

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.

Chas. Hinkle donated some carpenter work last week, for which we are thankful.

Ye editor and wife returned safely from their trip to the coast after a very rough journey.

'Rah! 'rah! 'rah! The Liberal University has successfully started on its third year's work.

Edwin Johnson, of Vale, Oregon, will arrive in two weeks and take up the work in our school.

Now that the dining hall is about completed, we will try and make more rapid progress on the main building.

WANTED, a girl to work for her board, in a family of two, and attend school. Inquire at Torch of Reason office.

F. H. Shaw has spent two weeks with us in the Torch of Reason office and kindly donated two days' work, which we fully appreciate.

Our friend Edwards has returned from a visit to Portland and is hard at work improving our property. We need many such men in our work.

Miss Lillian Johnson and Frank Brown took the train here yesterday for Silverton, Oregon, where they will enter the Liberal University at that place. This is a Secular institution, free from religious teachings, where children's minds are not hampered by superstition. —[Ontario News.

Lillian Johnson and Frank Brown, of Malheur county, arrived on Saturday's train and will attend the Liberal University this winter.

Our business manager, having consented to assist one of Silverton's merchants for a short time, will not go "abroad" any more for a few months.

Mrs. Town, a lady who has spent several years teaching in Dakota and Michigan, has been secured as one of the faculty of the Liberal University.

Our students James Officer and P. R. Barnhouse rendered some valuable assistance in getting our building ready for school. We are glad they arrived early.

We only received \$1.75 on the shingle fund this week. At that rate it will be some time before the roof is on, and the rainy season is close at hand. Can't we all do something?

The Silverton Sunday law is being tested in the courts and we will soon see how effective it is. The firm arrested for selling goods on Sunday was fined ten dollars and costs, but will take an appeal.

The people of Silverton begin to realize that the Liberal University amounts to something when they see strangers coming to their town on account of its educational advantages. We have barely begun, but mark the progress we have made in a short time.

The entertainment and reception for the new students given at Liberal Hall Monday evening was a decided success. It was well attended and everyone present seemed to have a splendid time. The program consisted of music by the orchestra, recitations by Miss Wolf, Miss Ames and Miss Page, a short address by J. E. Hosmer and vocal music by Miss Page and the male quartet. After the program the crowd enjoyed an hour or so at dancing and then went home, everyone satisfied with the evening's enjoyment and a purely Secular entertainment.

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

Lumber Fund.

To raise \$1000 immediately:
 Previously acknowledged \$496.95
 Dr. A. Slaman 50.00

Secularists would you not like to have some letterheads printed with Secular sentiment and Wettstein's Freethought badge, to use in correspondence with your friends? We will furnish them to you with your name and address printed on them for 75 cents per hundred, \$1.50 for 250, or \$2.50 for 500, post paid. Let the people know where you stand.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Torch and Shingles.

EDITOR TORCH OF REASON:
 Find inclosed \$1.00 for which please continue my subscription nine months and apply 25 cents to the shingle fund. Keep the Torch burning.

D. C. McMATH.

The Shingle Fund.

EDITOR TORCH OF REASON:
 Enclosed you will find \$1.25, which I want applied to the shingle fund, as I expect the Liberal University to sometime shelter my three children. If that sum will not cover space enough to keep them, call again.

I. M. DAVIS.

For the Betterment of Humanity.

EDITOR TORCH OF REASON:
 I forward you a draft for \$50.00 for the Liberal Univeristy and if in the future I think that the conditions justify it I hope to be able to do more. It is my intention to turn the product of my industry to as good an account for the betterment of humanity as I can, regardless of individual interest.

From my knowledge I have reason to believe that I am entrusting my power through faithful hands and am sorry not to see a larger number giving this noble cause financial support.

DR. A. SLAMAN.

LITTLE POINTS.

Religion is a poor substitute for common sense.

A good appetite is better than the "indwelling of the holy ghost."

One prayer to a good man is worth a million to a jealous, revengeful, imaginary god.

Many who advocate loving their enemies would do well to learn how to treat their own families.

A liberal education, and not a belief in the blood atonement of any savior, is the cure for sin.

Men are not wicked because Adam fell, but because they were not born right, or because their environment has not been right, or both.

Agnostic.—Don't know.

Infidel.—Don't believe.

Liberal.—Don't care what you believe.

Christian.—I know that my redeemer lives.

Secularist.—Let us all work to elevate humanity.

The bible is good in mathematics. One equals three, therefore any power of one equals any power of three. This accounts for the big

fish-and-bread story. One fish or one loaf can equal any number you happen to think of. This might be called inspired involution.

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

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