

To Raise Five Thousand Dollars for the University.

Secularists,	
33 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 sixty-seven?

NEWS AND NOTES.

Examinations this week.

Frosty nights in Silverton.

Don't fail to see The Cuban Spy.

The University has invested in some up-to-date apparatus.

Our friend, F. O. Seaton, took dinner with us Wednesday.

"Remember the Maine!" Do not fail to see the famous drama, The Cuban Spy, at Liberal Hall, Saturday evening, Dec. 17.

The Cuban Spy is the best drama written on the late Spanish-American war. It will be well rendered by home talent at Liberal Hall, Dec. 17.

The new sidewalk to the University has been completed and is being well patronized. It proves to be a great convenience to pedestrians, whether students or not.

Some think the Nine Demands of Liberalism is all that Liberals should work for, but in addition to these demands, we believe in ethical, constructive work. Who are right?

The December issue of the Free-thought Magazine, just at hand, is very interesting, and, among other features, contains, as a frontispiece, a picture of Miss Kate De Peatt, secretary of the Oregon State Secular Union, also a short life sketch, and the memorial tribute delivered

by her at the graves of Katie Kehm Smith and Mrs. Maggie Carsner.

The Christmas literary contest will consist of original orations of not less than five nor more than ten minutes each.

Mr. Lou Ames has offered a prize to the student of the University who first sends in the correct answer to a real, live partial payment example. Some one will get it.

We are glad to note that Mr. Charles Watts of England is to visit America again this winter and remain with us for some time. Can't we arrange to have him visit the Pacific coast?

This week closes the fall term at the Liberal University and we are well pleased with the work. The students have done remarkably well and the examinations now being held are very successful. We will enter the work of the winter term next Monday with better prospects than ever.

The Liberal University students are preparing for a literary contest to be held at Liberal Hall, Christmas eve. Several prizes will be given, the principal one being a year's scholarship in the Liberal University, given by Homer C. Davenport, the cartoonist. Following the contest there will be a Christmas tree, free for all parties desiring to give presents. A general good time will be had. Admission free.

Last Friday evening closed the contest at the Y. P. S. S. C. Both sides did exceedingly well, and Captain Page won by 26 points. The counting was quite exciting and the result taken good naturedly by the defeated side. Now it is in order for Captain Klein and his co-workers to entertain the winners, and the members of the society are invited to be at the University Friday evening, where they will be royally entertained and well fed. Members of the society are allowed to invite members of their own family, provided each one invited brings something for the supper.

Acid Drops.

More "Providence" in China. The Yellow river has left its bed near Tsi-Nan-Fu, and two thousand square miles are flooded. Crops are ruined, hundreds of villages are destroyed, and a million people are thrown into destitution.

Emperor William poses as guardian of the holy places in Palestine, and France is annoyed at his impudence, for she has long regarded herself as guardian of those hallowed spots. Even the ground Jesus Christ trod upon is a subject of discord among his followers. They can't agree about anything.

It is amusing to read the press comments on this Christian science business. Some newspaper call for the severe punishment of Mrs. Mills, who took a pound a week from Mr. Harold Frederic and prayed for him in return for the money. But if Mrs. Mills is to be punished for this, what about the Catholic priests who take money for praying souls out of purgatory? With regard to Mrs. Mills taking money, it is clear she must live somehow. She cannot go on praying for nothing, unless the Lord feeds, clothes and houses her by a perpetual miracle. "Jesus Christ had to live," says the lady, "and so have we." She might even have told the smart legal gentlemen who cross-examined her that Jesus Christ did not do his miracles for nothing. Rich women ministered unto him of their substance, and he kept a cashier called Judas.

The only real question at issue is this: Is prayer beneficial, or is it not? If it is beneficial, then the Christian scientist gives value for the fee. If it is not beneficial, then all the "divine service" in Christian churches and chapels is humbug and hypocrisy.

Dr. Clifford, the eminent Congregational preacher, has published a volume of addresses on Typical Christian Leaders. He includes Carlyle, who disbelieved all the miracles of the New Testament; and Browning, who occupied very much the same position. What is worse, he includes Darwin, who has left on record that he ceased to be a Christian before he was forty— Darwin, who had no belief in a future life or a personal God. Such is clerical honesty in the nineteenth century! Early in the next century, perhaps, Bradlaugh himself will figure in the list of typical Christian leaders. You never know your luck!

Catholic Bishop Lyster has been preaching at Leith on the evils of purely secular knowledge. The Holy Catholic church, he said, claims the right to "fashion and form, and bend and mould, the minds and hearts of the little ones." Precisely so. That is how the church lives. Not a single church on earth can afford to take its chance with unprejudiced adults. Children must be dosed with its physic until they are so used to it that they can never do without it. Habit becomes second nature, and artificial tastes are always the most tyrannical when they are once acquired.—[Freethinker.

Remember, if you send us the names and addresses of 25 of your Liberal friends and acquaintances, we will make you a present of a copy of the Torch of Reason Song Book No. 1. This will only cost you a few minutes' work and a 2 cent stamp.

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 18x22 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.