

The Brave.

Stand not aloof nor apart,
Plunge in the thick of the fight;
There in the street and the mart,
That is the place to do right.
Not in some cloister or cave,
Not in some kingdom above,
Here, on this side of the grave,
Here should we labor and love.

—[Ella Wheeler Wilcox.]

NEWS AND NOTES.

A flurry of snow in Silverton on Tuesday. It melts almost as soon as it falls.

Turkey and cranberry sauce at the L. U. O. Dining Hall Thanksgiving evening.

Grand Entertainment, Dance and Supper at the L. U. O. Hall, Thanksgiving night.

Prof. Hoffmann will take the heavy villian's part in the play, the Lone Tree Mine.

The L. U. O. band is doing finely, but they need several more instruments. How can we get them?

The students will all help pay for our new piano by helping in entertainments and in every way possible.

Don't forget the Grand Ball at the L. U. O. Hall Thanksgiving evening. Tickets 25 cents. Proceeds for the Piano Fund.

Profs. Hosmer and Davenport visited the Capital City last Friday and purchased a fine, new, upright piano for the L. U. O. Hall.

A number of the students are preparing to give an excellent play entitled the "Lone Tree Mine," for the benefit of the Piano Fund.

The last heard of Profs. Geer and Wakeman, they were enjoying good health and speeding on toward the Council of the Emancipated, at Cincinnati.

The L. U. O. Orchestra will begin playing in public in about another week. Prof. Cooley is to be congratulated on his work and his students' success.

The late mid term examinations revealed the fact that many of the L. U. O. students are indeed students. A large number stood 100 per cent. in more than one branch.

At the next Thanksgiving entertainment Prof. Godfrey will balance himself on a trapeze, many feet from the floor, on the two back legs of a chair. Don't forget the time. Thursday evening, Nov. 29

Last Tuesday all the tobacco users in the L. U. O. made a solemn promise, on their word of honor as gentlemen (no ladies here use the filthy stuff), that they will entirely give up this mind-destroying habit. They mean just what they say, and we will help them all we can by reporting progress in the Torch from time to time.

Mrs. Godfrey will take the part of the Mountain Rose in the play, the Lone Tree Mine.

The Natural Philosophy and Chemistry classes in the L. U. O. are learning the great secrets of nature very rapidly, and the best part of it is, no gods or holy books dam up this pure crystal stream of honest research. Ours is a great victory!

We have engaged Prof. and Mrs. Godfrey as instructors in the L. U. O. Prof. Godfrey will give instruction and drill in physical culture every Wednesday and Saturday at 4 and 7 p. m. Freethinkers need sound bodies as well as sound minds.

The entertainment Thanksgiving night will consist of a genuine Cake Walk for a fine cake, special features by Prof. and Mrs. Godfrey, vocal solos, duets and quartets and some of the most surprising feats of athletic performances ever witnessed. Admission 15 cents; children 10 cents. Proceeds for the Piano Fund.

Perhaps no feature of our L. U. O. work will prove more beneficial this year than our dancing class. Lessons are given at 4 and 8 p. m. The ease, grace and confidence that a student learns in this way makes him a different being, and as the old time evil of excess is carefully guarded against, we expect nothing but excellent results from this department.

At the end of four years' service, Mr. J. E. Hosmer has resigned the duties of president of the Oregon Liberal University and editor of the Torch of Reason, Mr. T. B. Wakeman, becoming his successor. The need of a recreative vacation is adduced as the cause of Mr. Hosmer's retirement.—[Truth-seeker.]

A slight error. Prof. Hosmer has resigned the editorship only. He is still president of the L. U. O.

What is Your Name?

Editor Torch of Reason:—

Americans have one very bad custom; instead of writing their names, for want of time I suppose, they use initials. Now, the question arises, are our children named "John," "Joseph" and "Jacob," or as "J," "K" and "L"? To me it seems a desecration to refer to human beings as alphabetical characters. A B and C may do very well for barrels of flour, kegs of fish, or spools of thread, but not for full fledged men, editors of papers, professors in colleges and distinguished reformers. So, Mr. Editor, I beg that you will hereafter write your name, print it on the editorial page of your paper, and thus set a good example to editors and professors in this far famed

American Republic, and thus give your correspondent much pleasure. With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,
ELIZIBETH CADY STANTON.

China contains some of the richest coal deposits in the world. Last fall Professor Drake, of Tientsin visited the coal fields in the province of Shansi, which were examined by Baron von Richthofen in 1870, and found that they are of immense extent. The coal area is said to be greater than that of Pennsylvania, and the anthracite coal alone contained in these fields has been estimated at 630,000,000 tons. The Shansi coal-beds are so thick and lie so uniformly in a horizontal position that the practicability has been suggested of running long lines of railroad tunnels through the beds so that the cars can be loaded in the mines for distant transportation.

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 \$1364.60 of being complete.

LATER STILL.—A friend in New England has sent us a draft for five hundred dollars, which now leaves only \$864.60 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 a 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."