

NEWS AND NOTES.

Shall we start the orphans' fund?

Work has begun on the industrial workshop in the basement of the L. U. O.

Young man, throw away your bad habits, if you have any, and come to the L. U. O.

Secretary Geer digs potatoes, Prof. Wakeman digs in the garden and Hosmer carries the hod. Success!!

The stage in the assembly hall of the L. U. O. is nearly completed. The hall will be complete by Oct. 1st.

A new Mustang mailing machine has been purchased for the T. O. R. office. A good paper cutter is what we want next.

For a limited time we will give the Weekly Oregonian and Torch of Reason both one year for only \$1.75. Order at once.

A letter from Miss Kitty Mills, our new primary teacher, says that she will be with us by September 28th. She will come via Portland.

Mr. Henry Brown, of Wisconsin, walked into our L. U. O. office today. Mr. Brown is a friend of our boyhood days, and we were glad to welcome him to our western home.

Mr. A. C. Kautz, the foreman on our building, had the misfortune to run a spike in his foot last week which caused him to miss a few day's work, but he is now with us again.

Mr. Joseph Robinson, who has "slung type" for the Torch for over a year, leaves us next Wednesday. Joseph is a faithful worker and we wish him success in his new field of labor in Portland.

We need manufactories in Silverton, and there is a good chance for those who get here first. We want Secularists to come and see. Silverton is bound to grow now that it has taken a start.

We have engaged Mr. Henry Brown, of Wisconsin, as expert printer in the T. O. R. office. His wife and two children, who are visiting relatives in North Yamhill will join him in a few days.

News comes as we go to press that Dr. J. F. Mosier, well known to all Silverton people, was killed last evening by a falling tree. It is said that the tree was burning and that his body was terribly burned and mangled.

The following is a true story: Ch.—I'm afraid it's going to rain and spoil the hops. Sec.—It won't rain if you pray hard enough, will it? Ch.—O, it's too late for prayers to do any good; the wind has got around into the south.

H. K. Sargent, whose article, "Evolution of the Eucharist," appears on the fifth page, has been engaged to speak at the O. S. S. U. convention, which is to be held at Silverton September 28, 29 and 30. Hear him, if you possibly can.

Mrs. Ollie Case, and her little daughter Helen, are visiting at the L. U. O. this week. Mrs. Case, formerly of Chicago, but now a resident of Tillamook, is a cousin of Mrs. Hosmer. Her husband, Mr. Gus Case, is an expert machinist and we are trying very hard to induce him and his family, all of whom are fully emancipated from the old spookisms, to locate in Silverton.

A simple and very beneficial invention has been made by Mr. A. Wolf of Silverton, and is now in operation in his hop house. The principal difficulty in drying and curing hops has been to prevent them breaking to pieces and saving the lupulin, the most important part of the hop. By his device he has accomplished satisfactory results, which will save time and labor, give better quality and dry the hops in a shorter time.

For the Torch of Reason.

Three Thinkers' Thoughts.

BY MRS. M. M. TURNER.

D. Eccles.—"T. B. Wakeman holds that the sentiency of matter is based on assumption."

T. B. Wakeman.—"The sentiency of matter, that is, of protoplasm, is not an assumption, but the commonest and simplest fact known to all."

D. Eccles.—"T. B. Wakeman declares protoplasm to be a mere chemical union of O. H. C. N. P. and S. What chemist has ever taken those elements and produced protoplasm from their union?"

M. M. T.—"The chemical conditions and the conditions of air, heat and water, at the moment of time in the process of making this earth, when the sentient spark was developed in the combination of O. H. C. N. P. and S., were so intense, stupendous and profound, that it seems reasonable to think that they can never be reproduced in the laboratory. But we do not know what answer Nature may, in time, give to man's persistent enquiry."

D. Eccles.—"As there is no evidence that protoplasm was ever produced by anything but a living system, is not T. B. Wakeman's conclusion, that the chemistry of matter explains the whole case, a rather bold assumption?"

M. M. T.—"Into what 'mystical and transcendental' regions would Mr. Eccles lead us to find this 'living system' by which, alone, he seems to think protoplasm has been produced. Or, are we obliged

to summon from the oblivion in which he is enwrapped the anthropomorphic God of the theologian, as the producer of protoplasm?"

D. Eccles.—"The atoms T. B. Wakeman talks so freely about are all assumed. No one ever demonstrated their existence . . . turpentine, oil of lemon, oil of pepper and oil of bergamot yield, on analysis, the same atoms . . . Prof. Crookes has shown that there is individuality of character even among the atoms of the same elements, which can be sifted from each other."

M. M. T.—"Can atoms that are mere assumptions be sifted from each other as Prof. Crookes has shown that they can be? Have we not here the 'strongest probability' that the existence of atoms has been demonstrated to the satisfaction of every body but Mr. Eccles?"

The Poor Heathen.

Sometime ago we read of a Christian church society in the Eastern States that exhibited the ladies' ankles in order to raise money to send the good news to those who have never heard that three times one is one, but the following account almost caps the climax. Of course some Christians will say that these people are not following Christ's example nor brother Paul's either, but some think that the heathen must be saved at any cost:

"The good women of a certain New York town have organized a 'Hugging Society' for the benefit of the poor heathen. This is their bill of fare: Girls under 16 years, 20 cents; from 16 to 25, 75 cents; schoolmarms, 40 cents; another man's wife, \$1; widows, according to looks, 10 cents to \$2; old maids, three cents, or two for a nickel and no limit for time. Ministers not charged; bachelors, double price; editors pay in advertising."

It beats all how the good people of New York do love the poor heathen. The people of the Western wilds can scarcely understand such unselfish devotion.—[E.]

O. S. S. U. Twelfth Annual Convention.

The Twelfth Annual Convention of the Oregon State Secular Union will be held in Liberal Hall, Silverton, Ore., September 28, 29 and 30, E. M. 300 (1900). Much business of importance is to be transacted and new officers elected. A very interesting program, with receptions, music, lectures and ball, is being prepared. The L. U. O. will have its opening exercises on Monday following the convention. Questions as to further union, organization and propaganda will be proposed. It will be a most lively and interesting occasion. ALL peo-

ple of Liberal sentiments are cordially invited. Those who can aid by contribution of means or by taking part in the program are respectfully requested to communicate with the present officers.

T. B. WAKEMAN, President, Silverton, Ore.

CLARA BAILEY, Secretary, 91 N. 9th St., Portland, Ore.

Dated August 30, E. M. 300.

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."

STILL LATER.—A friend in Silverton offers fifty dollars on the above plan. The amount already received and acknowledged in the Contribution Box, goes to help make up the balace of this fund, which now lacks only \$1514.10 of being complete.

LATER STILL.—A friend in New England has sent us a draft for five hundred dollars, which now leaves only \$964.10 to complete the fund and give "Luo" a big boost. Who will be the next?

The Ingersoll Chair.

The amounts subscribed and paid in for the Ingersoll Chair are set forth below. This sum is actually in the hands of our treasurer to be safely invested, the income only to be used.

Table with columns for Name, Location, and Amount. Includes entries like Mr. George Anderson, England 5 0; Mrs. E. Holyoake Marsh, 10; Mr. Robert Applegarth, 10; Mr. J. M. Gunson, 1 0; Mr. Arthur Ginton, 1 0; Mr. Sidney Ginton, 1 0; Mr. John Leach, 1 0; Mr. Thos. Allsop, 2 0; Mr. W. Holyoake Byron Smith, 5 0; Miss Phipson, 1 0; A. H., 10; Dr. G. Sworn, 1 0; Mrs. Holyoake Smith, 1 0; Miss Julia C. Smith, 1 0; Mr. T. R. Mudie, 1 0; Mr. A. Sumner, 5; Mrs. Daniel Baker, 1 0; Herbert Spencer, 2 0; Mr. Jas. Wallace, Scotland, 1 0; L. P. Maxam, Mich., \$10.00; Geo. N. Hill, Boston, Mass., 5.00; Eva Ingersoll Brown, N. Y., 50.00; Prof. Daniel T. Ames, Cal., 10.00; Benj. Duval, Col., 1.00.

TO RAISE \$100,000.

This is Our Building Fund Contribution Box.

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