

NEWS AND NOTES.

Who will get the cake?

Cake Walk tonight at the L. U. O.

The L. U. O. band meets Sunday at 2:30 p. m.

The L. U. O. Orchestra meets at 2:30 p. m. Fridays.

Our Physical Culture Class meets at 4 and 7 p. m. Wednesdays and Saturdays.

A large class in physical culture proves the students' appreciation of Prof. Godfrey's work.

Turkey, cranberries and other thanksgiving delicacies at the L. U. O. Hall tonight.

Every room in our building is occupied and more people coming. We need more room!

Every day's delay in putting in steam heat in our buildings is that much more danger from fire. We must hurry up.

Tonight is the Grand Entertainment and Supper at the L. U. O. We expect a large attendance and a grand good time.

The beautifully decorated gallery in the L. U. O. Hall will be completed today. Mr. Kautz is to be congratulated on his excellent work.

Prof. Hoffman's poster cartoons of the characters in tonight's entertainment are attracting much attention and are highly appreciated by all.

Last Friday evening the Y. P. S. S. C. was very well attended, there being the largest audience we have had in a long time. Our hall is not large enough for our entertainments.

Two of our printers, J. H. Morris and Henry E. Browne, have purchased a job printing office at Portland and will move to that city next week. We wish them every success.

The Womans' Social Science Club met last week at Mrs. Lou Ames' home and discussed "Hobbies," which was introduced by Mrs. M. Brown. This week the club will meet with Mrs. Down and discuss, "How Shall We Educate Our Girls?" Mrs. Kautz will introduce this subject.

Sample Copy Wins a Friend.

EDITOR TORCH OF REASON:

Sample copies of the Torch of Reason and the L. U. O. Catalog to hand. I was much pleased and interested in both. You and your associates in Freethought are doing a noble work by building a Liberal University where the young can receive an education free from superstition and bible lies. And I sin-

serely hope that the day is not far distant when there will be a Freethought University established in every state in the Union, and every province in Canada. Sorry I am a bachelor, for if married and had a family nothing would give me more pleasure than to send my children to such a school, where they would be taught facts instead of fables.

ARTHUR W. BENSON.

Ackerman's Decision.

SALEM, Nov. 26.—In an appeal from Washington County, State Superintendent Ackerman has decided that reading a chapter of the Bible without comment and repeating the Lord's Prayer in a public school is not sectarian, and the Board of Directors are authorized to make that a part of the school programme and suspend pupils who refuse to participate.

Peculiar African Race.

In the north-western part of the Transvaal there dwell some curious specimens of those who bear the image of "God." They are called the Vaalpens, and are said to be the lowest of the human race, though I doubt if they can be lower than the poor wretches reared under none but Popish influences. The true color of these Vaalpens is said to be almost jet black, but as they creep into the dirt holes in which they live, their skin is covered with earth of a khaki color, and the Boers therefore call them "dusty." They are not more than four feet in height. They are cannibals, and eat up the aged and infirm members of their tribe; and their dwellings are mostly natural caves, holes made in the ground or rock shelters. Nothing seems to be known of their language, and they have no arts or industries of any sort; still they have fire and can cook their food. These people seem to be the aborigines of Africa south of the Zambezi.

By damning a soul—that is to say, by turning it away forever from his presence, or, in less mysterious words, by shutting it out forever from the truth—God would turn himself away from his soul, would limit his own power, and would, so to say, damn himself also to a certain extent. The pain of damnation recoils on him who inflicts it. Instead of damning those who have gone wrong, God should everlastingly call them back to him.—Guyau.

It seems to me not only possible, but probable, that in a higher, and above all, a happier condition of human life, not annihilation, but immortality, may be the burdensome idea; and that human nature,

though pleased with the present, and by no means impatient to quit it, would find comfort, and not sadness, in the thought that it is not chained through eternity to a conscious existence, which it cannot be assured that it will always wish to preserve.—J. S. MILL.

Secularists would you not like to have some letterheads printed with Secular sentiment and Wettstein's Freethought badge, to use in correspondence with your friends? We will furnish them to you with your name and address printed on them for 75 cents per hundred, \$1.50 per 250, or \$2.50 for 500, postpaid. Let the people know where you stand.

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. Includes Mr. George Anderson (London, £5 0), Mr. Alfred Marsh (2d subscription, £3 0), Mrs. E. Holyoake Marsh (10), Mr. Robert Applegarth (10), Mr. Thos. Allsop (2 0), Mr. J. M. Gimson (Leicester, 1 0), Mr. Arthur Gimson (1 0), Mr. Sidney Gimson (1 0), Mr. John Leach (Yarmouth, 1 0).

Table with 2 columns: Name and Amount. Includes Mrs. Daniel Baker (Birmingham, 1 0), Mr. Byron Holyoake Smith (5 0), A. H. (10), Miss Julia C. Smith (1 0), Mrs. Holyoake Smith (1 0), Miss Phipson (Reigate, 1 0), Dr. G. Sworn (London, 1 0), Mr. T. R. Mudie (1 0), Mr. A. Sumner (5), Dr. J. Wallace, (deceased) Glasgow (1 0).

SENT PERSONALLY. Mr. Herbert Spencer. Brighton 2 0

Table with 2 columns: Name and Amount. Includes L. P. Maxam, Mich. (\$10.00), Geo. N. Hill, Boston, Mass. (5.00), Eva Ingersoll Brown, N. Y. (50.00), Prof. Daniel T. Ames, Cal. (10.00), Benj. Duval, Col. (1.00), Ed. Secrest, Randolph, Kansas (2.50), Helen H. Gardener, N. Y. City (1.00), Esther Herrman, New York City (1.00), J. J. Chilcoat, M. D. Wash D. C. (3.00), Wm. J. Chilcoat (1.00).

TO RAISE \$100,000. This is Our Building Fund Contribution Box.

Table with 2 columns: Name and Amount. Includes Previously acknowledged (\$558.45), J. B. Billard, Topeka, Kan. (10.00), F. W. Hibbard, Del Norte, Col. (5.00).

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 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.'"