

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.

Two new students from Salem this week.

Our study room is used evenings as a reading room.

J. E. and M. P. Hosmer visited the capital city last Saturday.

One of our friends says that the building of the Liberal University is the greatest movement of the age.

Martin Klein has succeed in renting a house. He and his brother will "bach" and attend the University this year.

Our team is kept busy these days running the free bus to and from the University,hauling wood, plowing, etc., etc.

Some of the students and faculty enjoyed the apple-paring bee at T. D. Allen's home last Monday evening. Apples, grapes and repartee.

Those who offer excuses now for not helping in the work of educational, constructive Secularism would find excuses under any conditions.

Miss Annie Cline came under the wing of our University last Monday. Miss Cline was with us part of last year and enters into the work again with the proper spirit.

We under-tand that the Silver-ton public school has organized a literary society similar to the Y. P. S. S. C. We hope it will be, like ours, free from religion and discord.

We have received six loads of lumber for the University during the week. The lumber will soon all be on the ground, and as soon as we can pay for it we will go ahead with the building. How long will that be? Let each one answer for himself.

The shingle fund is no small item this week. It has been added to by contributors from several different states and now amounts to \$19.80. There are some states we have not heard from and we hope it will not be long before we can report enough donated to buy the shingles for the roof of the Liberal University.

The Y. P. S. S. C. met it Liberal Hall Friday evening at half past seven. The work commenced again with energy and right good will, and the coming year will witness great improvement in the members. The following officers were elected: Pres., Louis Rauch; Vice-Pres., James Officer; Sec., Lora Ames; Treas., Reber Allen; Seargent-at-arms, P. R. Barnhouse; Capts., Ada Page and Martin Klein. The business of the society occupied most of the evening. After the election of some of the officers speeches were called fora nd responded to with words of thanks ond good cheer. A few enjoyable waltzes closed the program and the members adjourned happy in the thought that again our beloved society hal met and successfully planned a campaign against the old grizzly giant Ignorance.

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

LITTLE POINTS.

The witches died nearly two hundred years ago. When will the other spooks "turn up their toes?"

If a god thinks that the murder of an innocent son can save the world from its ignorance, he needs to be saved himself.

Dante says that man is oft by vile fear assailed which so overcasts him that he recoils from noblest resolutions. Fear is one of the vile things given to the world by Christianity.

The Christian's savior came and went in less than forty years. He is supposed to have performed a few silly miracles and is now supposed to be somewhere in a heaven above the stars. But Science, the Secularist's savior, has kept coming ever since man was man, performed wonderful feats and is still on earth rapidly perfecting our race.

Lumber Fund.

To raise \$1000 immediately:

Previously acknowledged.	\$496.95
Dr. A. Slaman.	50.00
E. Stewart.	20.00
B. L. Hjermstad.	5.00

CORRESPONDENCE.

Praise for Pluck.

EDITOR TORCH OF REASON:

I trust the University is meeting with succes in its attendance. You certainly are entitled to much praise for pluck, energy and persistent enterprise in its behalf. Enclosed find \$2, which put into the shingle or any other fund where it will do the most good.

C. K. TENNEY.

Natural to be Good.

EDITOR TORCH OF REASON:

I read in the Liter ry Digest of Sept. 24, 1899, "Revision of the Catholic index of prohibited books."

Why does Rome prohibit any books at all? Is her doctrine not based upon good common sense and reason? Why does she not teach her children two things—to know the true meaning of right and wrong? Let them learn that lesson well, and I warrant you and the whole Catholic church that they may read every book prohibited and they will receive all the good (if any) in such books and simply pass the bad by. But, my dear readers, this is not the object of the Catholic church. She very well knows of her despotism; she very well knows she must keep her children in ignorance in order that her prelates may live high on the fat of the land. The church fears that these books contain a great deal of truth and may open the door to readers of good judgment to the fact that they are misled. If the church's doctrine is good and it teaches the laity to know right from wrong, all the books in the world would not affect their moral principles, except to make them better men and women. Give the Freethinking and Liberal men and women any and all books ever published in the world, and they will simply abstract the good and cast away the bad, as it is natural for man to be good.

DR. L. S. STOLL, Ex-Catholic.

Spoke Too Late.

At a recent Methodist camp meeting, says the Breeze, a pretty young widow who was out in the congregation sparring for converts, said to a solemn looking young fellow, who appeared to be in the first stage of conviction, "My dear young friend it would do my heart good to lead you to the altar." He said he would like it first rate, but he was engaged to two girls and that was as many as he could attend to.

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 Silver-ton; 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 Silver-ton, 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 Silver-ton 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 litte home in Silver-ton—½-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 Silver-ton, 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 Silver-ton, near school, 35 acres improved, on main road. Price \$800. 5

Twenty acres; 15 acres improved, all fenced, good spring, 1½ miles from Silver-ton. Price \$700. 6

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