

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

<b>28</b> 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. Hjermsstad,	
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
Julius Fisher.	50
Adolf Wolf & Son.	50
J. K. Buff.	50
B. A. Leonard.	50
A Freethinker.	50
Warren Carsner will give.	50
J. L. Barnhouse will give.	50
John Madden will pay.	50
Alex. Hardie will pay.	50
provided that	

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



The Unitarians of Salem are very much interested in our educational institution.

A Unitarian lady, of Salem, Ore., donated fifteen fine volumes to our library this week.

I. Myers, of Portland, put "Other Worlds than Ours", by Proctor, in the University library.

With this issue our paper resumes its weekly publication. Help us keep our Torch trimmed and burning.

We have engaged the services of Mrs. J. H. Morris, who will assist her husband in our printing department.

The story is afloat that our school will not run this winter. Don't be deceived. The Liberal University will hold its regular sessions every year.

The University will again open its doors to the world October 3d. Students of all ages, sects and grades will be heartily welcomed and given our most careful attention.

Some people are "trying to carry water on both shoulders". Don't try it, friends. You will slip up, sooner or later, and many times when you think you are fooling the people, all excepting the fools know just what you are—a two-faced hypocrite.

We wish that all of our Liberal friends who find it convenient

would visit us. We feel sure that many would be pleased with our little city and its pleasant, sociable inhabitants and make up their minds to remain with us and help build up Secular Home.

### A New Declaration of Independence.

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for it keeps us in ignorance and it keeps us from uniting in destroying evil—in building up better conditions here on this earth.

In 1776 brave men like George Washington, Thomas Paine, Adams, Jefferson, Hamilton and Franklin, talked over the oppression of the colonies, and then they did something besides talk. Thought and talk without doing something is not of much account. What of a soldier who talks very bravely, but who runs at the first fire?

Let us do something practical—let us do it before we die. Let us sign a new Declaration of Independence today and prepare plans of action. The brave men who signed the Declaration of Independence in 1776 pledged their lives, their fortunes and their sacred honor. Shall we Secularists do this today? Shall we support in every way possible this uprising against this giant foe? We have already started to build a fort in the name of Liberty. It is called the Liberal University. A better place than the state of Oregon cannot be found. We wish to build this West Point of Secularism where young men and women can go into training for the coming struggle.

It is not only necessary that the youth of our land be kept FREE FROM SUPERSTITION; they must be EDUCATED free from superstition, or they will fall into other errors and be captured by the enemy. Do you fully understand what success means? It means the brotherhood of mankind—it means the doing away with poverty, misery, crime and insanity. It means for millions the end of slavish fear—of horrid dreams of hellish, eternal fires. It means a fuller freedom, a more bounteous liberty than the world has yet enjoyed. Ah, who can tell the full meaning of such a great victory for truth?

As has been said before, these are great times. The great ocean of life is bearing on its bosom vessels that were never seen in any other age. From the world of thought comes the world of action, and mental liberty has made a wonderful gain. We are advancing. Everything touching human life is being turned wrong side out and must be examined. The great question for every one to ask himself and for each to ask the other is: What are we doing? What good shall we accomplish before we pass beyond the horizon of life's great ocean? Shall we, like the Tories in

early times, assist the enemy by inaction, or shall we be true soldiers of our highest, our noblest convictions? We are now rocked on the billows of the great ocean of life. We are surrounded by all kinds of crafts. There are friends of humanity and there are pirates. Conquer the tyrant whose best cards are ignorance, ancient creeds and narrow dogmas, so that all true friends of human progress can once unite, and we'll drive every pirate from the great sea. As I look into the depths of this great ocean of life I see those who have gone to rest in its bosom. There are those who fought for liberty in the old days. There are those poor victims of witchcraft and their misguided executioners; there are the victims of the inquisition and their bloody persecutors; there is Bruno and Voltaire and Paine and Jefferson; there are the brave boys who fell that we might be free from British tyranny; there are the boys in blue and the boys in grey, and as we near the surface there are those who have just taken their place beside them—the brave sailor boys who went down with the battleship Maine, and close beside them lie the brave men and women of Cuba who have died to save their little island home from the tyrants of kingcraft and priestcraft. We are still on the surface, but if we value the good that may come to long, long ages of human beings yet unborn and the happy thought that our life has been in harmony with the great philanthropists, the great philosophers of life and the great lovers of liberty of all ages, we should work while it is yet day, for, as an old book says, the night cometh, when no man can work. Yes, beneath us are the heroes of the past, and the great ocean of life is bearing us on its bosom—on and on, and every one of us is either hastening or hindering the great day when all men, from the crowded lands of heathen China to our own beautiful, golden land of the setting sun, will have learned the great lesson of love, the great lesson of justice, and the great lesson of universal mental liberty.

### Abroad.

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Carsner home and spent the next day visiting friends. I took dinner at T. R. Smith's and then pushed the bicycle over the steep mountain to Carl Wagner's where I had a fine visit and a general good time, not leaving until late next morning. Calling at the home of Wm. Collins, and taking dinner at W. H. Gates', we took leave of Haystack valley and started over the "Balogna" hills for Joseph Putnam's home on the John Day river, where "Bike" and I are at present, somewhat weary from our trip. Eastern Oregon could hardly be called a

mountainous country, as it is a high table land traversed by ravines, gulches and canyons, which have cut it up in peculiar shapes. I would call it a hol(e)ly land. If the holes were filled up traveling would be easier.

Wm. Crabtree, wife and family are here, and I would like to spend many days in their company, but I must journey on. A few hours will perhaps find me in Long Creek, where I understand Kate DePeatt is to lecture this evening. Eastern Oregon is being rapidly Secularized this summer, and by the time we lecturers get through let us hope much good will be accomplished.

PEARL W. GEER.

## 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.

**For Sale.**—A fine little house in Silverton, with one acre of land, for only \$285. "First come, first served."

**For Sale or Trade.**—A farm, about 30 miles south of The Dalles, 320 acres, in good school district of about 100 scholars; county road crossing Cascade mountains, daily mail, short distance to saw-mill and flouring mill, two stores, blacksmith shop, free wood and an unlimited mountain range; box house 16x22 with kitchen and woodshed added, good brick fireplace, both up and downstairs ceiled with matched lumber; post barn 20x32; 3 miles of good fence, 120 acres in cultivation, about 50 more ready for plow. The owner holds deed from government. Price \$2000. Would trade for a place in Silverton of equal or less value. The price of the place is based on its money-making capacity, and it is now paying a good income. We will investigate any offer made.

**For Sale.**—A fine little home in Silverton— $\frac{1}{2}$ -acre; apples, prunes, raspberries, cherries, pears; neat little house, painted and papered; good sidewalk. Price, \$450.

**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 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,  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles from Silverton. Price \$700.

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