

NEWS AND NOTES.

Henry Fisher is again in the L. U. O.

Prof. Wakeman will lecture at McMinnville next Saturday evening.

The students of the L. U. O. are doing some very good work this year.

The next issue of the Freethought Magazine will contain a photograph of the faculty of the L. U. O.

Fine program last Friday evening at the Y. P. S. S. C., but look out for the Hosmer crew next week.

There will be no Thought Exchange meeting next Sunday evening, but look out for notice of the subject for the next.

The editor is almost covered up with work this week, the business manager being away, therefore "judge not."

The discussion on Public Improvements last Sunday evening was right to the point. The future looks bright for Silverton if all will do what they can easily do.

The big 'bus starts to run this morning from the Torch of Reason office to the University grounds. Students must be at the office on time or get left. Last trip, 8:45.

One of the interesting things about our University is our reading table, which is nicely managed by the librarian. The table contains the best papers and magazines that the world affords.

Mr. James Officer arrived in Silverton last week. James will attend school again this year, and we are all very much pleased to have him here. He brought two fine horses for the University.

Dr. Stoll of Sioux City, Iowa, sent us a large number of boxes of medicine this week. It says on each box: "Stoll's Pink Headache Capsules. Try them. Worth their weight in gold. No better in the world. Twenty-five cents. Sure cure for nervous and other headaches, nervousness and restless sleep. For la grippe they have no equal. Perfectly harmless," etc.,

etc. If any reader of the Torch wants to try them, he might send us 25 cents, help the cause and also his headache.

Another musician was added to our corps of teachers this week. Those wishing to take lessons on the violin will find Prof. G. Cooley at the University Saturdays at 9 a. m. and Wednesdays at 4 p. m. Music is harmony; harmony is heaven.

A good Christian of Silverton knocked a creditor over the head with a big file the other day when he called for money. The good Christian man has cheek enough, but he don't like to turn it also. A law suit will settle this "two-bit" scrape very nicely.

Mr. A. Officer left Silverton yesterday for his home in Dayville, Ore. While here he took a goodly number of shares in the University, paying for the same in advance. He also helped along our work in another substantial way, never to be forgotten. With such friends as Mr. Officer our work cannot fail!

The important subject of Food Poisoning, in its relation to health, will be discussed by Prof. Victor C. Vaughan in Appleton's Popular Science Monthly for November. He calls attention to the danger from poorly canned foods, especially meats, and the desirability of buying only from reputable makers, who have a reputation to sustain.

OBITUARY.

Mrs. Jane McKay.

It is with sincere sorrow that we learn of the death of Mrs. Jane McKay of Waterman, Oregon. She died suddenly of heart disease on the 20th of September last, and left a sorely afflicted husband and a large circle of sorrowing friends. We had the good fortune to be acquainted with this lady and her family, and cannot let this occasion pass without bearing witness to the fact that she was one of the strongest and most consistent advocates of the Liberal cause in our state, and that she never failed,

when occasion offered, to prove the sincerity of her convictions by her words, her labors and her means. She was a warm friend and supporter of the Liberal University and a subscriber to the Torch of Reason. Both have, by her death, met with a loss that is deeply felt.

Mrs. McKay had a life of many changes, which tested the strength and worth of her character and her devotion to the Liberal cause. She was born in Missouri, May 5, 1844. She crossed the continent in the early fifties and settled in Marion county, Oregon. She was married to Leander K. Smith, who met with death by an accident in 1896. She was married to her husband, who now survives her, in January, this year. Wherever she has lived, and under many trials and difficulties, she has ever borne a character for honest and intelligent Liberal convictions, illustrated by beneficent works, which gained for her a large circle of friends. When death came suddenly, she was prepared to say, as she did say: "It is well. I am not afraid to die." Thus she rests in peace, while her works and influence—her real life—continues to live on, an unceasing power for good.

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