

NEWS AND NOTES.

Shall we organize a football team?

Lovely weather along the Willamette.

New apparatus for the chemical laboratory.

The New L. U. O. caps look "good" on good students.

Good students are as essential as good teachers. Send us students.

Prof. Towne, our dancing teacher, is an excellent dancer and instructor.

Don't forget that the painting class has been reorganized. Time, 9 a. m. Saturday.

We are glad to have Mr. J. H. Morris, our former foreman, in the T. O. R. office again.

Our former students Guy and Clyde Mount are with us again, working like good fellows.

Prof. M. G. Cooley, the musician, is with us again. Those wishing to take private lessons should apply at once.

The L. U. O. dancing class, which meets Monday and Thursday evenings, is proving a grand success. Single lessons are 30 cents; term tickets, \$5.

The W. S. S. C. will meet next Saturday at 2:30 p. m., at the home of Mrs. Samuel Ames. Mrs. Hosmer will introduce the subject "Growth or Decay?"

A number of the L. U. O. students took part in the drama "Under two Flags," which was well rendered at Liberal Hall last Saturday. We are proud of our students.

Professors Wakeman and Geer have started for the A. S. U. convention to be held at Cincinnati, Ohio. We hope they will be able to spread the L. U. O. glad tidings far and near. Help them!

Miss Nellie Davey, of California, entered the L. U. O. Tuesday. We heartily welcome her, and hope our school will be the means of making her life a blessing to herself, to our great cause and to humanity.

Last Friday evening the Y. P. S. S. C. met for the first time in the new L. U. O. Hall. An excellent program was rendered by Miss Mills' workers, and the social dance was a perfect success. Happy, intelligent workers are the only successful workers.

While working in the L. U. O. chemical laboratory Tuesday, an explosion came within half an inch of destroying President Hosmer's left eye. The experiment was completed with satisfaction, however, and no serious results except

the loss of a little L. U. O. blood, scarred hands and a black eye.

The reason we do not put in the steam heating apparatus is because of the lack of money. We have secured the boiler and need the work done very much, but "it is better to be sure than sorry."

A Comprehensive Letter.

Dear Professor Hosmer:—I am in receipt of catalogue of the L. U. O., also copy of The Torch of Reason. I am well pleased that you are progressing so nicely and have such fine prospects for the future. Am delighted to see your building fund growing; wish I could help you immediately to make up the \$5,000.

I shall be at Silverton by the 1st of January and do all within my capacity to help you along. If you should care to found a department of agriculture or an agricultural college, I could teach agriculture, geology and chemistry of soils, agricultural chemistry, dairying, bacteriology, also horticulture, gardening, floriculture, also veterinary medicines.

You have, no doubt, read that masterpiece written by Herbert Spencer. It is the most stirring and inspiring work on education that the mind of man has yet produced. You remember the importance he places upon the subject of industrial education. I think you will not err in giving this branch of education a firm and broad foundation in your institution. I hope you will continue to prosper.

Very Truly Yours, S. H. VAN TRUMP.

Lifters and Leanners.

No; the two kinds of people on earth I mean, Are the people who lift and the people who lean, Wherever you go, you find the world's masses, Are always divided in just these two classes. And oddly enough, you will find, too, I ween, There is only one lifter to twenty who lean. In which class are you? Are you easing the load Of overtaxed lifters who toil down the road? Or are you a leaner who let others bear Your portion of labor and worry and care?

—[Ella Wheeler Wilcox.

Salt Storm in Utah.

"Along the high-voltage transmission line running from Provo, Utah, to Tintic, the 'salt storms' from the plains often produce remarkable electrical displays," says The Western Electrician. "On account of the moisture in the air and the thick covering of the poles with salt, powerful discharges oc-

cur at frequent intervals; short circuits are momentarily caused, the lights dip, and some times the operation of the motors is interfered with. These discharges are usually of dazzling brilliancy, and at times startling. The flames are said to reach a height of from six to eight feet, holding for a second or two, then break from one of the wires and die away. It is only when the arc is continuous between the wires that there is any interruption of the service. One flash which blew the station fuses and caused a shutdown held its place between the wires for five or six seconds, but most of the flashes cease almost on the instant of completing connection.

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.

SUBSCRIPTIONS COLLECTED IN ENGLAND BY G. J. HOLYOAKE.

Table with 2 columns: Name and Amount (£ s.). Includes Mr. George Anderson, Mr. Alfred Marsh, Mrs. E. Holyoake Marsh, Mr. Robert Applegarth, Mr. Thos. Allsop, Mr. J. M. Gimson, Mr. Arthur Gimson, Mr. Sidney Gimson, Mr. John Leach.

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SENT PERSONALLY.

Table with 2 columns: Name and Amount (£ s.). Includes Mr. Herbert Spencer.

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TO RAISE \$100,000.

This is Our Building Fund Contribution Box.

Table with 2 columns: Name and Amount (\$). Includes Previously acknowledged, J. P. Bale, H. C. Williss, M. E. Peck, J. G. Francis, M. Boehmer, C. W. Meyer, A friend, Moletas Smith.

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 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, 89 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 Mary Percival Stone. "Harmony and the 'Music of the Spheres.'"