

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	
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.	
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.

The Liberal University begins its work for the year next Monday, October 3.

Remember the entertainment at Liberal Hall Monday evening. It is free for all.

The dining hall is about completed and the force of carpenters will soon begin work on the University building.

Those desiring to attend the Liberal University should report at the school building at 9 o'clock Monday morning, October 3.

The last we heard of our editor he was at the Grand Ronde Indian reservation. We hope they will not keep him there, for we need him here.

Mrs. Bennett and her son have arrived, and the lady has been installed as housekeeper at the dining hall. The young man expects to complete his education at our school.

A splendid programme is being arranged for Monday evening at Liberal Hall. After the program a general good time will be had playing games and visiting. All are welcome.

If our job work department continues to receive work at the rate it has come in the past week we will have to employ another printer. That is what we want. Send in your work; we can do it for you and do it neatly, too.

Remember that you are invited to be at Liberal Hall next Monday evening.

With the State Fair at Salem, the "Mechanics' Fair" at Portland and the "World's Fair" at Marquam, everything seems to be fair in Oregon but the weather, and it is fair in streaks.

C. E. Glaze and James Officer presented the University with a span of horses last week. They came in good play and are hard at work. Horses, cattle and other live stock will be received on donation and can be used to advantage in our work.

The shingle fund took a great jump this week. It now amounts to \$14.80. Five times this amount will buy the shingles necessary to put the Torch of Reason roof on the Liberal University. All this can be raised by each subscriber sending in his mite. Have you sent yours?

We were mistaken in our editorial in saying that everything went off smoothly last Sunday so far as the Sunday law is concerned. One man has been arrested for carrying on business on that fatal day, and has plead not guilty. A tussle is imminent. We will report particulars next week.

Mr. Oscar Steelhammer, a young man from Silverton and a brother of our highly esteemed student Louie, is employed as a musician in Parsons' famous band at the State Fair. Silverton turns out some splendid musicians, and there is no better band in the state than the "Silverton Marine."

The five thousand dollar fund does not grow any of late. Now that harvest is over, don't you feel that you can contribute fifty dollars to this worthy cause? Of the thirty who have already promised, fourteen have paid in advance. The others will pay as soon as the remaining seventy are secured.

Before the next issue of the Torch of Reason, the Liberal University will have entered upon its third year's work. We will be in our own buildings, on our own land, and everything will be more convenient than ever before, although we will be in far better shape when our school building is ready for occupancy.

The Congregationalist is authority for this story: An English Church clergyman had prepared an elaborate program for the Easter service, containing the hymn in which occurs the line, "Jesus reigns and heaven rejoices." Imagine his horror when, on taking up a copy in church and conning it over, he found that the printer had murdered this line by inserting an extra "s," thusly: "Jesus resigns and heaven rejoices."

CORRESPONDENCE.

An Old Soldier.

EDITOR TORCH OF REASON:

I send you one dollar to appropriate to the University where it will do the most good. I wish I could do more, but am crippled and am getting old, and it takes so much for medicine that it keeps me pretty short of finance.

Yours with respect,

J. C. SMITH.

According to Promise.

EDITOR TORCH OF REASON:

Something like a year past you wrote me the Liberals of Oregon had in contemplation the building of a University at Silverton, its purpose to educate the young and teach them to not be led astray by any sky pilot, but to inform themselves on all natural conditions and decide accordingly. Nature being our highest study, if we fully understood its teachings there would be less superstition in the world.

On receiving your letter regarding the University, I said when it was a fixed fact I would subscribe ten dollars to the fund. According to promise I sent you five dollars, and I now send you the balance to keep my word good. Please apply it on the shingle fund, and while it will not keep the Oregon mist off my head, it may shelter some deserving pupil who is striving for a liberal education, whereby I shall be liberally paid.

In conclusion will say, I have been away from home for some time past. On my arrival I found the Torch of Reason with a X on, as much as to say "your time is up." As I am inclined to assist the Liberal cause as much as my ability will permit without materially injuring myself, I will continue to take the paper. Find enclosed six dollars.

Respectfully yours,

ALFRED VANDERPOEL.

The Airless Moon.

One of the methods of testing the question of the existence of a perceptible atmosphere on the moon is the observation of a star at the instant when it disappears or emerges from behind the moon. If there were a lunar atmosphere it should produce some effect on the appearance of the star. No such effect has ever certainly been observed. Recently this method has been rendered more delicate, perhaps, by the application of photography. Photographs of stars, made as they are about to disappear behind the lunar disk, show no indications of change in the intensity of the image, such as would be expected to occur if the moon had a perceptible atmosphere.

Lumber Fund.

To raise \$1000 immediately:

Previously acknowledged.	\$470.45
J. H. Randall.	.50
May Coates.	.50
Carrie Anderson.	.50
M. Kester.	10.00
Mrs. Flora A. Burtis.	15.00

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