

To Raise Five Thousand Dollars for the University.

30 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
Mrs. E. J. Smith will give.	50
Cal Geer will give.	50

provided that

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

NEWS AND NOTES.

Send for a Liberal University Announcement.

Write for our terms to agents for the Forstner Auger bit.

Let every true Secularist stand firm at his post and we will soon see splendid results from our labors.

How do you like the looks of the dining hall with its new coat of white and green and its new chimney?

Get up a club for the Torch of Reason in your vicinity. It will pay you. Write and get our terms to agents.

Before we go to press, we find that the long looked for studding are nearly all sawed and will probably be on the ground this week.

The Torch of Reason family has raised \$1.80 for shingles in response to our call a short time ago. Who is there that has not sent the \$.25? It is not too late to do so now.

Mr. Cline of Mt. Angel treated us to a box of the largest, most delicious peaches we ever had the pleasure of testing. Don't tell us that peaches cannot be raised in this section of the country.

Our beloved Pearl, the business manager, arrived safe and sound Monday evening, having traveled seventy-six miles that day. In spite of his long trip he is well, smiling, and happy, and ready for the business that awaits him here.

We were shocked to hear of the sudden death of Mrs. Ella Carsner of Wagner, Oregon. We met her for the first time at the O. S. S. U. Convention this summer, and, although our acquaintance was of short duration, we had learned to love and esteem her very highly.

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

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

A. O., Dell, Ore.—P. O. order for \$1 received and your name placed in the big book. Thanks.

W. C., Wagner, Ore.—The \$1.50 received. We had not heard of your loss. See notice elsewhere.

M. R., Fossil, Ore.—P. O. money order received and placed to your credit. Heard you were sick. Hope you are all right again.

J. M. Berry.—Your kind letter received, also your share of the Torch of Reason roof. Many thanks for your assistance.

D. P., Newberg, Ore.—Cash received. Thanks. If you get too tired to tell the truth, you must be a little like your name without the last "e".

O. C. L., Fouke, Ark.—Papers sent. Please do not be sorry. It was the best thing that could have happened. Papers with account of Con. all gone.

J. P. McC., Riverside, Ia.—The dollar placed to your credit. Try to get able and do your best. Angels can do no better. We will make it win.

A. R. T., Soldiers Home, Ohio.—Thanks for literary contribution and good wishes. We didn't quite understand the last part of your letter. Please write again.

G. E. M., Riddles, Ore.—Address changed. Hope you will get here, but advise you to work there at present if you can get fair wages. There is plenty of work here now, but will be a little dull during the winter probably.

J. A. C., Jackson, Tenn.—The money received and Forstner bit sent by mail. The bit may need sharpening. Hope it is the right size, but am told that there is more than one size of Yale lock. Any questions gladly answered or corrections made.

Lumber Fund.

To raise \$1000 immediately:

Previously acknowledged.	\$401.95
R. C. Burtis.	50.00
W. L. Marsden.	10.00
J. C. Welcome.	2.50
H. M. Horton.	1.00
A. A. Brown.	5.00

Are you acquainted with the merits of the Forstner auger bit?

OBITUARY.

Mrs. Ella Carsner,

Mrs. Ella Carsner, the beloved wife of Robert Carsner, died very suddenly at her home in Wagner, Oregon, Aug. 5, 1898.

Her death was caused, it is supposed, by heart failure and, coming without warning, proved a cruel blow to the bereaved relatives and friends.

Mrs. Carner was the daughter of James and Lizzie Robinson, of Canyon City, and had been married to Mr. Carsner only about four months.

Her life was short, she was only 22 years old, but she lived long enough to leave sweet memories that will have their influence for good through all time. In her death we lose an energetic worker for the cause of liberty from the ranks of the O. S. S. U.

As fellow workers for a noble cause, as friends, as brothers and sisters, as mourners, the Torch extends its heartfelt sympathy to the sorrowing relatives.

"O who could think that death would take The pearl beyond all price, Whose gift it was to make of earth A glorious paradise?"

"But gracious memories come fast, Of word and smile so sweet, That made the day and hour with joy And happiness complete.

"We miss a presence fair and sweet, At morn, at noon, at night; We see life's promise fade away Too soon in chilling blight.

"But pain can never rack her form, Nor sorrow bend it low; The grief that crushes life and strength, Her heart can never know."

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Cross.

EDITOR TORCH OF REASON:

I see by the last arrival of the Torch of Reason that we have again slumped into the rut of the "deluded faithful", at least our paper has been allowed to bear the cross; but, alas! I find it is not symbolical of the Lowly Jesus. It is only the everyday cross, rather than the one belonging to the Nazarene.

Enclosed find P. O. order for \$1. Yours for Reason, Right and Justice.

G. H. BAILEY.

Those Shingles.

EIDTOR FORCH OF REASON:

I see in the last issue of the Torch that you want money to buy shingles for the roof of the University building. Now I am poor and have to pelt wood for a living but I feel as though I ought to do something for what I consider the greatest institution in the State if not in the world. cousequently you will find enclosed in this letter 25 cents

which will perhaps cover enough for me to stand under, as I am not very large, in case I should ever happen to get inside of the building.

JOSEPH RICH.

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 190. SILVERTON, ORE.

20 Men Wanted.—If you are a Secularist and have \$500 to invest it will pay you to write to the Information Bureau. In writing state your age, family if any, occupation and views in regard to religion. 12

Agents.—Agents wanted to sell the Forstner Auger Bit. Money can be made. Send 60c for sample, or \$2.60 for full set packed in neat box. 13

80 acres.—About four miles from Silverton; small, unfinished house; about 5 acres cleared; \$600. Better see it. 11

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. 1

For Sale.—A fine little house in Silverton, with one acre of land, for only \$285. "First come, first served." 4

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. 2

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. 3

Wanted.—A buyer for a well equipped livery stable. Good horses, good buggies, good harnesses, etc. Cheap. Write to us. 8

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. 9

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. 10

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. 5

Twenty acres; 15 acres improved, all fenced, good spring, 1 1/2 miles from Silverton. Price \$700. 6

One hundred and sixty acres; 12 acres cleared, 4 miles from Silverton. Price \$300. 7