

To Raise Five Thousand Dollars for the University.

Table listing donors and amounts for the University fund, including names like P. C. Mosier, Lou Ames, and Harry Fricker.

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



Again the air is full of talk about hops and a hop.

Those wishing to work on the University building should apply at once.

Students who expect to attend the University should make every effort to be here Oct. 3rd.

Master Chas. Page is working on the University, and Louis Rauch is hauling lumber for the same.

Students should bring all their school books, as they can use them for reference and exchange if they wish to do so.

The sound of hammer and saw coming from the University ground makes pleasant music to our ears and gives us new courage.

As our paper goes to press the timbers are being put in place on the foundation of the only Free-thought University in the world.

The young people are already beginning to enquire about how long it will be before the carpenters will begin to lay the FLOOR of the University. We wonder why?

A number of Secularists have concluded that Col. Ingersoll would certainly help us in our work if his attention could be called to it, and therefore SEPTEMBER 1ST has been appointed as the date for all to write him a letter asking him to give us the proceeds of one lecture. Let old and young, rich

and poor, write a friendly letter to this friend of humanity. Remember the date, Sept. 1st., and his address, 220 Madison Ave., New York, N. Y.

It is strange what good crops the Infidels in this section of the country are "blessed" with this year. An abundance of grain! Bushels and bushels of delicious fruit! Hops! Hops! Hops!

Miss Ada Page is cooking for the carpenters at the University. She has to get around pretty lively to keep our men from clearing the table and then exacting the penalty that the cook is said to be obliged to pay on such occasions.

We need money to get our new building on its feet. If you cannot help with money, may be you can furnish work or material or food to help strengthen our carpenters, or, if you have none of the above to spare, clap your hands and shout "Hurrah!" for us.

The god of the Christians expects one tenth of their goods as his share. We recognize no such master to dictate to us, but if we wish to keep what freedom we have, gain more, and set others free, we must help to support institutions teaching our ideas.

While you are wasting your time speculating about a "perfect land" in the "sweet by and by", wouldn't it be more profitable to devote your spare moments to destroying some of the thistles and other noxious weeds that are going to seed and threatening to mar this might-be perfect land?

Woodworkers, don't forget to send an order for a set of the Forstner Auger Bits. Price \$2.60, by mail. See ad.

OBITUARY.

Frank X. Dolan.

Frank X. Dolan died at a hospital in Portland, Aug. 9, 1898, aged 37 years.

Mr. Dolan was a Silverton boy. He had been engaged for some years prior to his illness, in the telegraphy business, but for about two years he has been a great sufferer. It is fortunate that but few people can realize from actual experience what he has endured.

The remains were sent to this City, Thursday where many friends and loved ones waited to pay their last respects to the departed. The funeral services were conducted by the W. O. W and I. O. O. F. lodges, he being a member of both orders.

His father and mother are living and he leaves a wife and four children to mourn his loss.

Lawrence Van Vaulkenburg.

The funeral services of Lawrence Van Vaulkenburg, another Silverton boy, who left this city not long

since in response to his country's call, was conducted at the Methodist church last Sunday.

Lawrence will long live in the hearts of his loved ones and will be counted in history among the fallen heroes of America.

The Torch extends its sympathy to the bereaved relatives of both Mr. Dolan and Mr. Van Vaulkenburg.

Dying, they can never die! To the dust their dust we give; In our thoughts their thoughts shall live; Moving, guiding, working aye.



Could Adam and Eve read and write?

Is God just as young as he was when he made the world?

In what language did God talk when he scolded his first children?

How long can Jesus sit at God's right hand without getting tired?

Who can tell how much of the bible is figurative? Perhaps the character known as God is symbolic.

When the devil meets one of the angels it would be appropriate for him to sing, "Should old acquaintance be forgot?" The devil is a fallen angel, you know.

Some people say that everything has a maker, and who made the sun, and stars, and flowers, if there is no God? The same argument would hold good then in regard to God's age. Every thing grows old and at last dies or decays, therefore God is getting old and will sometime die. Perhaps it would be as well, for they say he is a jealous God and quite vindictive.

Interesting Historic Question.

EDITOR TORCH OF REASON:

Did the sultan of Turkey, on the occasion of his recent victories over the Greeks, issue a proclamation ordering his subjects to give thanks to Allah that they had been called upon by him to kill and wound so many human beings? Or was he a wiser man, recognizing the fact that the strength of greater numbers, greater knowledge and use of "Scientific truths which give mastery over the world", were the real source of his great success, and that Allah had nothing to do with it?

M. M. T.

If you care for what becomes of the world, do something to care for it.

Lumber Fund.

Table listing donors and amounts for the Lumber Fund, including names like Benjamin Duval, J. Henry Schroeder, and J. H. Fisk.

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.

Who Wishes to Invest?—104 acres of as good bottom land as there is in the state of Washington. Was offered \$10,000 for naked land 12 years ago. Sixteen cows, 9 heifers, 3 horses, wagon, harnesses, plows, harrows, dairy and utensils, 9 hogs, 6 pigs, 60 to 65 tons hay, hay bailer, good boat, tide water at door, 2 houses, 2 barns, spring water at both houses, berries of all kinds. Owner has milked 35 cows and kept 21 head of young stock, cutting plenty of hay from this excellent dairy and stock ranch, which he now offers, with all stock, produce and improvements, for \$5500. Write to the Information Bureau at once.

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—1/2-acre; apples, prunes, raspberries, cherries, pears; neat little house, painted and papered; good sidewalk. Price, \$450.

Wanted.—A buyer for a well equipped lively 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 teacher's state 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.