

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. Luff.	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?



Our friend and co-worker, Miss Sophie Wolf, is at home again.

Big four-horse loads of lumber for the University are rolling in.

The rain last week stopped the stonework, but the masons are at it again.

Prof. Cooper, the blind phrenologist, will probably be at the convention.

Our University will have a fine hall for societies, entertainments, socials, etc.

Mrs. Morris, wife of Foreman Morris, is making her Portland friends a visit.

Scarcity of local news this week is due to the absence of the editor of this department.

Read the article on 4th page entitled, "Do Yo Want to Get In?" and then write us what you think about it.

We have only a short time now in which to get our building ready for the fall term. For go(o)d's sake, help us get it ready.

There will be more students and more classes next fall than we can possibly take care of, unless we can get into our new building.

The mulberry tree grows very nicely here, and some think that the silk industry would be a good one to introduce into our Secular Home.

Enlist, enlist, enlist! Why not enlist in the army that is driving a greater enemy than Spain from our fair land? Come, join our Secular Home army.

The business manager is booming our subscription list this week. He finds friends wherever he goes.

J. E. and M. P. Hosmer took the train for Portland last Saturday. They intended to remain over Sunday in the city and then proceed to the convention at Wagner.

Note and Comment.

We often hear the claim made that the education of the young ought to be in the hands of the church, in order that the spiritual and moral faculties, as well as the intellectual, may receive proper attention. But how do we find educational matters in a land where the church is the sole educator? We find an example in the Phillipine Islands. The education of the young on the islands is in the hands of the church authorities. There are no endowed schools. The children go to school only one hour per day for two days each week, and study almost nothing save church history and a few proverbs. Writing is not taught, and reading is taught only to the upper classes. The Catholic church knows that general ignorance best serves its purpose. Its only interest in education(?) is to hold in mental bondage the rising generations, so that access to their pocket-books may be easy. In countries where education has passed beyond the control of the church, its educational institutions are to some extent educational, simply because they must be, in order to secure students over whom to wield the church influence.

Dr. E. B. Foote, who is treasurer of the fund for the purpose, says in the Boston Investigator that it is the intention to unveil a bronze bust of Thomas Paine on his monument at New Rochelle on the 4th of July. The bust is the work of the Liberal sculptor, Wilson Macdonald, who is donating his artistic services. "All who have seen the bust in plaster," says Dr. Foote, "consider it a fine work, and in bronze on the monument it will be a fine substitute for the chiseled face which is crumbling away."

The supreme court of West Virginia has given a decision sanctioning the custom of reading from the bible in the public schools. This is the decision in the case the pending of which was mentioned in the last issue of the Torch. It is in harmony with the decision of the United States supreme court that this is a Christian nation, and was to be expected. The decision of the Missouri attorney-general, mentioned elsewhere, comes rather as a surprise.

The Torch of Reason . . . reproduces (with acknowledgment) several of our paragraphs on the Span-

ish-American war. We hope our far-off Western contemporary is flourishing; that is, that is has a wide circle of subscribers.—[Freethinker (London).

In return, the Freethinker is mistakenly kind. It credits to the Torch the poem, "The Devil is Dead", which was not original, but selected, and it is probably due to the printer's oversight that it was not properly credited.

J. H. M.

A school inspector, finding a class hesitating over answering the question, "With what weapon did Samson slay the Phillistines?" and wishing to prompt them, significantly tapped his cheek and asked: "What is this?" The whole class: "The jawbone of an ass."

When we die, our eyes and ears and vocal chords die also. What would a human being be without these organs? A spirit is a humbug of the priests.

The preachers should furnish some satisfactory proof that there is a god before talking too much about his son and other relatives.

As men's prayers are a disease of the will, so are their creeds a disease of the intellect.—[Emerson.

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

Secularists, would you not like to have some letter heads printed with Secular sentiment and Wettstein's Freethought badge, to use in correspondence with your friends? We will furnish them to you with your name and address printed on them for 75 cents per hundred, \$1.50 for 250, or \$2.50 for 500, post paid. Let the people know where you stand.

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A Bargain.—87 acres, 3 miles from Silvertion; 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 Silvertion, 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 Silvertion, near school, 35 acres improved, on main road. Price \$800.

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One hundred and sixty acres; 12 acres cleared, 4 miles from Silvertion. 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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