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I Man, Mr. P. C. Mosier, of Illinois, will give \$50.00, provided that

99 more men (or women) will give the same amount. Where are the ninety and nine?

NEWS AND NOTES.

J. E. Hosmer lectures at Liberal Hall Sunday evening.

School reconvened last Monday with an increased attendance and the students are all diligently at work.

We do not want our Liberal friends to forget that we are anxious to do job work for them no matter where they live.

We are sorry to learn of the death of Henry M. Taber of New York, a brilliant Liberal writer and author of Faith or Fact.

"The Crucifixion of Science" is the title of the lecture at Liberal Hall Sunday evening. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

The publishers of the Firebrand, of Portland, Oregon, have been convicted of the crime of sending obscene literature through the mail. They have not been sentenced yet.

Dr. Stoll, our friend in Iowa, has kindly sent us two pictures of himself and friend in religious argument, in which Dr. S. is represented as having the best of the argument, as can be told by the glowing smile on his face.

Many of our readers are sending us the names of their Secular friends along with the renewals for the TORCH. That is what we want. Send us the names and we will gladly send sample copies of our paper.

Just as we go to press, we hear of the death of Mr. S. C. Adams of Salem Oregon. Mr. Adams was an early Oregon pioneer, a good man, and a staunch Liberal, whose writings have been published in the TORCH OF REASON and other periodicals.

The students at the Liberal University are given every opportunity to read all sides of the great questions of the day. Our exchanges, which consist of a great variety of periodicals of all descriptions, are placed in the library for the use of the students. There is no reason why they should not be well informed.

The Blue Grass Blade, made famous by C. C. Moore of Kentucky, for its advocacy of Infidelity, prohibition and profanity, has suspended and from the remains has been started the Cincinnati Free Opinion, which is published under the auspices of the Ohio Liberal Society.

Miss Milliron has returned to the University after having spent the holidays at her home in Junction City.

The Y. P. S. S. C. has but two more meetings this term, and then we will know which side has the larger number of points.

If you can't spare fifty dollars yourself, do you know of anyone who can, to help along Mr. Mosier's plan of raising five thousand dollars for the University with one-hundred men?

If you want any information in regard to Silverton or anything else do not hesitate to address the Western Information Bureau and Exchange, whose ad appears on the sixth page of this issue.

Miss Kate DePeatt, who has been quite ill for the past two weeks, is able to be out again and will soon go to her home in Ashland, Ore., where she will remain until she regains her health. She will then return to her work at the Liberal University.

The following students entered our school last Monday: Guy Mount, Johnnie Thurman, and Samuel Klien of Silverton, and Annie Cline of Mt. Angel, in the preparatory course, and Margaret Fisher, Dottie Fisher, and Rosco Ames in the vocal music department.

Mr. Lionel A. Johnson of Vale, Oregon, made us a very pleasant call Monday and identified himself with the O. S. S. U. He is well pleased with the Ethical Basis and feels certain of the success of the Union. He expects to graduate from the Agricultural College at Corvallis in June.

University Fund.

The amount given in this fund is actual cash paid in, regardless of what has been promised:

Previously acknowledged,	\$554.55
J. G. Francis, Oregon	1.50
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Ruth Brettell, S. Dakota	1.00

WORK.	
Chas. Wilson, Oregon	10.00
MATERIAL, ETC.	
Previously acknowledged,	\$254.50
E. W. Ross, (lumber)	10.00

Capt. D. L. Brainard, in charge of the supplies of the government Klondike relief expedition, has arrived at Vancouver, Washington, and opened the bids for furnishing supplies, to be delivered at the head of Lynn canal on February 1st.

Balloting for Senator Gorman's successor will begin in the Maryland legislature next Wednesday.

Two cruisers for Japan will be launched in our shipyards next month, with a contract speed of twenty-two knots.

LITTLE POINTS.

No man ever spake as Socrates spake and yet no one supposes that he was divine.

Put up a brazen serpent and look at it, Christians. It might cure you of your faith disease.

We wish some one would give us the power to cast out the "dumb devils". If those who are dumb would speak, the people would wonder at the growth of Secularism.

Wouldn't it be a great blessing if a subtle snake, or some other smart preacher, would talk to the orthodox Eves of our time and tell them to eat of the tree of knowledge and be wise?

Why should Eve have obeyed a god, and not the devil-snake? She didn't know which was lying, any more than modern Christians do. Some think to this day that God lied and the snake told the truth.

Humanity has so loved progress that it produced Brunos, Painses, Ingersolls, that whosoever useth reason as these great men have, may not live in vain but have eternal influence for good.

The bible is too obscene to be the word of a good god. The bible is too superstitious to be the word of an educated god. The bible is too contradictory to be the word of a truthful god. The bible is too old to be the word of an up-to-date god.

The Old Testament is not your guide? The New Testament is for modern Christians to square their lives by? Well, one of the old books says that "wine is a mocker; strong drink is raging; and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise"; and one of the new books says "drink no longer water, but use a little wine for thy stomach's sake". Christ drank wine. We thought you were temperance people.

A woman writer whose books have attained a world-wide fame says that her mother determined that her children should know three things well. They were the major and minor scales, the multiplication table and to speak the truth.

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