

### To Raise Five Thousand Dollars for the University.

33	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
	H. C. Edwards will give. 50
	James Officer will give. 50
	C. E. Glaze will give. 50

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

### NEWS AND NOTES.

The big bus carries over a ton of young people each trip.

Two names added to the five thousand dollar fund this week.

Donations, received from Idaho and Wisconsin, for the shingle fund amount to \$1.50 this week.

New scenery will be prepared for the drama, "The Cuban Spy," and the play will be exceedingly realistic.

We want sixty-seven more Secularists to promise fifty dollars each on the five thousand dollar fund. Who and where are they?

The party at the dining hall last Saturday evening was a very pleasant affair. Gay young people—good music—happy dancers—early good nights.

"The Cuban Spy" is soon to be played by Silverton home talent. It promises to be the best drama ever played in Silverton. Watch for the dates.

F. O. Seaton, of Barlow, Ore., made us a pleasant call last week and rendered some valuable assistance in getting the Torch of Reason ready for the mail.

W. C. Thompson finished his work on the dining hall last week and donated a day's work for the good of the cause. He departed for his home Tuesday.

The program at the Y. P. S. S. C. meeting Friday evening was very interesting and a large audience was present. This society now has a membership of fifty.

Current Thought for the present quarter is excellent. Mr. C. E. Blanchard, the editor, devotes nearly the whole issue to the religion of humanity, to which subject he does great justice.

We are beginning to see good results from our labors. There will soon be the biggest tumble in Orthodox stock that was ever known. People are losing their awe for the old dogmas, even those who don't know it.

Our printing business has so increased that we were obliged to hire another printer. Mr. Stratton, of Portland, was employed and is proving a valuable worker, although not quite ready to give up all the old Santa Claus stories.

Mr. Edwin Johnson, author of the song entitled "Torch of Reason", arrived in Silverton Tuesday evening. He is enthusiastic over the work of the University and we are sure he will be a great help as a student and worker in our great cause.

We are tied up so with school work and the paper that we have but little time to solicit subscribers or work on our Secular Home plan, but we hope that others will become interested and push this work. Do not wait, please, but help us all you can. It is in a noble cause. Help it on!

Those standing 100 per cent in the late examinations were as follows:—Scientific Course: Lora Ames—General History, English Literature and Rhetoric. Preparatory Course: Clyde Mount—Grammar; Elvin Ames, Frank Brown, Anna Cline—Elements of Music; Lillian Johnson—Grammar and Elements of Music. Primary Course: Elma Ames—Geography; Elma Smith—Physiology; Floyd Allen—Spelling and Geography. Many stood way up in the 90's and nearly all are doing good, honest work.

The lumber for the University is now nearly all on the ground and Mr. Edwards has it well stacked to stand the winter rains. It will be in fine shape to put into the building by spring. Let us do our best to have it paid for as soon as possible. We need five hundred dollars by January 1st.

### Lumber Fund.

To raise \$1000 immediately:	
Previously acknowledged. . . . .	\$571.95
D. Buckingham. . . . .	30.00
John S. Holman. . . . .	3.00
John Leitch. . . . .	2.00
D. Marsh. . . . .	1.50

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

### Joseph Cook's "Scientific Theism".

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3. The oak leaf is one that did not grow by itself.

4. Therefore, there is a leaf that did grow by itself.

The gratuitous assumption here in the second proposition, and the absurdity of the conclusion, are of course apparent to every one. But is this not a counterpart of Mr. Cook's reasoning? Now, we see that there are no leaves growing by themselves. Moreover, we can not conceive of a leaf that did not grow on a tree, or something like a tree, and we are certain that the tree is mother to the leaf, though not itself a leaf. Why then may not matter be the parent of human personality without being a person itself? We see the organisms of nature, and we know that they exist; but as we have not seen any Person behind them, where does Mr. Cook obtain his facts to show that there must be self-existent supernatural Personality to account for man? All reasoning must begin by observation. Has Mr. Cook ever observed any Person superior to Nature? Possibly in his dreams; surely nowhere else. But still he boldly asserts that the only adequate cause of human personality is Divine Personality. And this is his "scientific answer" to the acknowledged difficulty in the design argument.—The Brain And The Bible.

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.

### A Kindly Prayer.

A little girl in a Pennsylvania town, in saying her prayers the other night, was told to pray for her father and mother, who were both very ill, and for one of the servants, who had lost her husband. She faithfully did as she was told, and then, impressed with the dreary condition of things, added on her own account: "O God, take good care of yourself, for if anything should happen to you, we should all go to pieces."

### A Greater Power.

"Now, children," said the Sunday school teacher of the juvenile class, "our lesson to-day tells of the powers possessed by kings and queens. Can any of you name a still greater power?"  
"Yes'm; I can," replied one little fellow.  
"What, Willie?" asked the teacher.  
"Aces," was the unexpected answer.

## 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 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—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 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, 1½ miles from Silverton. Price \$700. 6  
One hundred and sixty acres; 12 acres cleared, 4 miles from Silverton. Price \$300. 7