C. Stanton, or Aunt Elmina, or C. C. Moore, or some other rock-bottom crank for just ten minutes. I needed a second and a referee to kick up a beautiful ruction (ethical) right here on the ould sod. I want you to understand that old Doc. Logan has for many years been, not socially, financially or commercially, but religiously damned. Such is the price we must pay for having the courage of our convictions.

I send you twenty-five names of persons who are Liberally inclined. I am poor in purse, but I can and will help, in some way, THE BEST

CAUSE ON EARTH. I do wish James Lick or Stephen Girard were alive today. I believe that Courtland Palmer, if alive, would set the Liberal University in such shape that it would become for all time the Home of Evolution. So long as you teach pure materialism my strongest sympathy will go with you.

JOHN M. LOGAN, M. D.
Shelby, Mich.

"Freedom" in the Wilderness.

The following quotations from Prof. Hoffmann's last letter may interest some of our students and friends. We are sorry not to be able to publish the whole letter, but he's a "heavy-weight" and we are "light." See?

Mt. Sinai.

My Beloved Christian Brother:

Since your welcome news came to hand I have acted upon your advice, and now I spend my leisure hours "fasting and praying," and am happy to say the blessed angel has appeared, and now "I am happy all the day." Praise the Lord!

I am glad to know that Geer has struck "oil." You may now pour it upon the "troubled waters," and I hope to see them made smooth and the sails of the L. U. O. filled to their utmost capacity. Have you the force at work on the building?

I am with a Liberal family, although they do not recognize it. They will before long!

Oh, yes. I heard that you had quite a scare over the night when you so mysteriously passed from the dining-hall to your bedroom. "Matter passing through matter." Who is it that jokes you over that event? You see I hear from Silverton, once in a while.

I had a deer hunt last "Sabbath." The good Lord sent an ugly black bear down to punish me. I gave him an invitation of three leaden bullets and Mr. McClane did the same with five. But, "matter passing through matter," the bear escaped. I think it was Satan. Tomorrow I go on another bear hunt. One has been prowling around just across the creek, and I mean to send him to H——(heaven, of course).

Well, three weeks have gone—but there are nine more to come. Time goes quickly now. I made a visit to the beach last Saturday, and next Sunday I'm going "claming."

Remember me to all my Silverton friends, and especially to your wife, the Wakemans, and Mr. Kautz. Tell him his boys are becoming sages.

Sincerely,
FREEDOM W. HOFFMANN.

LET'S HANG TOGETHER.

"If we don't hang together we will hang separately," is very applicable to those engaged in tearing down the old world of myth, and building "in its place" a new world of truth and love. We may not "hang by the neck until dead," but nevertheless we will surely be suspended unless we learn how to cooperate. The Freethought Magazine, edited by H. L. Green, 213 E. Indiana St., Chicago, Ill., sets us all a good example.

Mr. Green might have thought that a new Freethought journal, such as the Torch of Reason, coming into the field at this time would lessen his subscription list and thus lessen the chances of his success; but no, he most heartily welcomed us and without hesitation began to advertise our paper and the Liberal University as a move in the right direction. This has helped us wonderfully, as many a subscriber to the Torch can testify, and you may be sure that, if we can help it, we will not let it hurt our noble friend, who has so fully demonstrated the fact that he is really and truly a Liberal.

The Freethought Magazine comes to us this month full of the best of thoughts of some of the most progressive men and women of our time, and the editor has given eight pages of his valuable publication to the work of the Liberal University and its workers, including the frontispiece, which is the portrait of our own dear fellow-worker, Pearl W. Geer. We are very anxious for every Freethinker in the world to read the Freethought Magazine, for we know that to read it means to become interested in Progressive, Moral Secularism and an Emancipated Education.

A Liberal Offer.

A good friend of the L. U. O. has offered to donate Two Thousand Dollars in cash to our institution if other Freethinkers will raise it to Five Thousand.

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