

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.

Our sidewalk is progressing.
 Work will soon begin on the gymnasium.
 New blackboards at the University.
 The new students this week are Pit Hicks and Frank Morley.
 Our students are doing good work, although working under some disadvantages.
 The Campbellites are still trying to raise money to Christianize the civilized heathen of Silverton.
 Our shelves are full, but send the books along; perhaps the more we need room, the sooner we'll get it.
 Each student of the University, who is over twelve years old, is expected to study about two hours each evening.
 Don't lose your interest in building up Secular Home. It is our great hope. Let us build a Free-thought city. It will be a profitable investment for our cause and for each individual.
 The "Big Bible Stories," which we have published in the columns of the Torch of Reason, are taken from a copyrighted book by the same name, written by W. H. Bach, who kindly gives us permission to publish them. The price of this book is only fifty cents, and we hope it will meet with a large

sale. Address W. H. Bach, Lily Dale, N. Y.

Our article in regard to the Campbellites of Silverton will probably be answered soon by one of their ministers, through the columns of the Torch. Watch for it.

At the Congress of the American Secular Union, just held in Chicago, the old officers were re-elected, with the addition of Mrs. M. A. Freeman to the list of vice-presidents.

Next Friday evening is the last evening's entertainment at the Y. P. S. S. C. before the supper. It will be an exciting time counting up credits; and then, hurrah for "our side"!

Mrs. Clara Bailey and Mrs. Maxfield bade their Silverton friends goodbye last Friday. Our friend, H. C. Edwards, took them to Salem with the University team, where they expect to visit a short time before returning to Portland.

H. C. Page presented the school with a valuable specimen this week. It is a sea lion's skull, nicely cleaned and ready for the shelf. The lion himself was eleven feet long and weighed about fifteen hundred pounds. He was captured at Netarts Bay, Ore.

LITTLE POINTS.

Jesus never rode a bicycle.
 Can't is the creed of the slug-gard.
 Education is growth; blind faith is decay.
 Have angels toe nails? Is the question superficial?
 Education will give us power to overcome, to a great extent, our inherited weaknesses.
 Science has brought to the world everything that civilized men and women value most. It brings peace on earth and good will to men.
 God in his holy book never speaks of the printing press, the circulation of the blood, electric lights, steam engines or type writers. Why?
 Who is to blame for the suffering caused by the former Christian teachings of a literal hell, witches, the inquisition, indulgences, etc., etc.? God?
 The Indians of Oregon now try to cast out devils from their sick by making hideous noises, singing, etc. The heathen Jews of Christ's time did the same. Christ was a medicine-man.
 When the priests and preachers want to practice the "laying on of hands," look out for them; they are after your pocketbook. When you are sick, remove the cause, if

you can find it. Don't trust in Jesus, but in Science.

Science, the true Savior, does not turn water into wine. Water is always water. H₂O.

Except a man be born of purity and the spirit of love, he can not enter the heaven of earthly happiness.

The Campbellite's Appeal.

BY DR. CHAPIN.
 (A Friend of Judas.)

My Dearly Beloved Children of Silverton:—I am sorely distressed, and thou shalt know the cause. This it is, my beloved:

Thou knowest that there is a building now being erected in our midst, where our dear children are to be taught ancient history, geology, astronomy, physiology, and in fact all of the sciences and arts heretofore known only to our most holy and wise men. Yes, my beloved, it is this that sickeneth me. Do you not see and understand that this wisdom is not to come from our heavenly father? Nay, my brethren, this great knowledge cometh from the evil one. Therefore, if we allow our dear little lambs to partake of this wisdom that cometh from the devil, do you not see that there is great danger of their being led astray from their heavenly father? Therefore, oh, my beloved, we must up and gird on our armor and drive this work of Satan out from our midst, lest our houses of worship be not filled on the sabbath day, and our loved ones have to work for their bread!

Let us pray:
 Our heavenly father, we are in much danger of losing our little flock; and should this happen unto us we know not what we could do to get our daily bread. So, O Lord, loosen the purse-strings of our brethren, so that we may be able to hire a leader in this hour of distress. Please answer our prayer immediately, O Lord, for there is great danger in delay. Amen.

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 silverine case, only \$4.50. The "Ladies' Otto Wettstein" extra fine, or 176 Elgin, all 17 jewelled, in 25-year cases, latest style, \$25; 15 jewels, \$14.50; 7 jewels, \$11.50, in same cases and in plush 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.

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—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. 6