## THE TORCH OF REASON, SILVERTON, OREGON, THURSDAY, APRIL 22, 1897.

## Obituary.

Mrs. Julia Ann Brooks, wife of McMinnville, of which she was a ity none can wish. member and faithful attendant. Let us honor the dear dead by hands now silent and at rest, all who knew her.

The funeral was conducted from the home on Monday April 6, Nettie Olds-Haight, lecturer of the the deceased. In part she said:

Not for out dead need we mourn. biographies of Socrates, Pythagoras, the loftiest peak, and on the moss-In any case all is well with them. Confucius or Plato, from the say- clad boulders, read the story of Whether death be an eternal ings attributed to Budda and reit- evolution. She could sit upon the dreamless sleep, or whether it be erated in the sayings attributed to sea-girt shore and listen to the simply a transition period between Jesus, and along down the centu- ocean's thunder and call it sweetest this life and life in another form, ries to our immortal Lincoln, whose music. She met the change called we know not; but whatever the greatness consisted in his innate death calmly and serenely. She change, it is a natural one, goodness, the same verdict is ren- provided for even the minutae of that is necessary to the well-being dered. But we need not go to the her dress, who should prepare her of the race. We may have un- history of peoples or biographies of for burial, and how she would be limited faith-we may hope with men alone to find greatness. We buried. I asked her if she had any all the intensity of our being and can find it in our present genera- special request to make. She reyet the hands on the dial of time tion and in the humble walks of plied: "I have been studying over are not swerved one iota from their life. It is not my province here to this all night; I would like to see natural course. But this we are lecture or sermonize, nor do I Cooper provided for. When I am assured, that since we all came from stand a representative of any order gone Brooks will not want to stay Nature, each and all her children to which our deceased belonged or here." See the greatness of her are heirs to a common fate. No to represent any particular line of mother-love go out to her boy, even superstitious fear haunts the minds thought in which she believed- when the death-damp was reaching of those mourning loved ones for for we believed alike along many to her heart's center. But her pulse the peace of their deal. They lines-but I am privileged to stand is stilled; all has been done that knew that in the great drama of here as a friend, for she was my could be done; no expense has been life she played her part well. This friend and proved herself so when spared; no care, no watchfulness, vast concourse of friends, anxious I needed a friend, and I am her no skill; and on behalf of the famto pay a last tribute of respect to friend and have tried to prove my- ily and friends permit me to say one who has ever been faithful, self so. kind and true, is evidence of the The maiden name of my de- an exalted position in their esteem price. Address all orders, W. E. Jones, high place her merits won in the ceased friend was Julia Ann Ray. and opinions. He left no corner affectionate memory of all who On April 13th, forty-five years ago, unsearched, no leaf unturned. But knew her. We all know with she and John E. Brooks mutually had he possessed the combined inwhat heroic bravery this sister ever united their love, their sympathies telligence and skill of the whole faced the battles of life, and how and future destinies, in sickness medical fraternity he could not reher loyalty to the conscientious and health, 'till death should part store to health the diseased tissue conviction of right ever made her them. One week after the consum- of that heart which has so often a valuable friend, a splendid citizen, mation of this union by law, they fluttered in aspiration and ecstasy, a kind and generous neighbor. started on an overland journey or throbbed with joy or beat in Far and near she was noted for from Iowa to Oregon, here to try sadness. untiring efforts in behalf of the the realities and privations of pio- Let us turn our attention now to poor, needy and afflicted. Her neer life and are honored members the charges she would have cared religion must be judged by her of the Pioneer Association of Or- filled through us. actions. If they were good, a bad egon. religion could not have prompted I have thought what a miniature The Rebecca lodge, of which she them. Her life is a monument of reflection that journey was of her was a member, conducted the sergrand and noble deeds that will future life. The plains, rich in vices at the grave.

of all who knew her, and will bless springtime of her life; the manythe coming generations with its hued flowers dotted here and there John E. Brooks of this city, died at living presence. Truth and love of her hopes and joys. The bridgeher home Sunday April 5th, 1897, forever survive. The eternal years less streams on whose banks they aged 67 years and 23 days. She of Time are theirs. No kind act, rested after perhaps a perilous was one of the early pioneers of no generous impulse of the hu- crossing, were indicative of venthis state, having crossed the plains man heart was ever wasted. Our tures and successes. The climbing from Iowa in the year 1852. In individual lives are but the rounds of the rock-ribbed mountain with When you want a .... the growth and development of by which the future generations its yawning chasms is suggestive progressive liberal thought in this mount higher and higher on the of the graves into which they drop country Mrs, Brooks' name figures ladder of progression. It required their choicest pearls. The summit, conspicuously, she having been a all that has ever gone before to the noontide of life; then down the life-long. Freethinker and a fear- make the present moment possible. western slope to the setting of the less champion of the principles of It takes our lives, our everythought sun, and the day is done. The last Liberalism. She was a subscriber and action to make possible that hour bade fair to sweep away the to the Truth Seeker and the Torch which shall come after. We live accumalations of a lifetime. In one of Reason, and one of the main forever in the good that we have short moment the home with its stays in the First Secular church of done, and for a grander immortal- treasures wealth could not replace,

She was a lover and student of emulating her virtues, and by try- went up in smoke. Again the nature, and found rare beauty in the ing to make our own llves and the grave was opened to receive her most lowly forms. Her genial, lives of those around us happier child. Her mother-heart beat lovgenerous nature and broad hospi- and better. The question is not ingly for her own and received with tality, together with her keen "Are we prepared to die?" The equal fondness those left motherperception of justice and right, question most important for us is less. But her hands, scarred and made her loved and honored by all "Are we prepared to live?" He seamed with toil, are folded peacewho knows to live shall know to die. fully and still.

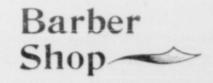
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