

To Raise Five Thousand Dollars for the University.

24 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,	} 50
Friend from Waldo Hills	
H. Allen will give.	50
L. E. Fuller will give.	50
F. Wilkinson will give.	50
J. E. Brooks will give.	50
Julius Fisher.	50
Adolf Wolf & Son.	50
J. K. Buff.	50
B. A. Leonard.	50
A Freethinker.	50

provided that

76 more men (or women) will give the same amount. Where are the seventy-six?

NEWS AND NOTES.

Don't forget to help A LITTLE on the lumber fund.

Can't you add \$50 to the \$5000 fund, or SOMETHING to the lumber fund?

Don't fight for nor against men. Fight for good and against evil principles.

Our work begins to move more rapidly now. Help us to keep it moving.

We hear mysterious whisperings about having another party at the dining hall.

The masons are piling up the rock rapidly, and the basement will soon be ready.

Our teams had to stop hauling lumber for a few days, on account of a delay at the mill.

P. W. Geer started for Eastern Oregon last Monday to complete arrangements for the convention.

A crowd of jolly Secularists went to the hills after cherries last Sunday, and they were not disappointed.

While in Salem this week we had a short but very pleasant visit with an old-time friend of Secularism, Mrs. B. Forstner.

If the \$5000 fund continues to increase as it has this week, we will raise the amount in less than a year. Keep it booming.

Miss Sophia Wolf, our elocutionist and music teacher, graduated last Monday at Salem. Miss Wolf has combined native ability with thorough training. The result will be a happy one for all her friends, and she has many friends.

When the University is completed it will be the largest building in Silverton.

The members of the L. U. Company spent Monday in the capital city. They witnessed the graduating exercises in the evening.

The beautiful Mongolian pheasants are very bold, on account of the protection the law gives them. They may be seen most any day on the University grounds.

Jay Gould's daughter gave the president \$1,000,000 to help carry on the war. We wish we had that much to help establish PEACE. Wars could not exist in a Secular heaven.

Some of the Secularist fraternity fled to the mountains this week. The teamster came right back, but they had secured nineteen of the speckled beauties before he had time to get away.

No wonder Christian creeds hang to the world! Millions of dollars are given for their support where one dollar is given to the support of the truth. But "time will drive the darkest clouds away, Annie."

Obituary.

Mrs. Catharine Geer, relict of the late R. C. Geer, died at the family home in the Waldo Hills, Thursday evening, June 9, 1898, aged 79 years.

Mrs. Geer was one of the early pioneers of Oregon, having resided in the Willamette valley for 51 years. She was a tender and loving mother, and her loss will be mourned by a large circle of friends. She leaves the following children: Cal Geer, L. B. Geer, Mrs. Mary M. Starmer and Mrs. Samantha Bowers. She was an aunt of Hon. T. T. Geer, governor-elect of Oregon, a grandmother of Homer C. Davenport, the famous artist of the New York Journal, and also a grandmother of Pearl W. Geer, president of the Oregon State Secular Union and business manager of the Torch of Reason. Besides these, there are many collateral kinsmen and kinswomen to grieve because of her death.

As we bow our heads in reverence above the venerable dead, memory carries us back along the pathway of a beautiful and glorious life, full of kind words and tender deeds. Grandma Geer was a life-long Secularist, and to do good, to do more for others than she would have others do for her, was her chief work in life. She was gentle and tender as the symphonies and melodies of the music of the masters, and constant and true as the ivy that entwines the oak.

All the bursting buds, all the fair and tender flowers that are heaped upon her grave are tokens and emblems of the jeweled words and golden deeds that she scattered along the journey of a long and loving life.

LITTLE POINTS.

If things are not right, carefully help make them so.

The fact that there is no logical proof of a future life is good proof that there is none.

There is just as much proof that a devil or a witch made the earth as there is that a god made it.

If the devil is a fallen angel, might not all the angels, and even God, fall? The whole story is an old superstition.

Some day the belief in gods, devils and angels will be considered as absurd and injurious as the belief in witches and ghosts.

If there is a good god, which would he admire most in us, belief without proof, or honest doubt with the desire to do and believe just what is right?

The soldier whose literary taste leads him to take a yellow-backed novel to war, instead of the Torch of Reason, would probably want a bible soon after the first shot was fired.

Secularism is the religion of religions. It proposes to do away with creeds and unite the people in a common warfare against all evil. It is SURE to be the religion of the future. Will you give your influence to forward this good work?

Victory for Secularism.

EDITOR TORCH OF REASON:

The Trans-Mississippi and International Exposition will be open on Sunday the same as any other day, with the exceptions that it will be open only from 1 to 10 p. m., and that no intoxicants are to be sold. Friend Hosmer, this is at least a victory for the Secularists. If justice prevailed it would be open all day Sunday. I feel thankful, though, as it is. Hip—hip—

Your friend,

JOHN MCARDLE.

Omaha, June 5.

Who Lies?

Which of the following do Christians wish people to believe?

And I will take away my hand, and thou shalt see my back parts.—Ex. xxxiii. 23.

No man hath seen God at any time.—John i. 18.

And the Lord spake unto Moses face to face, as a man speaketh unto his friend.—Ex. xxxiii. 11.

Ye have neither heard his voice at any time nor seen his shape.—John. v. 37.

And the Lord called unto Adam and said unto him, Where art thou? And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and was afraid.—Gen. iii. 9-10.

And he said, thou canst not see my face; for there shall no man see me and live.—Ex. xxxiii. 20.

For I have seen God face to face,

and my life is preserved.—Gen. xxxiii. 30.

Whom no man hath seen nor can see.—1 Tim. vi. 16.

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw also the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up.—Is. vi. 1.

Then went up Moses and Aaron, Nadab and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel. And they saw the god of Israel. . . They saw God, and did eat and drink.—Ex. xxiv. 9-11.

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. Stolt	.50
O. T. Glenn	5.00

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.

A Bargain.—87 acres, 3 miles from Silverton; 25 acres cleared, 10 acres hops, 50 acres bottom land; 5-room house, good barn, hop-house; good stream of water. Almost at buyer's own price. We have only 30 days in which to sell. Write or call now.

Wanted—A buyer for a well equipped livery stable. Good horses, good buggies, good harnesses, etc. Cheap. Write to us.

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, 1½ 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.