

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, 50
- 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

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

NEWS AND NOTES.

The rustic and finishing lumber is being planed at the mill and we need more teams to haul it.

We have received 18,000 feet of lumber for the University building since the last issue of the Torch.

Six teachers have been engaged for the year's work in the University. More will be added when necessary.

A force of carpenters is at work on the University building, which will be made ready for school as soon as possible.

Prof. Mason of the Liberal University is on a business and pleasure trip to the sea coast before taking up his work for the winter.

Our friend F. H. Shaw of Portland has been employed to relieve our printer for a few weeks, while he takes a much needed outing.

A reception at Liberal Hall Oct. 3, is being arranged for in honor of the new students of the Liberal University. A splendid time is anticipated.

W. M. Richards of Albany, Oregon, called for a short visit Monday evening and is well pleased with the progress we are making with the University.

The Truth Seeker celebrated its 25th birthday with a quarter-century number. We wish it the success in the future that it has enjoyed in the past.

Miss Wolf, professor of elocution and music, will be ready to begin her work Oct. 3rd. All intending to study either of these branches should notify us at once in order that all arrangements can be made.

We are very sorry to hear of the death of Miss Frankie Snyder of Dayville, Oregon. She was a bright, intelligent young lady, a thorough Secularist and a member of the O. S. S. U. She expected to attend the Liberal University this year.

The "Torch of Reason" roof for the Liberal University seems to be a popular movement and we are glad to see our subscribers responding. It will only take a little from each one to raise the amount. To date, \$3.55 has been received for that purpose.

We have concluded not to wait till everything is just right to start our industrial department, but will start at once. Every graduate from the preparatory department may select a trade and begin to learn it at once. Louie Ranch, who graduated last June has selected his trade, and at the end of the three year's course will have beside his theoretical knowledge from books, the splendid trade of a machinist.

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

CORRESPONDENCE.

Almost Anonymous.

EDITOR TORCH OF REASON:

If it is but for each to give his mite to help along the shingle cause, as per Joseph Rich of the issue of the 8th inst., I will send mine. Enclosed find fifty cents towards the fund.

A FRIEND.

Portland, Ore.

The Honor of Helping.

EDITOR TORCH OF REASON:

In your call for 25 cent contributions to help shingle that roof, I notice that our Liberal friends are not coming to the front as they should in such a noble cause. Enclosed is 25 cents as my mite. I regret that I can't make it a great deal more, for I would rather have the honor of helping shingle that roof than to have the Privilege of playing a harp in the New Jerusalem. Wishing you success in your work.

G. E. MOULTON.

Riddles, Ore.

Those Shingles Again.

EDITOR TORCH OF REASON:

I hasten to renew my subscription to the Torch. I could not think of doing without the journal so long as I could shake up the dollar, but I can tell you that dollars have grown to an alarming size lately,

due probably to their scarcity.

How are you getting along with the University building? Should there be a hole in the roof, put on a few shingles at my expense. I have an ambition to be represented in the building.

I suppose you have read of the slaughter of the 15,000 dervishes who were fighting for their country and homes. If this is the means of introducing civilization and Christianity among these people, I want none of these methods. I and many here consider this a disgrace and a blot upon the 19th century civilization. Better and more humane means should have been adopted.

J. JOHNSTON.

British Columbia.

A Splendid Example.

I some time ago made a conditional subscription to the amount of \$50.00 for the purpose of raising \$5000 to aid in the building of the University. It seems slow work, the fulfilling of the conditions, and presuming that the money will be as useful to your institution now as at any time, I herewith enclose draft on New York for \$50.00, the amount of my subscription, with the request that my subscription be cancelled therewith.

I don't know as you will be able to raise the full amount of \$5000 in my time, as I am nearly 75 years old now, but it seems to me there is no one thing that liberal minded people can better contribute to the establishment and support of than educational institutions of this kind in furtherance of Freethought ideas. I often wonder why professed Freethinkers seem so backward in assisting to establish more opportunities for educating the rising generations free from the superstitious theological absurdities now prevailing in most of our colleges.

R. C. BURTIS.

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
J. H. Randall	.50
May Coates	.50
Carrie Anderson	.50

The Vicar of Gorleston is at loggerheads with his congregation. In a recent sermon he said that he believed in a future life for animals, and that he would far rather meet them in heaven than many human beings of his acquaintance. Thereupon most of the congregation got up and left the church. They seem to have felt that the cap fitted; or perhaps they thought, like the majority of Christians, that an exclusive heaven is the only one worth having.

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

Remember if you send us the names and addresses of 25 of your Liberal friends and acquaintances, we will make you a present of a copy of the Torch of Reason Song Book No. 1. This will only cost you a few minutes' work and a 2 cent stamp.

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.

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 sawmill 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. 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