

To Raise Five Thousand Dollars for the University.

29	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
	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
	E. Stewart will give.	50
	provided that	

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



Boom the Torch.

The dining hall is being treated to a coat of paint.

Notice that the lumber fund takes a \$50 jump this week.

Some of the Secular ladies are learning to swim. We believe in that kind of baptism.

The editor and Prof. Mason are helping in the sawmill a few days, in order to get the lumber in time.

For the love of God don't wait—that is, don't wait for the love of God—but help build the University now.

Mr. L. Ames and family started for Soda Springs last Saturday, where they intend to camp for about two weeks.

We have so far fully paid for all work and material that has gone into the University. Let us proceed and we will succeed.

Mr. Samuel Ames and family returned last week from their pleasure-trip to the coast. They report a good time, but found it a little too cool for bathing.

We are in receipt of a bright little pamphlet entitled, "Holy Smoke in the Holy Land," by Daniel K. Tenney, of Wisconsin. In this work he presents to the intelligent reader for his verdict the principal evidences afforded by the Holy Land of three theological systems, the Jewish, the Christian and the

Mohammetan. The pamphlet is published by H. G. Green, 213 E. Indiana street, Chicago, Ill., and can be had for ten cents.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Klein, Mr. and Mrs. Morris, Mrs. Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. Page, and Mr. and Mrs. Mason were guests at the dining hall last Sunday.

A young man, 18 years old, wants to attend the University, but he is obliged to pay his way by working outside of school hours. Help us to find him the work.

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.

Abroad.

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farm, and as I used to make cheese myself, we had an interesting conversation. They promised to be at the lecture, and I next called on friend O. P. Platter, the one man in the valley who took the Torch of Reason. What a jolly time we did have! They have entertained Secular preachers before, and the chickens die rapidly on such occasions: The bookcase in the corner is piled with Freethought literature and on the wall hang Heston's cartoons, along with portraits of noted Freethinkers. The old folks live alone, but they promised to be at the lecture and bring a wagonload with them. I had canvassed the valley, and returned to the schoolhouse. The ladies were already there waiting for the crowd. Kate was suffering with a toothache, and Jane looked blue. I came with a shout and told them to cheer up, that there would be a big crowd out in spite of harvest. What I said was soon verified, for wagons were heard coming from different directions and people on foot and on horseback began to arrive. Soon the house was filled. The people in Fox valley are good to turn out when once aroused. We had a good meeting, and the old saying, "A bad beginning makes a good ending," seemed to hold true in this case. Mr. C. V. Sweek was present from Hamilton and joined the Union. Mr. Platter renewed his subscription, and Mr. Justice, Mr. Short and Mr. Stausell subscribed for the Torch. Secularism flourished in Fox for once.

The next on the program was a ride—and such a ride! We loaded Mr. Platter's wagon full. I was going to ride the bike, but they persuaded me to get into the wagon and Stausell and I held the bike on our laps. Mr. Platter only hit the high places, but they seemed to come pretty often, and we just bounced. I stopped at Ssausell's for the night, and Mr. and Mrs. Platter and the DePeatt girls went on.

Next day was spent visiting newly made friends over the valley and securing subscribers for the Torch of Reason and donations for the University. I assisted Mrs. Stausell at cheese-making for awhile and tried to show her what I know about it. I hope it did not result in spoiling the cheese. That night I staid at Platter's and had a jolly good time. The next morning I bade goodby to friends and started on the bike over the mountains to Dayville, on the main fork of the John Day river. The distance is 30 miles, and by walking and riding I reached the home of Mr. Stewart, president of the O. S. S. U., at 2 o'clock. Mr. Stewart was not at home, so I called on Mr. Snyder and family, and found them all well. The girls were at the convention at Wagner, and arrived home safely. I also found Mr. Glaze, who informed me that Kate DePeatt was billed to lecture that night, and as it was impossible for her to get here from Fox, he thought I had better fill the date, as the crowd would be here anyway. I was tired, but gave my consent and gave them the best I could on the subject of prayer. The schoolhouse was filled and some had to stand. After the lecture the crowd adjourned to a hall near by and spent a few hours dancing. The Dayville Secularists are wide awake and a Secular lecture is always well attended.

I am now at the home of E. Stewart, the man we elected president of the Oregon State Secular Union at the convention, and though he is a man of a vast amount of business, I am sure he will give entire satisfaction in the office he now holds, and the Union will succeed the coming year. We are to have a Board meeting tomorrow and I will stay for that, after which I will go to Harney county and on East. Mr. Snyder made a donation to the University, and we are sure to get a great deal of help from our Dayville friends.

PEARL W. GEER.

Lumber Fund.

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E. Stewart..... 50.00
R. L. Olliver..... 5.00

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