

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, }
 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
 provided that

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

NEWS AND NOTES.

Write to us and write again. We need your help.

We have moved our little museum to the study room.

We will endeavor to have a bowling alley in our gymnasium.

The students sometimes dance at recess and noon. It is good exercise.

Help us raise the five hundred dollars for the lumber by January first.

This has been the finest fall we ever saw. Silverton beats the world.

We have no punishment in the University. It is not needed and not wanted.

Mr. R. L. Olliver, of Dayville, Oregon, sent in four dollars for the shingle fund this week.

The Christians of Silverton are planning our destruction, but they reckon without their host.

Money is being raised among the students to build a gymnasium and bath rooms. Help them if you can.

I. M. Davis writes from Grant's Pass that he found work there and will move on to Silverton a little later.

Reber Allen has his fall's work done and has again taken his place with the truthseekers at the University.

Samuel Klein entered school on Monday of this week. The faculty and students are glad to have him with them again.

Our friend Beaty, of Chemawa, rode up to the school the other day and made us a present of another silver shingle.

Silverton is the place for Secularists. Let us unite our forces. Every one can help a little. Enthuse and enthuse others!

J. E. and M. P. Hosmer went to Salem on business last Saturday. The Salem students went with them and enjoyed the trip very much.

We heard some one remark the other day: "Well, say, that Cuban Spy is going to be the best play that was ever given in Silverton."

The tumbling and letter-making by our athletes at the Y. P. S. S. C. last Friday evening was excellent, as was the whole program. Visitors, come again.

Miss Ollie Geer, who has been attending school in Newberg, arrived in Silverton last Friday. She is proving an industrious student in the University and a great help in our society.

Miss Katie Matteson, who secured a position as teacher by patronizing the Information Bureau, sent us five dollars this week and informs us that she expects to be in our school another year.

We understand that some who received the Forstner Auger Bit did not know how to bore a square hole with it. If there are any such, please let us know and we will send instructions and sample square hole. Send postage.

Canyon City, Oregon, has been destroyed by fire. Mr. Geer, our business manager, lectured in that town once and some of the citizens threw eggs at him. We wonder if this calamity is the wrath of God showing itself! The eggs missed Mr. Geer and hit a Christian. We don't know whether the fire burned any churches or not.

Mr. Edwards, who has been doing some work for us the past two months, will soon leave for Portland, where he will make preparations to go to Klondyke in the spring. He says he will make a thousand dollars for the University. We hate to have him go, as he is a good man to have around, but we are anxious to have him raise the money for our institution and we have great confidence in him. He expects to have his son in our school soon.

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

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

LITTLE POINTS.

Spare the rod and educate the child.

When you find a noble cause, help it on.

Anger and worry are the disease-germs of the mind. Keep cool and work.

The discovery of electricity is doing more for the world than Jesus' blood.

Jesus is dead and so is the devil. We bring you good tidings of great joy. Get us a subscriber.

Realism vs. Idealism.

Realism is in most respects the antithesis of idealism. It affirms that the testimony of our senses is true, though not perfect; that objects, the eternal world, the universe, are real, and not illusory; that a brick house, a stone wall or a mountain, a planet or a sun, are more real than a spirit or a thought; and that the material of which all these things are composed is without beginning or end. In regard to man it affirms that he is related to the animal world by the ties of heredity; that by process of evolution or growth, he has arrived at his present state; and that he is finite and not infinite, animal and not angel, matter and not spirit. It further affirms that it is the living material organism—the man himself—who perceives, remembers, reasons, wills, loves, hopes, fears and thinks. And that the so-called "mysterious" and "intimate union" of mind and body is only the union of the brain—the special organ of thought—with the other parts of the body.

Matter, in the form of organized beings, does think. That something exists which is not matter is assumed and not proved; and from the very nature of things, it is not capable of proof. To think requires force, and force has never been separated from matter. There is no force without matter, and no matter without force. Therefore, there must be a material basis for thought. So much all authorities admit.—[C. C. Millard, in Freethought Magazine.

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.

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

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 lt. 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