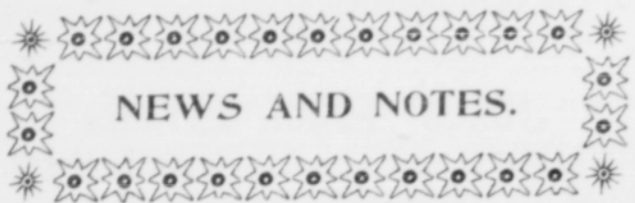


### To Raise Five Thousand Dollars for the University.

**18** Secularists,  
P. C. Mosier, will give... \$50  
Lou Ames will give... 50  
A Friend will give... 50  
D. Buckingham will give... 50  
A. Slaman, M. D., will give... 50  
R. C. Burtis will give... 50  
A Friend will give... 50  
C. F. Ames will give... 50  
P. Rauch will give... 50  
D. Bolton will give... 50  
Harry Fricker will give... 50  
E. Stewart will give... 50  
A Friend will give... 50  
Mr. Hjermstad,  
Friend from Waldo Hills } ... 50  
H. Allen will give... 50  
L. E. Fuller will give... 50  
F. Wilkinson will give... 50  
J. E. Brooks will give... \$50  
provided that

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



#### NEWS AND NOTES.

See Uncle Tom's Cabin Thursday night.

Miss Alma Hicks, of Silverton, stood the highest in the final examinations last week.

Mr. Geer rode on his bicycle from Portland to Silverton, a distance of fifty miles, last Sunday.

We want to raise \$1000 to pay for lumber for the new University. Every one should help a little.

The S. S. S. S. will give a fine little entertainment about May 14. Watch for further announcements.

Some of the boys of the University are going to work, during vacation, for the prize offered by us on page 3.

The members of the Y. P. S. S. C. have concluded to give a farewell party next Saturday evening at Liberal Hall.

Don't forget to ask your friends to help pay for the lumber. Every little helps, and a few can't do this great work alone.

Miss Lillian Johnson expects to stay in Silverton during vacation. She is now staying at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Allen.

Some of the students of our Secular Sunday School had a very pleasant picnic at Ames' Hill after Sunday school last Sunday.

Peter Rauch gave us his check for \$50 this week. It looks now as if our friends were not going to let the prophecies of the croakers come true.

Our school having closed for the summer vacation, our little friend and student, Agnes Burch, departed for her home in Vancouver last Tuesday. Miss Agnes has made a friend of every student, teacher and patron of our school, and we are sorry to see her go away. We will

all look forward with hopes for her return to us next year.

If you can't help more than \$1, send it along. One dollar from each of a thousand friends will pay for this bill of lumber.

The business manager got forty-four subscribers to the Torch while on his last trip. He got nineteen in two days. Read our offer on page 3.

Mr. P. C. Mosier, the originator of the Five Thousand Dollar Plan, sent us a check for \$50 this week. This makes \$60 he has sent us for our school.

Some very interesting communications are left out this week on account of space. We will all be glad when we can again send out the Torch every week.

Two students, Alma Hicks and Lyman Leonard, stood 100 per cent. in mental arithmetic in the late examinations; and it was no small thing to do either.

School closed last Friday, after the final examinations. All the students seem pleased with their progress, and a large attendance next year is expected.

The lumber is being sawed for the University, but it will not be put into the building until it is paid for. Help us all you can. Don't wait for croakers!

As fast as the money comes in for the One Thousand Dollar Lumber Fund it is placed in the bank, and when we have the required amount the work of building will go on.

Eighty per cent is the lowest a student can stand in any one branch and pass the examinations in the University. We propose to raise the standard of education in this state, not lower it.

In the afternoon, after we made up our minds to call for small donations to help pay for the lumber, and before we had scarcely finished the editorial, on page 4, entitled, "How We Will Work," the money began to come in, and we had fifty-six dollars and fifty cents before night. At this writing we have secured one hundred and twelve dollars. Now keep it coming, so we can pay for the lumber as soon as possible. All lift together. Now! READY! LIFT!

Six tracts to promote Scientific Wisdom in place of Christianity:

1. Can Sins be Forgiven?
2. Does Christianity or Science Promote Civilization?
3. Is Religion or Science More Reliable?
4. Evolution and Comparison of Religions.
5. Does Belief in Miracles Benefit?
6. Immortality or Annihilation?

Just the thing to hand to your Christian friends. Send two cents

for the six, or six cents for twenty-five tracts, to Eliza Mowry Bliven, Brooklyn, Conn.; or send ten cents for fifty of either kind, or an assorted package of fifty, to the Liberal University Company, Silverton, Oregon.

#### Abroad.

(Concluded from 5th page.)

lots of friends. Those I met are J. F. Settle, Dr. J. A. Lamberson, D. W. Hardin, J. M. Settle, J. W. Simonds, C. W. Matthews and others. At 6 o'clock I took the train for Albany, and upon my arrival there I called upon Mr. Kneet, under whose instructions I obtained three yearly subscribers before bedtime, making ten subscribers in all I had received that day. This demonstrates the fact that parties who canvas for the TORCH OF REASON can make splendid wages besides standing a good chance to earn a scholarship to the Liberal University. Vacation will soon be here, and now is the time for the young men and women to plan a campaign in the interest of Secularism.

Thursday morning I again started out in the interest of the TORCH OF REASON, and obtained nine subscribers during the day, working a little less than half the time. I took dinner with my friend Richards, in Albany, and as it was still raining, I took the train for Salem, going from there to Independence by boat and thence on foot to Monmouth, where I spent the night with the McGowan family. In the morning I took the car for Independence, where I arrived in time to meet Mr. Gilmore, a genial Secularist, who readily subscribed for the TORCH. After conversing awhile with Mr. Ford, another Secularist, the boat whistled and I hurried to the wharf in order to take passage for Salem, where I was to take part in a drama that evening. The drama was a success, and my stay in Salem was pleasant, if not profitable.

But what had become of the bicycle? The last I had seen of it, it was in Albany, and I gave orders for it to follow me to Salem. Going to the depot, I found it waiting for me, and mounting the innocent-looking thing, I pedalled away to Chemawa, the home of the Indian school, where we spent the night with friend Beaty and family. Early Sunday morning, with Mr. Beaty as guide, we started out through the woods to find a road to Wheatland. Bidding our escort goodby, we soon reached the great Willamette river, where we signalled the ferryman to take us over. A short distance from Wheatland, we stopped at the home of Mr. Williamson, made a new friend and secured a new subscriber to the TORCH.

After climbing a long hill, we began the descent into Yamhill val-

ley, which, with an abundance of trees, grass and flowers, formed a beautiful scene below us. Stopping at the home of Mr. Burch, I enjoyed a pleasant visit of several hours, after which the journey was renewed. The next stopping place was at Whiteson, where I called on Mr. Remington, who very kindly donated five dollars for the University. We arrived at McMinnville Sunday evening, where two days were pleasantly spent among friends. The Daniels, Booths, Cooks, Laughlins and others gave me a royal welcome. Mr. Brooks made a donation of fifty dollars to the University, and Messrs. Weisner, Eckstein and others subscribed for the TORCH.

My trip from here must be briefly told, but I must not forget to mention the nice visit with Mr. Miller and family, near Dayton. They have the most beautiful location for a home I ever saw. It is on the top of a mountain, and from the front yard I could look down on the whole Willamette valley. With a good glass, one could see Silverton, twenty-five miles distant, in the foothills of the Cascades. That evening found us in Newberg, at the home of J. C. Porter. The next day I visited Mr. and Mrs. Priestley at their country home and had a very pleasant time, Mr. Priestley returning with me to Newberg, the home of the Quakers, where we secured several subscribers. On the way to Portland we visited at Butteville, Stafford and Oregon City, meeting friends too numerous to mention. The Bailey family, in Portland, gave us the usual welcome, and Saturday evening found us at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Plimpton, in the suburbs of the city. Early Sunday morning we started for Silverton, a distance of fifty miles. Very little of importance occurred, and we arrived home in good season and found everyone well. In a few days we will sally forth again, and then the fur will fly. Look out for us, for we are coming your way, and when you see us coming you will know what it means. Remember, that University must be built this fall, and the bike and I can't do it all.

PEARL W. GEER.

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