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provided that

**84** more men (or women) will give the same amount. Where are the eighty-four?

**NEWS AND NOTES.**

About forty good books were added to our library this week. Keep them coming!

We don't like this semi-monthly business, but we can't do better until we are able to get more help.

The students gave a pleasant little surprise party at Mrs. Hosmer's this week in honor of her thirty-first birthday.

The lumber for finishing the dining hall is sawed and hauled and work will begin in a few days, as soon as it is seasoned.

Among the books added to our fine, growing library this week is Herbert Spencer's Synthetic Philosophy. This great modern work on biology is, to our notion, one of the greatest works in the world.

The drama given by the students at Howell last week was a grand success. Every part was well acted and won much applause. The social dance given after the play by Steelhammer's orchestra was also a success and enjoyed very much.

Mr. Geer arrived Monday morning, and we were all glad to see him and hear the account of his very successful trip. Mr. Geer finds that many who were supposed to be indifferent to our work are very much interested and will help just all they can.

Captain Wolfard, the defeated captain of the Y. P. S. S. C., assisted by his cohorts, royally entertained the victors last Saturday evening. Every one seemed to have a good time. These entertainments at the end of every term are becoming an attractive feature of our work.

We are indebted to Mr. Cooley, one of the old time Liberals of Silverton, for a fine lot of potatoes. These potatoes were just dug, having remained in the ground all winter, and are much better than those

that have been piled up in cellars and bins. The Willamette valley beats the world for potatoes and the potato-bug is never seen here.

**Abroad.**

My stay at Harrisburg was indeed a pleasant one. I found Mr. LaSalle to be an old friend of my father and I had a pleasant visit with the family. I found Harrisburg to be full of Secularists and I succeeded in getting several subscribers for the Torch and some financial aid for the University. Lack of space prevents my telling of the many good people I met. I promised to return in about a month and give a lecture.

I left next morning for Albany, where I stayed until evening, taking some subscriptions for the Torch and meeting many friends, among whom are Miss Willitt, Dr. Ellis and others. In the evening, I took the train for Corvallis, where I arrived at sun-down and just in time to find my friend Lionel Johnson, who is in attendance at the Agricultural College. He and three fellow-students are keeping house, and they are a jolly crowd. Mr. Johnson is an uncle of Lillian Johnson, who is attending the Liberal University. The boys invited me to stay with them that night and I accepted the invitation with pleasure, and found them to be good housekeepers. Next morning Mr. Johnson kindly showed me about the college grounds and buildings, and I enjoyed the visit very much. There is one thing I did not admire, and that is the chapel exercises, which consisted, among other things, of "sacred" songs and prayer. The school is supported by the U. S. government and should be free from religious teachings. All this impresses us still more with the necessity for a Liberal University. Many of the students are Secularists and express a desire to hear a Secular lecture, and I promised to favor them on my next trip. While in Corvallis I visited at the house of Mrs. Fuller, who gave me a cordial welcome and subscribed fifty dollars for the University. It is just such Secularists as this that will make our cause succeed.

My next stopping place was McMinnville, where I had not been for nearly two years, and was glad to meet so many friends. I secured several subscribers and had pleasant visits with H. M. Daniel, Wm. Lambert, Lee Laughlin, W. T. Booth and family, and others. Here, also, they desire a lecture on my next trip. From here I went to North Yamhill, where I visited at the home of the Bunn family and had a very pleasant time. Among the other friends I met there was Prof. Wirtz, the phrenologist, who will soon visit Silverton and other points near. Mr. Wirtz is a Liber-

al and deserves patronage.

At Forest Grove I spent but a few hours with old friends, and secured several subscribers. I stayed over night with D. C. Stewart and took the morning train for Portland, where I desired to meet several of the Secular friends who were in attendance at the political conventions. Among those I met were E. J. Kaiser of Ashland, Grant Rawlings of Medford, J. H. Shroeder of Arago, J. R. Gregg of Ontario, and H. E. Thompson of Burns. I had a pleasant visit with Mrs. Davidson, Mr. Wingert and the Clow family at Montavilla, and left Sunday evening for Hubbard, where I took Mr. Kester by surprise and stayed over night. The next day I canvassed the town hurriedly and got some subscribers, and then started on foot for Woodburn, a distance of four miles, thinking I would reach there in time for the train for Silverton. I arrived in plenty of time, but, to my surprise, found a crowd of young people from Silverton, who were to play the drama "Texas" there that night, and were in need of me to take the part of Davy Crockett. That necessitated my remaining there until midnight, when we started for Silverton a distance of twelve miles, where we arrived just before daylight.

Thus ends my first trip abroad. I am glad to get back and find the school in a good condition. I will remain here but a short time, when I will make another tour of the same part of the county, delivering lectures at several points. After that I will strike out for new territory. I am well pleased with my first effort. Help me to make the next still more successful.

PEARL W. GEER.  
Silverton, Ore, April 5th, 1898.

**OBITUARY.**

Mrs. Etta Shrum, beloved wife of W. H. Shrum, and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Chamberlin, of Dallas, Polk county, Oregon, died at her home on the 8th of April. She was beloved by all who knew her, and besides her heart-broken relatives, including three little children, she leaves hosts of friends to mourn her loss. Perhaps nothing more appropriate could be said of her than was said by her husband's mother in a recent communication: "She was beloved by all who knew her—had not an enemy in the world—a true Liberal.

The remains were laid to rest on the 11th ult., in the Mitchell Cemetery.

**University Fund.**

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

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| E. S. ....                 | 2.50     |
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