

NEWS AND NOTES.

Miss Ollie Geer spent the Fourth in Portland.

Liberal University Donation Day is July 20, E. M. 300. Luo!

We would be delighted to have all our readers write to us often.

The editor and Mrs. Hosmer went to Portland on business, Tuesday.

Mr. Henry Allen of the Waldo Hills made us a very pleasant call Saturday.

Get your friends to subscribe for the Torch, or subscribe for it yourself.

The prophecies of our enemies must not come true. Remember July 20, E. M. 300.

Our old soldier friend, Mr. J. T. Cox, made us a short visit last Monday.

The L. U. O. choir had a very happy sing at the home of Mr. Raueh last Sunday evening.

Our L. U. O. bicycle track is already well patronized. We expect to have the finest playground in the State.

Mr. A. C. Kautz writes that he will soon return to Silverton, where he will spend the summer working on the Liberal University building.

Since his return from the East, Secretary Geer has been exercising his muscles by cutting thistles on the L. U. O. grounds.

Quite a shipment of paper for the Torch office arrived this week. A ton more is to follow soon. We'll print it; you kindly help us distribute it.

Mr. Peter Rauch, one of our most enthusiastic stock-holders, visited friends in Portland this week. Mr. Rauch believes in letting people know where he stands.

Messrs. H. E. Klein, T. D. Allen and others, with teams and a large grading machine, spent Saturday working on the new bicycle track for the Liberal University.

The July number of the Free-thought Magazine has arrived in Silverton and it is indeed an excellent number. Every article in it is worth the price of the magazine. It is published at 213 E. Indiana Street, Chicago, Ill., at \$1 per year.

Several of our Liberal papers have kindly published the notice of the Donation Day for the Liberal University on July 20th, for which we are truly thankful. We are already receiving donations to be acknowledged on that day, and we hope the sum will amount to enough to enable us to do the work we have planned for the summer.

The current issue of the Free-thought Ideal of Ottawa, Kansas, informs us that it has entered on

the seventh year of its existence. Mrs. Semple deserves great credit for the improvement she has made in her paper the past year, and we hope her subscription list will double before the close of volume seven. Twice a month; 50 cents a year.

While looking over our building and grounds the other day, a friend said: "What a wonderful work could be done here if you could only get the money! Have faith, dear brother. There are Free-thinkers yet unborn who will give their lives, their fortunes and their sacred honor to this glorious Religion of Science and Humanity. We must act well our part."

LITTLE POINTS.

Boys, don't try to act smart, but be smart.

The religion of Science and Humanity will drive sin, poverty and fear from the world.

People's money, time and mental force are limited. Should they waste any of them in praying or in teaching miracles?

No matter how bad the world or life may be, there is one thing that remains eternally beautiful—youth. Quo Vadis. Let us learn to keep young.

If a wild beast should suddenly spring upon us, would it be better to pray to Christ for help or to think quickly in which pocket we had our jack-knife?

Girls, don't try to catch the fellows; it is safer to let one catch you if he is of the right sort. Choose good company or none at all. Have tact, but don't flirt, for it will injure others as well as yourselves.

Love your enemies; God drowned his enemies. Do good to them that hate you; Christ whipped those in an orthodox church of his time. Pray for them that despitefully use you; God's servant, with God's help, caused ferocious she-bears to eat up the poor little children who called him an old baldhead.

Not Wealthy, But Watchful.

Dear Friend, T. B. Wakeman.—I send this letter to you as I see that friend Geer is on the road hustling for the L. U. O., and I wish him great success.

I wish we could induce more Liberals to assist this cause. I am not wealthy, but I have been watching the contribution box, and it seems to come so slow. Enclosed find check for \$5.00. I wish I could make it \$500,000.

I remain, Yours for Humanity, L. P. MAXAM.

Travels.

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A pressing invitation to remain for the night could not be accepted, for I had to reach Manchester, N. H., on Sunday, and the week was already far spent. So I journeyed on and reached the great city of Boston in the evening. I like Boston better this year than I did last. I didn't venture very far the first night, for the depot is situated right in the midst of that intricate network of streets, and I was afraid I would get on to three or four streets at once and never find the Common. Next morning, however, I started out fearlessly and without difficulty I found every place I wanted to find, and was soon at the Investigator office, in the Paine Memorial Building, on Appleton Street, where I had a good visit with Mr. Chainey and later with Mr. Washburn, the editor. Mr. Chainey informs me that Paine Hall is in a better condition than for a long time, but I am sorry the Investigator, which will be 70 years old in April, 1901, is not enjoying good health, and even under the editorial management of Mr. Washburn it does not have enough subscribers to pay expenses. This is a bad showing for Liberals, but Christian papers are not patronized very liberally either, so we must not complain.

Mr. Geo. N. Hill was in his office on State Street, where I found him in the afternoon. This man is thoroughly Liberal and knows the reason why. He gave two dollars for the Ingersoll Chair and will soon add enough to make it five or more. He also contributed some of his writings, which will be very valuable for use in the school.

Saturday morning found me west of Boston, among the hills of Newton, whither I had journeyed in quest of Mrs. Kendall, whom I heard was greatly interested in matters Liberal. Although very busy she gave me a few moments' time, during which she listened to my explanation of our plan of work. Her response was a year's subscription to the Torch of Reason, through which she hopes to be further enlightened regarding the work at Silverton.

On my return to the city I visited at the office of Mr. Wilcox, the treasurer of the Free Religious Society. I found Mr. Wilcox to be a very genial gentleman, whose ideas are so nearly in accord with mine in every way that I can't really tell wherein they differ. Col. Ingersoll's last public address was delivered before the above-named society last summer. This organization has considerable influence among the Liberal-minded people of Boston, and I am pleased to learn that one of the officers at least is thoroughly Liberal. Mr. Wilcox joined the Torch of Reason family

and paid his initiation fee of one dollar, which entitles him to read all that is printed in the Torch if he chooses, and either agree or disagree with it as his mind dictates.

At the Investigator office, later in the afternoon, I had the pleasure of meeting Mrs. M. Ricker, the Liberal lecturer and worker in behalf of liberality and equality, and she is also quite prominently connected with the equal suffrage movement. Mrs. Ricker is a very interesting lady and has opinions of her own, which are founded on fact and reason. Honest in her purpose and earnest in her work, Mrs. Ricker is certain to be of great assistance to any cause she espouses. The world needs more women like her.

"Guided Points," and all kinds of poems and prose writings in the Torch, make our readers quite familiar with the name and thoughts of John Prescott Guild. I met him at the Investigator office, and shall take pleasure in describing him in my next.

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.

Let us fill up the contribution box!

LATER—Mr. R. C. Burtis of Michigan adds one thousand dollars to the above offer. At this rate we will soon be able to go ahead with our building. "A friend who helps quick helps double."

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