

NEWS AND NOTES.

"Under Two Flags!"

See the play at Liberal Hall, Saturday evening.

A great many people evidently voted the Republican ticket last Tuesday.

Mr. Wm. Cline made us a very pleasant visit last Sunday, remaining for the night.

Editor Wakeman and Manager Geer expect to leave Silverton for Cincinnati next Monday, Nov. 12.

Arrangements are being made for Prof. Wakeman's classes to be conducted without interruption during his absence.

"Under Two Flags" is the title of the play to be given by Silverton home talent at Liberal Hall, Saturday evening, Nov. 10th.

The Assembly Hall of the L. U. O. was used as a polling place on election day and some of our students were given practical lessons in civil government.

Home talent of Silverton will shine forth again at Liberal Hall next Saturday evening. This time it will be in the production of "Under Two Flags." Reserved seats at Brooks' Drug Store.

Mr. J. H. Morris, the former foreman in the Torch of Reason office, is with us again after spending several months on his farm. Mr. Morris will remain with us during the absence of the editor and business manager of the Torch while they are attending the Liberal Congress in Cincinnati.

Miss Clara Wakeman returned to Silverton last Monday evening after a three months' stay in New York City. Her class in painting and drawing will begin its work at the L. U. O. building next Saturday morning. The students and professors are pleased to have Miss Wakeman return and have given her a glad welcome.

Among the visitors to the L. U. O. last Sunday were, Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Mount, Mrs. Hibbard, Miss Mascher, and Mr. and Mrs. Will Jack. They all seemed pleased with our buildings and equipments and admired the scenery and decorations in the Assembly Hall. We are pleased to have friends visit us and enjoy showing them around.

The Y. P. S. S. C. will hold its meetings in the Assembly Hall of the L. U. O., beginning with next Friday evening, when Captain Mills will lead off with a splendid program. Captain Hoffman closed at Liberal Hall last Friday evening with a program that surprised all present, and the audience was unusually large. The young Peoples' Social Science Club has become very popular.

Mr. C. P. Farrell, Liberal publisher, 117 E. 21st St., New York City, has sent us some beautiful lithograph engravings of Col. R. G. Ingersoll and grand-children, with the prose poems on "Life" and "Love;" also the poem "The Declaration of the Free" and "The Creed of Science," printed on heavy cardboard for framing. These works of art are thankfully received and will occupy conspicuous places on the walls of the different rooms of the L. U. O.

Guided Points.

BY JOHN P. GUILD.

Necessity has no comparison.

Pride and vanity have their uses and excuses, but envy and jealousy are intolerable.

When a man jeers his fellow for his poverty, such a one is fit only for the fellowship of sharks.

Jacket an ignoramus with a little authority, and he will prove himself an infernal jackass.

I would rather be a wood sawyer in the Liberal University than high priest in a Temple of Superstition.

An intelligent enemy will not dare do some things to another's injury, which a foolish friend will do thinking to give a benefit.

I would rather be poor all my life and speak my honest thought, than own a "tin store" and flout at every radical remark.

A Problem for the Astronomers.

BY ELIZA MOWRY BLIVEN.

D. K. Tenney's reasons, (in "The Earth Not Created,") for the Glacial Period here, and the evolutionary changes, to our temperate climate with its growths, is not satisfactory to me. Is not the following theory more reasonable?

Our whole solar system must require millions of years for its revolution around some gigantic star-sun immeasurably distant. In some parts of this mighty orbit, our sun comes nearer to its lode star; and nearness to its mighty attraction would cause increase of speed, increasing heat till all the planets might become nearly or quite incandescent.

The counter attraction to our sun, probably also changes the polarization of all the planets. Our equator, thus passing across where the poles now are, with the heat and rotation, would flatten the earth at the new poles, and bulge it out at the new equator, crushing up the present crust, and changing the oceans to steamy atmosphere.

But the increased speed of the Solar System, would increase its CENTRIFUGAL force: this would carry it FARTHER from the huge load star; then the whole Solar System would gradually decrease in speed, and

cool down, till the evolution of land, growth of plants, animals and man, could proceed in the earth's equatorial regions, while the slower moving new poles would become glacier bound.

Thus each revolution of our Solar System through its mighty orbit, would bring about all the changes of evolution, continuously throughout all Eternity.

Brooklyn, Conn.

The above is a fair speculation from a fair correspondent. Like all similar hypotheses it has to assume its peg to hang on: The revolution of our sun about any thing, has yet to be ascertained.—Editor Torch.

The Ingersoll Chair.

The amounts subscribed and paid in for the Ingersoll Chair are set forth below. This sum is actually in the hands of our treasurer to be safely invested, the income only to be used.

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A Liberal Offer.

A good friend of the L. U. O. has offered to donate Two Thousand Dollars in cash to our institution if other Freethinkers will raise it to Five Thousand.

Let us fill up the contribution box!

LATER—Mr. R. C. Burtis of Michigan adds one thousand dollars to the above offer. At this rate we will soon be able to go ahead with our building. "A friend who helps quick helps double."

STILL LATER.—A friend in Silverton offers fifty dollars on the above plan. The amount already received and acknowledged in the Contribution Box, goes to help make up the balance of this fund, which now lacks only \$1387.75 of being complete.

LATER STILL.—A friend in New England has sent us a draft for five hundred dollars, which now leaves only \$887.75 to complete the fund and give "Luo" a big boost. Who will be the next?

LIBERAL MEETINGS.

BOSTON, MASS.—Ingersoll Secular Society meets at Paine Memorial Hall, 9 Appleton St., Sunday, 3 p. m. Rev. J. P. Bland, Resident Speaker.

LOWELL, MASS.—Liberal Association meets in Pilgrim Hall, Palmer street, Lowell, Mass., Sunday afternoons, at 2 o'clock, except 2d Sunday in each month when the time is 6:30. W. S. Parker, President. E. A. Howe, Secretary.

NEW YORK CITY—The Manhattan Liberal Club meets every Friday evening at 8 o'clock, in the German Masonic Temple, 220 East Fifteenth street.

BROOKLYN, N. Y.—The Brooklyn Philosophical Association meets Sunday at 3 p. m., in the Long Island Business College Hall, South Eighth street, bet. Bedford and Driggs Avenues.

CHICAGO, ILL.—Liberal Society, Dr. Thomas B. Gregory, resident lecturer. Sunday lectures, 11 a. m. Corinthian Hall, Masonic Temple. Admission free. All are invited.

OHIO LIBERAL SOCIETY—Season of 1900 and 1901.

Public lectures under the auspices of the above society are delivered every Sunday evening at 8 o'clock, in College Hall, 416 Walnut st., Cincinnati, Ohio. The program for October is as follows:

The program for November is as follows:  
Nov. 11. Dr. B. F. Longstreet. Subject "Natural Law in the Social World."  
Nov. 18. Joint debate. Subject, "The Physical Phenomena of Spiritualism can be best explained on the hypothesis that they are produced by the spirits of the dead. Affirmative, Prof. J. Clegg Wright. Negative, John R. Charlesworth."  
Nov. 23, 24, 25. Annual Congress of The American Secular Union and Freethought Federation of America, under the auspices of the society.

MANCHESTER N. H.—Freethinkers' Association meets Sunday evenings at 6 o'clock, 809 Elm Street.

FALL SEASON 1900.

"Without a fear of coming night We seek the truth, we love the light."  
Nov. 11. George V. Hamlin. "Municipal Problems."  
Nov. 18. Dr. Sarah F. Whittemore Wilsey. "The Education of Women."  
Nov. 25. L. H. Carpenter. "A political Subject."  
Dec. 2. Anson G. Osgood. "Death and Immortality."  
Dec. 9. George R. Jackson. The Poetry of the English Language."  
Dec. 16. L. H. Carpenter. "What is Wrong?"  
Dec. 23. G. S. Osgood. "A Philosophical Subject."  
Dec. 30. Miss Marv Percival Stone. "Harmony and the 'Music of the Spheres.'"