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3 Secularists, P. C. Mosier, will give... \$50 Lou Ames will give... 50 A Friend will give... 50 provided that 97 more men (or women) will give the same amount. Where are the ninety-seven?

NEWS AND NOTES.

The class in vocal music is making splendid progress.

The drama at Liberal Hall Jan. 19 will be given for the benefit of the Silverton Marine Band. Admission, 25 and 15 cents.

Miss Kate DePeatt left Tuesday for her home in Ashland, where she will remain until she regains her health, when she will return to her work in the Liberal University.

Pearl W. Geer will lecture at Liberal Hall Sunday evening. A good musical and literary program will be rendered and will add to the interest of the meeting.

Notice the 99 changed to 97 this week. Let's all try to keep it moving. If some can't afford the \$50, perhaps they can induce some one else to unite with them.

Some of the students, assisted by a few members of the faculty of the Liberal University, are preparing a drama which they expect to give at Liberal Hall in the near future for the benefit of our school.

The tracts of Scientific Wisdom have met with such a wide sale that it has become necessary to print a second issue of No. 1. Send ten cents and receive fifty copies of them to distribute among your Christian Friends.

The program at the Y. P. S. S. C. last Friday night was one of the best ever rendered by the society. Capt. Ames and her "crew" are hard at work on the program for Thursday night, which is the last of the series and will decide who is to furnish the supper for the society.

The following students have entered the Liberal University this week: Glen McMillan, Alma Fisher, Florence Fisher, Roscoe Ames, Elma Smith and Laura Smith of Silverton, and Ralph Desart of Switzerland, Oregon. The faculty and students welcome these new recruits.

An appreciative audience attended the meeting at Liberal Hall Sunday evening. Besides the lecture by J. E. Hosmer, the following program was rendered: Song by the choir; recitation by Lora Ames; vocal solo by Winnie Whitlock; recitation by Leona Allen; solo and chorus by the choir; recitation and exercise by Elma Fish-

er, aided by the children; solo by Elma Smith; and closing song.

"Let Reason Be Your Guide," is the subject of the lecture at Liberal Hall Sunday evening.

"The New Uncle Josh" at Liberal Hall, Wednesday evening, Jan. 19th.

A partition was removed at the University this week, throwing two rooms into one and allowing better facilities for seating, on account of the increased attendance.

We will send the TORCH OF REASON one year to five new subscribers for \$3.75, and the party getting up the club will receive fifty visiting cards for his trouble. These cards are just the thing for Secularists to use, as they have an engraving of the famous Wettstein badge beautifully lithographed at the left of the name.

The Trouble with Taber.

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had any connection whatever with orthodoxy, and if Colonel Ingersoll, who was his personal friend, is a good judge of character, he was indeed a brave noble man as the following from the pen of the great Agnostic will show:

Henry M. Taber is my friend and one of the best of men. In business he is just, honorable, faithful, reliable. He keeps his word and does as he agrees. For integrity, no man's reputation is better than his. He is an excellent citizen; loves his country and its institutions; taking an active part in matters of public importance—trying to make the people better and happier. He is on the right side and always has been so far as I know. He was a kind, faithful, and loving husband; and he is a good, affectionate father and grandfather. In addition to this he is a free man—thinks for himself and gives to others the result of his thought. He is an exceedingly modest man, remarkably careful of the feelings of others; gentle in speech and action. Long ago his brain was shocked with the absurdities and his heart by the cruelties of the Bible. He came to the conclusion that the "scriptures" were written by uninspired men, and that man should be governed by experience, observation and reason, instead of faith, ignorance and superstition. He became a free man. He is a close and clear thinker; a natural logician; a lover of truth; a friend of his race; a good, honest intelligent, brave, and successful man.

University Fund.

The amount given in this fund is actual cash paid in, regardless of what has been promised: Previously acknowledged, \$561.30 Harry T. Smith, New York 1.00 MATERIAL, ETC. Previously acknowledged, \$274.50

LITTLE POINTS.

"Little habits gnaw big holes."

Christians take a little mocker for thy stomach's sake.

Must those who fulfill all righteousness, descend into hell as they say Jesus did? Please excuse us.

Religion has never been an industry in the pursuit of which honesty is the best policy.

D. PRIESTLEY.

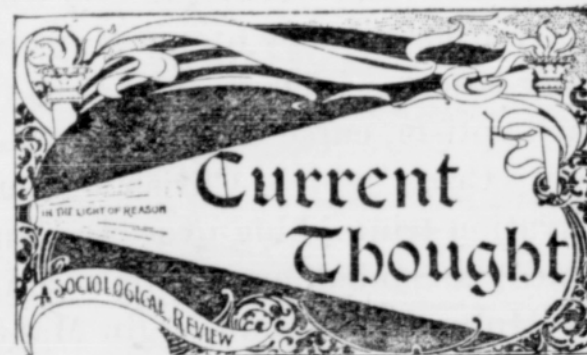
Secularism is an infant now, but if he is fed he will grow. Christianity was infantile once; but it grew to adult age; is now old and decrepit and will pass away. Let us raise up Secularism to take its place.

F. S. MATTESON.

If a personal God took such a personal interest in the affairs of the children of Israel, it seems strange that he should have so long neglected the many thousands who need his guidance.

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