

## NEWS AND NOTES.

The business manager has gone East.

The daffodils, daisies and violets have been in bloom for several weeks in Silverton.

The L. U. O. Company have yet about 40 bushels of potatoes to dig. We buy when they are cheap and dig in the spring when they are high.

The University is in receipt of a Texas salamander for the museum. It is a fine specimen. It was sent by our friend O. C. Lee, of Texarkana, Arkansas.

Mr. F. J. Beaty, our representative who has been in the Hawaiian Islands, is at home again. He tells many an interesting story about those wonderful isles and their people.

Prof. Wakeman received a very kind note this week from Mrs. Robert G. Ingersoll, in which she expressed her heartfelt thanks for his "noble, generous and scholarly" address on the life of Mr. Ingersoll.

We all had an excellent time at the Y. P. S. S. C. supper last Friday evening. Capt. Geer's soldiers managed to feed a large crowd and all seemed jolly—with supper, repartee and dance until twelve o'clock, when the happy party adjourned.

Mr. Charles Howell, who has been attending the L. U. O., will soon depart for Eastern Oregon, where he will work at his trade, carpentering. Charles says he is very well pleased with our school and that he will attend all of next year if possible.

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Dr. Leonard was again called away just at the wrong time and could not deliver his lecture at the Thought Exchange last Sunday evening. He will probably be on hand with "What to do with the young people" next Sunday evening. All are cordially invited to take part in the discussion.

Another thousand extra copies of the Torch are sent out this week to different parts of the world. We hope that those receiving sample copies will subscribe and get others to do the same, for we believe that our success means the true solution of the great problems of political, industrial, educational, social, religious and moral reform.

The Woman's Social Science Club of Silverton met at the home of Mrs. Dr. Leonard Saturday,

March 3. The utterances of Cardinal Gibbons against club women and society women were discussed. The conclusions were that the Cardinal is not up to date on the women question, and that he really does not know the emancipated woman. Saturday, March 10, the Club will meet at the home of Mrs. Lou Ames at 3 p. m. All women are cordially invited to attend.

## Silverton Thought Exchange.

Again the inexhaustible resources of the Exchange were called upon last Sunday. The rain held up just in time to let in the President and choir and a goodly audience, but again Special Providence had a special professional engagement for Dr. Leonard, the speaker of the evening. That he was ready was evident, for his paper came in the hands of his better half. But all wanted the Dr. and the paper. So "a next time" remains for him, and President Hosmer, the next oldest resident professor, was inspired by the choir to go on with his unprepared lecture on "What should be done with and for the young people of Silverton." He insisted that he was unprepared—"taken by surprise," as it were. But it was evident, as soon as he touched the subject, that as a professional teacher and president of the Liberal University he had spent the better part of his life in getting ready for this lecture without knowing it. He had discovered that Silverton's young people were very like young people elsewhere throughout the country. That they were bound to live, and that meant activity; and that lecturing, scolding and worrying about them was not the only or the chief thing to be done about them, together or individually. The thing to do was to get better conditions of life and more attractive objects for their activity to expend itself upon, so as to make it result in education and discipline. If the environment is made right, we will not be obliged to worry about the young people. The home and town life must have improving physical surroundings to ensure health, and proper nourishment of body and mind to begin with. How those things were to be brought about, it was for the people of Silverton to determine. But what they were the lecturer had a pretty lot of ideas, which he ventilated. We can only note two or three of his points. As to the mental education and surroundings, the time had come to have our public school system extended so as to have the general truth about the world in which the young people were to live made known to them. The public school gives only the instrumental departments of an education, like the three R's. But how these instru-

ments are to be applied to acquire a general knowledge, could not be disclosed without telling the truth about the world, and that would kill the churches, and so it was not done. But that higher use of learning the young people were justly entitled to, and their technical and instrumental education was largely wasted for want of it. A suitable lecture system and an increase of Liberal universities was therefore a necessity. And Silverton ought to make the most of its opportunities.

But further, the young people must have proper amusements and opportunities of social meetings. The library and literary societies should be opened and extended, with healthy dances and amateur theatricals. The lyceum and theatre should be made a delight, without any of its immoral and demoralizing shows. The lecturer gave assurance that the literary societies of the Liberal University would keep on improving in the exercises and dramatic elements presented to the people of our town.

Lastly, the young people were entitled to know their highest duties—what the family, town, state and nation expected them to aspire to, and, if possible, to become and do. PATRIOTISM, in the enlarged meaning of the term as consistent with Humanity, should be kept before all, old and young, as the goal to be reached by every American citizen.

Prof. J. K. Buff heartily approved of the general education, and thought that no branches should be omitted in the present public school studies, but that some should rather be added, including Mental Science. Why not, for instance, have some knowledge of Phrenology—the Science of Brain and Mind? He made many amusing illustrations of the use that such knowledge could be put to by teachers and students.

Prof. Wakeman was called out. He pointed out that President Hosmer's lecture rested upon the great law of Sociology, viz., The supreme duty of each generation is to prepare a better generation to take its place. This can be achieved only by the great law of Environment, viz., There must be an improved Silverton in order to have better people there. How this might be done, the whole town was a committee on "ways and means" to determine. Then there was a lot of suggestions, practical and theoretical, for Silverton people only.

Next Sunday, if Dr. Leonard is unable to be on hand, Mrs. A. Davenport Martin will occupy the platform on "The Religions." So that will be a red letter day in the history of the Exchange, in either event.

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## Our New World.

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Whether we will or no, the new environment is here, the old egoistic heaven is gone—the necessity impends. In which world? which Era? will you live, are you living?

Environment under the law of evolution determines Fate. If to it the human race cannot be adjusted, it must deteriorate and finally die. Just in proportion as it fails to make a completed adjustment, its civilization and higher life must fail. It is not Bruno nor the Scientists who have put up these terrible discoveries and issues which say "Meet us or die!" It is evolution itself, of which they are only instruments and exponents. Of all these Bruno has the lead as the first who realized the consequences—the new Era to be; and he and his name should be revered and honored accordingly. As a man and a savior his head and heart first indicated, and his awful martyrdom first consecrated the New Era. His life, and death sentence has made our cause, the human cause, known. He has become vicarious. The light of the New Era flashed up from his execution, and millions have been, and for untold ages will continue to be lighted by it into the NEW LIFE, the scientific and human salvation of the race.

Pitiable that the new light could not have reached mankind in some other way, and that the great Pantheist need not have been a sacrifice for all! The Christianity that made this "Act of Faith" has, by that very law of evolution which has come from Bruno been shown not to have had a God, nor a man, nor any personal sacrifice or crucifixion as its foundation. The original Christ was the title "Messiah", and not a person. Pitiable that the Hebrews have been for ages persecuted and tortured for causing the death of what turns out to be the personification of a myth! Would that a similar Ideal could have been the occasion of our New Era! But no! we are dealing with historical facts terrible and true. The baptism of fire and blood lights the way and marks our path into the New Life of the New Era. May the awful sacrifice inspire, enlighten and consecrate all our steps towards that New and Higher Life!

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