

To Raise Five Thousand Dollars for the University.

- 31** 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
 H. C. Edwards will give. 50
 provided that

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

NEWS AND NOTES.

Examinations in the University begin this week.

Be one of the Twenty Forerunners and we'll build a Freethought City.

We are much pleased to have Clyde and Guy Mount back in the University again.

If many more students come this year we will be obliged to rent another building. Let them come!

Notice the Five Thousand Dollar Fund has moved off the 70 spot. For the love of Go(o)d keep it rolling.

The new and interesting play, The Cuban Spy, is all the talk. We hope to render this thrilling and instructive drama sometime in the near future.

Five Hundred Dollars buys a fine home with an acre of as good land as there is in the world. It is a good investment and will help build Secular Home.

Mr. H. E. Klein, our friend and patron, called Sunday. Mr. Klein has recently returned from Indiana, his former home. He says that Oregon is the place for him.

The total amount received on the shingle fund to date is \$28.05. We will soon have enough to roof our building, but let us raise the necessary \$500 to finish paying for the lumber. It can be raised by small donations, so let us all do our best.

Miss Leona Allen, a former student, made our school a pleasant call Tuesday. She expressed much admiration for our work and a wish that she might be with us again.

Mr. J. H. Scott and his two daughters of Salem made us a pleasant visit last Sunday. His son John came with him also and is now hard at work in the University.

Mr. J. Williamson of Turner, Ore., and Mr. N. B. Weymouth of South Dakota supped with us Tuesday evening. Mr. Weymouth is much pleased with our State and will probably locate here.

Secularists should help each other all they can. When in other cities it will help our cause to trade and talk with our friends. Mrs. Feister of Salem, whose ad. appears in our paper, is a thorough Secularist. Call on her.

The Bible of Civilization is the title of a book we are printing for Philip A. Marquam, who claims to have a Divine Revelation. We believe he is as much inspired as any of the prophets of old. His work is unique, to say the least.

Mr. Peter Rauch is the first Forerunner of Secular Home. He thinks that nothing could help along our work for humanity more than our plan of building a city. By buying the material all together for the twenty homes, the Forerunners can build much better and much cheaper.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Short but Sweet.

EDITOR TORCH OF REASON:
 Enclosed please find postal money order for \$30 (thirty dollars).
 D. BUCKINGHAM.
 California.

Who Will Make Shingles?

EDITOR TORCH OF REASON:
 Please find enclosed express money order to increase the shingle fund. This movement is of imperative necessity, owing to the season advancing toward winter and every house should be roofed before its advent. I should like to be near your vicinity and a few straight cedars handy. With a cross-cut saw, a frow and a drawing-knife, I think in a few days I could make enough shingles to cover a good-sized roof. I hope this note will fall amongst some of your readers who are familiar with an axe and at home in the woods. Wishing you every success,
 J. JOHNSTON.
 Victoria, B. C.

Special Notice.

The advertiser, P. O. Box 40, Silverton, Marion Co., Ore., desiring to form a colony of Faithists, with the assistance of others, for the rearing, training and education of castaways, in accordance with the methods laid down in Oahspe, would confer with others like minded.

OBITUARY.

John Kruse.

The death of Hon. John Kruse, of Clackamas county, removes from a life of simple, unostentatious usefulness a man who played a yeoman's part in the development of Western civilization. A man of liberal views, generous impulses, he was for more than a generation a useful factor in the community in which the greater part of his long life was spent.

He was a pioneer of 1850, and was born in Denmark, August 27, 1827. He came to the United States in 1845. His male ancestors were noted shipbuilders. At the age of 15, as a sailor, he crossed the ocean before the mast. He went to Portland in 1850 and was employed for a time as engineer in Stephen Coffin's sawmill. He then engaged in steamboating. In 1852 he located on a donation land claim on the bank of the Willamette 8 miles above Oregon City, where he resided up to the time of his death. August 3, 1852, he was married to Miss Sautha Geer, an aunt of Gov. T. T. Geer, who survives him. He was a democrat until Sumpter was fired upon, when he became a republican. He was prominent in grange circles, served two terms as commissioner of Clackamas county, and was a member of the legislature in 1887. Besides a widow, he left three sons—J. L. Kruse, of Stafford, a member of the legislature; A. O. Kruse, engaged in steamboating on the lower Columbia, and Homer Kruse, who resides on the old homestead.

Mr. Kruse was a lifelong worker in the Liberal ranks. He was, at the time of his death, a reader of the Torch of Reason and other Liberal papers. Mrs. Kruse is an aunt of Pearl W. Geer of the Torch.

Teachers' Institute.

Following is the program of the Teachers' Institute to be held at the public school building in Silverton, Saturday, Oct. 29, beginning at 10 A. M.:

- Music—America.
- Study of Methods of Teaching, as laid down in White's Pedagogy, pps. 132 to 152 inclusive, conducted by Prof. J. J. Krap.
- Remarks by Hon Mr. McCulloch.
- Afternoon session:
- Selections from Pupils of Silverton Public schools.
- Recitation by Miss Sophia Wolf.
- Address by Prof. J. E. Hosmer—Subject, Fear as an Incentive in Education.
- How I Teach Grammar—Mr. Ambler, of Mt. Angel.
- Language Lessons—Miss Hobert.
- Arithmetic—Prof. Buff.
- Music in the Public Schools—Mr. Steiner.
- Round Table.
- The Silverton Glee Club will entertain the teachers with some good selections.
- All are cordially invited.

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.

Merchandise.—A buyer wanted for a large retail business in the city of Silverton.

Housekeeper.—Wanted, by a widower, 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, 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