

To Raise Five Thousand Dollars for the University.

- Secularists,
- 19 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, } ... 50
 - 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
 - Julus Fisher... 50
- provided that

81 more men (or women) will give the same amount. Where are the eighty-one?

NEWS AND NOTES.

We are indebted to Mrs. Blair for a generous donation of brick.

The wild strawberries of the Waldo Hills can't be beaten.

Don't forget the Library. Send a good book and become a member.

Help us pay for the lumber now, so we can go on with the building.

The teams haul six loads of rock each per day. The basement will soon be completed.

Some of us can't understand why it rains nearly every time the Infidels go strawberrying.

The city of Silverton was filled with people on decoration day. The exercises and music were excellent.

The prune trees on the University grounds are, in common with all fruit trees around Silverton, loaded this year.

The lumber begins to come, and the stone work will soon be done. Now, if we can pay for the lumber the building will go right up.

We don't pray, but we receive food. "The good and perfect gift" of a side of bacon is one of the latest, and H. E. Klein is the donor.

The first load of lumber for the Liberal University building was hauled last Saturday. Mr. H. E. Klein has the honor of hauling the first load.

Mr. T. D. Allen kindly assisted us in finishing the well at the dining hall. The well is now completed, and the new pump "acts well its part".

Mr. James Down, a well known Secularist of this place, died of heart failure last Saturday. The remains were interred in the Miller Cemetery, Monday at 2:30 p. m., in the presence of the largest number

of people that ever congregated at this popular burying ground. An obituary will appear in our next issue.

The party of young people who visited us in our new home last Saturday evening, was a very enjoyable affair. Come again.

Make arrangements as soon as you can to move to Silverton. A more productive, healthier, happier place cannot be found. Come and be one to help build up a Secular Home.

Again we cut down expenses by suspending publication of the Little Candle. The unexpired subscriptions will be filled by the Little Freethinker, published by H. G. Green, of Chicago.

Mr. J. A. Tufts, of Oswego, Oregon, made us a very pleasant call last week. He and his family hope to make Silverton their home before another year, so as to have the benefit of the Liberal University.

The Catholics are building a monastery near Silverton. They have the advantage of us, so far as money is concerned, but their doctrines are old and imbecile, while ours are vigorous and progressive. They are losing; we are gaining.

Instead of learning to steal away from school in order to have a good time, as the students do in pious institutions, the students of the Liberal University will have a good time right in the school, and the teachers will enjoy helping them to learn to so mix work and beneficial play as to get the most happiness out of life.

One school of this state gets \$45,000 every year from the United States government and \$2,500 from the state. If each Freethinker in the United States would give five cents for the support of the Liberal University, we would have a very much larger sum and could build a school that would be the wonder of the world. Have you paid in your nickel?

How foolish it sounds for one who claims to be free from such things to talk about God and comrades meeting in heaven, and the victims of the Maine disaster being ushered into the presence of their maker without time to utter a feeble prayer; and yet such were the words of one of the speakers on memorial day in Silverton. Why not leave that nonsense out, brother?

Lumber Fund.

To raise \$1000 immediately,	
J. H. Morris has paid.....	\$ 1.00
Geo. Riches ".....	1.00
Drake & Webb ".....	.50
B. A. Leonard ".....	1.00
J. Wolf ".....	1.00
L. J. Adams ".....	1.00
Jerry Desart ".....	.50
P. C. Mosier ".....	50.00
Peter Rauch ".....	50.00
Mrs. R. A. Bell ".....	5.00
Clare G. Stoll ".....	.50
O. T. Glenn ".....	5.00

CORRESPONDENCE.

So It Grows.

EDITOR TORCH OF REASON: Enclosed please find money order for six dollars, one for subscription to the Torch and five for the University fund.

O. T. GLENN. Cincinnati, Ohio.

Pleased With the Torch.

EDITOR TORCH OF REASON: I thought I would write to you and tell you that we are more than pleased with your paper, the Torch of Reason. I am at present staying with a lady who is very pious—that is, on six days she believes in cheating her fellow Christians and on the seventh acting holy. As it seems to be a great comfort to her to have the sins of each week forgiven each Sunday, I have no objections whatever to her so doing. But here is the point to which I object: She insists that on Sunday we must have a private prayer meeting. So for two hours, sometimes more, but never less, we read in the book which some people are foolish enough to think is inspired. Now you know as a school teacher, I cannot object very much to such proceedings, or these Christians, who have such "brotherly love" for everyone(?), would refuse to let me teach their schools.

I am glad we can boast of a Liberal University in the United States, even if it is as far off as Oregon.

I would like to have your views on our being guarded by a special providence. I have had several disputes with another school teacher on this point, he affirming that when a person dies it is caused by an "all-wise god", and I claiming that it is due to natural causes.

I wish the Torch of Reason and the Liberal University great success, M. H.

LITTLE POINTS.

Don't be a croaker; be a worker.

The man who composed Over the Wave Waltz did more for the world than he who said, "Thou shalt not suffer a witch to live."

The place to poison the whole stream is at its fountain-head, when it first gushes forth from the mountain side. Childhood, the fountain-head of life, is often poisoned by superstition, and the whole life ruined.

Secular parents have been too careless in regard to their children's education. True Secularists are doing very wrong to send their children to a school to be poisoned with superstition. It ruins many and injures all.

Information Bureau

IS THERE ANYTHING YOU WANT? If so, make your wants known to us, and we will try and supply them. If what we do for you is worth nothing to you, we will expect no pay. Cast your eye over the list, and then write to us. Read our ad. on page 6. Address, INFORMATION BUREAU, Box 100. SILVERTON, ORE.

School Teacher.—A young lady, who is a thorough Secularist, would like employment in a public school. She holds a third-grade certificate and can give good references.

School Teacher.—A gentleman with thirty years' experience in the school room, who holds a state teacher's certificate, would like employment as teacher. Can teach vocal and instrumental music.

Care of Children.—A girl of 19, steady and quiet, Secularist, wants situation as care-taker and teacher of children. Is competent, can teach rudiments of music and plays the organ. References given and required.

Secularists Wanted.—Secularists who are thoroughly interested in the cause are wanted to help build up a Secular community near Silverton, Oregon. It is thought best that each member of the community own a little home of his or her own, which can VERY EASILY be obtained. Write to us.

Real Estate for Sale.—80 acres, house and barn, good orchard, all fenced, 8 miles from Silverton, near school, 35 acres improved, on main road. Price \$800.

Twenty acres; 15 acres improved, all fenced, good spring, 1 1/2 miles from Silverton. Price \$700.

One hundred and sixty acres; 12 acres cleared, 4 miles from Silverton. Price \$300.

Help Wanted.—A lady in Eastern Oregon writes to the Information Bureau as follows: "I want a woman who is able to work; a good cook, and a nice housekeeper. We live on a farm and have no children at home. We have work hands in the spring and through hay harvest. The woman (or girl) we employ must be agreeable and we prefer a Liberal. If we get one to suit, we would want her by the year, or as long as she wanted to stay, if it is until death parts us."

Since advertising as above the lady has taken three grandchildren to care for. She is therefore still more in need of help and will pay good wages.

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