

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.

Notice our new ads. this week.
70 dropped to **69**; keep it going down the line.
 We have over fifty bushels of fine fruit that we have gathered from Liberal University Farm this year. This will be relished next Winter.

The blank contract on page 5 contains an error. Below is a corrected copy.

Twenty Forerunners.

TO BUILD SECULAR HOME.

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On demand, we the undersigned promise to pay the Liberal University Company Five Hundred Dollars (\$500) for and in consideration of a good and sufficient warranty deed for one acre of the tract of land lying west of the Liberal University and the city of Silverton, Marion County, Oregon, known as Secular Home, and a written promise from said company that within ninety days after receipt of said Five Hundred Dollars [\$500] said company will commence the erection of a dwelling house on said acre, to cost not less than Four Hundred Dollars (\$400), said building to be built on such plans as the said parties may agree upon and to be finished within six months from date of beginning: Provided that not less than twenty reliable persons have signed this contract when said demand is made.

Signed.....PETER RAUCH.

Signed.....

If you wish to become one of the TWENTY FORERUNNERS, cut out or copy the above, sign it and forward with answers to the following:

Your Name.....
 Age..... Family.....
 Religious Belief.....

Next spring will see a big change in Silverton. Be one of the first to select an acre.

Two new members and a good program at the Y. P. S. S. C. last Friday evening.

Let us add another name to the Five Thousand Dollar fund. Whose name will it be?

Just two years ago we issued the first number of the Torch of Reason. "We still live."

The shingle fund has two dollars added to it this week. Can't you make it more next week?

Our job work department has grown so that we have to employ another printer. Now let the work come in and we will show you how we do printing.

Nothing can be lost by signing the Secular home contract, for it will not hold good until nineteen others have signed the same, and as soon as we have the twenty it will be a great success and a good investment.

The play to be given by Silverton home talent is entitled "The Cuban Spy". Our elocution teacher, Miss Wolf, will take the part of Elinora, the spy. It will probably be the best drama ever rendered in Silverton.

Dr. F. S. Matteson, of Turner, Ore., has sent us a large goshawk finely mounted. This is a valuable addition to our collection, and it makes us very anxious to get into our new building where we can have a good museum.

Lumber Fund.

To raise \$1000 immediately:
 Previously acknowledged.....\$571.95
 D. Buckingham..... 30.00
 John S. Holman..... 3.00

A Hustler in Pontiac.

EDITOR TORCH OF REASON:

I have been going to write to the Torch of Reason for some time, for I think it is the best Freethought paper in the world. I am almost discouraged with the Freethinkers of Pontiac. They are glad to read my papers, but not one of them will spend a nickel to help the cause along. I buy books to give away and lend to people.

Well, I must help you build that University, for it is a worthy cause and the only institution of the kind in the world. I see you are moving slowly but surely. If it was a church, where lies would be preached to the people, it would have been built long ago. Enclosed find five dollars — one dollar to renew my paper, and one dollar for the paper one year to be sent to Fred Longnecker; the other three dollars you may use to help pay for the lumber or whatever you may choose.

I send you a few names of people. None of them take a paper that I know of, but they are glad to read my books. I am an outspoken Atheist and a worker for Freethought. Your friend,
 JOHN S. HOLMAN.

WHEN HUNGRY

and in Silverton, go to the



Silverton

Restaurant....

NEAR THE BRIDGE, AND BE.....

Well Fed at a Small Price!

Keep Your



on this spot.



The New Store

Coolidge's Brick, Opposite Bank, SILVERTON, OREGON.

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