

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

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

NEWS AND NOTES.

Get a subscriber for the Torch of Reason.

It was necessary to organize new classes in arithmetic, algebra and physiology this week.

We give you 25c for every subscription you send us for the Torch if you send five or more. Try!

Notice the new ad. of Otto Wettstein in this issue. If you want any holiday goods, remember he has them and deserves your patronage.

Lora Ames and Louie Rauch, both graduates from the preparatory department, are rendering us valuable assistance in the primary department.

Captains Page and Klein, of the Y. P. S. S. C., have one more trial each. The contest this time is exciting, and it is hard to tell who will have to furnish the supper.

The Liberal University gives a two days' holiday this week to allow the students to give thanks to whomsoever they feel thankful and in whatever way their judgment dictates.

We are very much crowded, but we are doing the best work we can, and looking forward to the time when we will have a larger study room, more recitation rooms, library and specimen rooms, a chemical laboratory and a gymnasium.

We will send the Torch of Reason from the present issue to Jan. 1, 1900, to all new subscribers for only one dollar, the regular price of a year's subscription. Now is the time to subscribe.

Homer Davenport, the greatest of cartoonists, has just made Silvertont, his old home, a visit. He is very much interested in the work of our University, and offers to pay a year's tuition for the student who is successful in our coming literary contest.

This is Thanksgiving Day. Let us be thankful every day in the year to all good men and women who have aided in any way and at any time in civilizing mankind and emancipating the human race from the thralldom of ecclesiastical tyranny.

Mrs. Clara Bailey of Portland, and her sister, Mrs. Olive Maxfield of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, are visiting with us this week. Mrs. Bailey is vice-president of the Oregon State Secular Union and one of the foremost Secularists in the state. Both ladies are well pleased with our work and the appearance of our beautiful country.

The members of the Liberal University Company drove to the Waldo Hills Sunday in company with Mrs. Bailey and Mrs. Maxfield and spent a short time visiting at Liberal University farm and viewing the country in general. They also called at the homes of some of the neighbors and enjoyed their hospitality and pumpkin pies.

Last week we stated that our friend Edwards was going to leave us, but we are glad to say that he has decided to remain with us until March, when he will start for the Klondike. He went to Portland Friday and returned Monday, bringing with him his son Ward, who will receive his education in the Liberal University. We are glad to have Ward with us, and he will be a valuable addition to our school.

Holiday Goods.

Watches, Diamonds, Opals, Chains, Bracelets, Buttons, Earrings, Pins, Rings, Silver Novelties, Souvenir Spoons, Silver and Plated Ware, Cut Glass, Art Pottery and China, Gold and Fountain Pens, Gold and Silver Headed Canes, etc., etc. All the best and latest novelties in the market.

The "B. W. Raymond" "Appleton, Tracy & Co.," or the "Otto Wettstein" 17 jeweled, full adjusted watches in 25-year gold filled hunting cases, now only \$30. The "Crescent Street," or the 149 and 150 Elgin, or the "Otto Wettstein Special" extra fine, 21 jewels, now only \$5 more. In 25-year screw cases, \$3 less. The 17 jeweled, adjusted, lower grade, in same cases, \$20.50 and \$17.50. Best 7 jeweled in silver case, only \$4.50. The "Ladies' Otto Wettstein" extra fine, or 176 Elgin, all 17 jeweled, in 25-year cases, latest style, \$25; 15 jewels, \$14.50; 7 jewels, \$11.50, in same cases and in push box. The warrantee on all 15-year cases is now 20 years, and on all 20-year cases, 25 years.

Do not forget my beautiful Free-thought Badge or Charm, and the artistic Ingersoll Souvenir Spoon. Price lists and my tract, "Theism in the Crucible," free.

OTTO WETTSTEIN, Rochelle, Ill.

OBITUARY.

Died at Victoria, B. C., on the morning of Nov. 10, 1898, the beloved wife of J. Johnston.

Mrs. Johnston was born in San Francisco on the 22nd of July, 1851, and moved to B. C. with her parents in 1858. She was married to J. Johnston twenty-nine years ago, and now leaves five daughters besides her devoted husband to mourn her loss. It is impossible for us to enumerate the many virtues that have endeared her to all. It is sufficient to say that her death has left a void in the lives of her loved ones that can never be filled.

The Torch readers are all acquainted with Mr. Johnston through the columns of our paper, and we are sure they join with us in extending our most sincere sympathy in this, his hour of sorrow.

We can not hope to lessen his grief. We can only remind him that there is yet much to live for, and that he may find peace and comfort in spending the rest of his life in working to advance the principles he believes to be true and helping to lighten the burdens of his fellowmen.

"Let us live but to die in the struggle 'gainst wrong,  
Let us live but to do what the truth may demand;  
Then onward forever, forever our song;  
Press on to the struggle with true heart and hand."

LITTLE POINTS.

Knowledge is power; blind faith is weakness.

Industry, not faith, is the mother of success.

The hypocritical preachers and priests are committing the unpardonable sin, if there is one.

Education, morality and industry is a better trinity to preach to young people than the Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

Orthodoxy has given Infidels hell for their portion; let us make for all an earthly heaven by putting out their superstitious fires.

Science has come and will open the eyes of those blinded by priestcraft. Take up your cross of religious intolerance, as the brave thinkers of the past have done, and follow the true Savior.

CHRISTIANS' LAMENT.

No gold in our heaven,  
The preachers now tell;  
No harps for the angels,  
No brimstone in hell!

The world is not flat;  
The sun will not stand;  
The many sky mansions  
Are built on the sand.

O where is the devil?  
O where is the ghost?  
And where are the witches,  
The whole evil host?

Ah, all of these bogies  
Are under the sod.  
O how we must pray,  
Or lose our pet god!

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 Silvertont.

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