

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
- provided that

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

NEWS AND NOTES.

Our school rooms are busy places these days.

A sidewalk to the University will soon be a fact.

See Uncle Josh at Liberal Hall Saturday night, and then dance.

Mary Dahl and Elma Smith entered the University this week.

There will be a social dance after the play Saturday evening at Liberal Hall.

Pres. Hosmer visited Portland and Vancouver last week, returning Sunday.

You should hear the Weber Dramatic Co. at Liberal Hall Friday and Saturday evenings.

Mr. Lou Ames, our patron, accompanied by his son Elvin attended the Exposition at Portland last Saturday.

Mrs. Mary Ballard of Vancouver donated a fine volume of Josephus' complete works to our library. It is an excellent gift.

Mrs. Ella Burch and family talk of moving to Silverton. Miss Agnes and her brother Clay will attend the University.

Mr A. A. Brown of Ontario, Oregon, is visiting Liberal friends in Silverton. His son is attending the Liberal University.

W. H. Gates sent in a dollar to buy nails, with the instructions to clinch them well. That is the kind of clinchers we like to get.

Dr. Clymer of Arizona has presented the school with a dead Centipede which is five and one half inches in length.

J. M. Davis of Curry County writes that he is enroute to Silverton with his family, and intends to locate here to school his children.

Miss Lillian Johnsons' brother Edwin is expected every day now at the University. This accounts for Lillian's frequent visits to the depot.

These golden days should be filled with the sound of hammer and saw on the University building but we can't go on till the lumber is paid for.

The death by drowning of Dr. T. C. Collins of Midway, Ky., is reported. Dr. Collins, it is said, had never recovered from the shock of his daughter May's tragic death in Decemdr, 1896.

Captain Gilstrap of the O. A. C. of Corvallis made us a very pleasant visit last week. He is employed as teacher by the Agricultural College and will write several articles for the Torch this year.

We have purchased a large Army Ambulance which will be used as a free bus for the students and teachers. It will start from the Torch of Reason office at 8:45 a. m. and from the University at 4 p. m. every school day.

Hurrah! the ball has been started! Mr. Peter Rauch says he knows a good thing when he sees it and is the first to become one of the twenty forerunners. His \$500 is ready when twenty others are. Come quick! First come first served.

Some of the faculty and students of the University spent Sunday on Liberal University farm, gathering fruit and rustivating. It is possible to make this little farm the prettiest on earth, and that is what we will try to do and at the same time raise all the fruit, vegetables, etc., that the University will need.

Captain Page and her corps of entertainers in the Y. P. S. S. C. rendered the first program of the season at Liberal Hall Friday night. Considering the disadvantages against which they labored, the program was good. Tonight it is Captain Klein's turn. The Y. P. S. S. C. promises to be very interesting this winter.

The good people of Wagner, Or., sent in \$3.50 for the shingle fund this week. This makes \$5.00 received since last issue. We will soon be able to report enough on hand to roof the University, but the building ought to be up before the roof is put on. Don't forget the lumber fund. As soon as we can pay for the lumber we will put it into the building.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Nail It to the Roof.

EDITOR TORCH OF REASON: Enclosed find \$1.50, one dollar to be nailed on the roof of the Liberal University, and 50cts to pay for the TORCH OF REASON for 6 months. Yours for Freetought, MR. AND MRS. D. WOLFARD.

Every Little Helps.

EDITOR TORCH OF REASON: Enclosed please find money order for \$1.00 for the shingle fund. I will try and get some more if I can. Mr. R. C. Atwood was kind enough to give me 50c when I only asked for the 25c, and W. Stone, 25c, and I wish I could have had \$25 instead of the 25c to give to you. But every little helps. I am yours truly.

MRS. D. J. KRETZER.

A Noble Undertaking.

EDITOR TORCH OF REASON: I have been looking for the blue cross some time, as my time must soon be up, if not so already. Please let me know how it is.

Those of you who have undertaken the charge of building and running the University have certainly done nobly and helped the cause of Freethought in a practical way that will go on in the gathering flood of Liberalism, sweeping into the years to come.

C. W. SAUNDERS.

Wide Awake.

EDITOR TORCH OF REASON: I am out of letterheads and want something new, and you must do the job if it costs double the price here. Enclosed find sample heading; do the job to suit yourselves and it will suit me. Send me the bill and a money order will follow. Never let my subscription expire; let me know, and the money will come. I am no doubt one of the poorest on your list, but I will do something soon to help pay for shingles to cover the University, so that when my girl attends school she will not get wet. Let the good work go on. Your last issue is a good one.

DR. L. S. STOLL.

Club Rates.

The Weekly Oregonian is the best newspaper published in the Pacific Northwest. The subscription price is \$1.50 per year. We will give it, together with the Torch of Reason, for the exceedingly low price of \$1.75. You will get two papers for a little more than the price of one.

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

When a man becomes thoroughly contented he has outlived his usefulness.

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.

Housekeeper.—Wanted, by a widow, a lady as housekeeper; one who understands the care of children and wants a permanent home. None but a Liberal need apply. 14

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, cherries; 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