

NEWS AND NOTES.

Mr. Ralph Davis, of Grant Pass, entered the L. U. O. this week.

Mr. Andrew Olsen entered the L. U. O. as a student this week.

Don't forget the play, the Lone Tree Mine, Christmas night.

A grand masquerade New Years night at the L. U. O. is next on the docket after the Christmas drama.

A number of L. U. O. students went to Salem Tuesday, as witnesses in the Silverton incendiary case.

We thought that the business portion of Silverton was doomed last Saturday night, but only two or three buildings were burned

The gentleman who is supposed to have set Silverton afire last Saturday evening, is held under \$2000 bonds.

The article on the "Nebular hypothesis" is re-printed this week because next week Mr. Tenney will knock the spots off those suns and moons in un-scientific imaginations.

Professor Geer is grinding away in Arizona and California. We all hope 'twill not be too dry for him, and that he will return by the New Year with lots of Fruit.

The Woman's Social Science Club will meet at the residence of Mrs. John Wolfard, Saturday, Dec. 15th, at 2 P. M. Subject for discussion: "Tea and Coffee." All Ladies of Silverton are cordially invited.

It was thought a little variety would be pleasing in the Morning L. U. O. Opening Exercises. So, in addition to the usual music and addresses, the Students respond by appropriate sentiments they have learned, and thereby all cultivate mind, heart and memory.

When the Editor "came back" he found the little world of the L. U. O. moving much as it was left, the lessons, recitations, and all. But some improving variations were there, in the shape of excellent dancing lessons by Mrs. Godfrey; and refined athletic instructions exercises by Prof. Godfrey. Preparations were also being made for an Address, an appropriate Ball and a melodramatic play, for the Christmas and New Year Festivals of Joy. Let us all be happy.

Mr. John P. Guild, of Massachusetts, arrived at the L. U. O. before the Editor, and went to work as a volunteer, with hand, head and heart. He is picking up the dropped ends in the printing office in a way which is doing us all good. Some of his "Guilded Points" will find a place in the Torch from time to time. But many such "Points"

from him have shone upon the world before this and are fine reading. Send to him 15 cents for his "Stoneheaps, or Work Wed to Wit", and "The Flag we Float, or American Principles."

The Congress, the editorship of the Torch and a pile of letters to answer have made it impossible for Prof. Wakeman to go on with his American History and the Civil Government classes before Christmas, but Profs. Hoffman and Keating will take his place, and next year all will go as usual. There will be no change in Prof. W.'s Language Classes, or his Morning Opening address.

Haeckel and Ingersoll.

Ernst Haeckel, author of "The Riddle of the Universe," was a warm friend of Colonel Ingersoll during the last years of the Colonel's life. Letters passed between them, and the great German scientist sent the great American a fine portrait of himself. Speaking of his forthcoming book, Professor Haeckel said that it might cost him his position in the University of Jena, but he proposed to liberate his mind without reserve whatever the consequence to himself. The heresies of "The Riddle of the Universe" are in some respects more radical than those of Dr. Ludwig Buchner, the noted Materialistic philosopher.—[Truth Seeker.

Col. Ingersoll once said, "When the Church shall lose its power to harm then honest thinkers will be outspoken." It is only because the honest thinkers have been outspoken that the Church has nearly lost its power to harm. One now does not have to dare to be a Bruno to tell the truth, yet many cater to the Church for the sake of its cake.

The Muncie, Ind. ministers intend to abandon Sunday funerals, as they interfere with Sunday school. May be next these saints will ban Sunday deaths, Sunday weddings, Sunday births, etc., but will they ever miss their Sunday dinners, for Christ's sake?

Our Youngest Pupil.

Mrs. Charles Sparks, wife of the agnostic, attorney and lecturer, has named their 2-weeks-old girl Charlotte Ingersoll Sparks, and she is to be brought up an agnostic. She will be educated at the Liberal University, the agnostic college at Silverton Oregon.

Sparks says: "The baby will not be christened or baptized. She will be taught never to kneel or bow in prayer." Sparks' wife is a granddaughter of Rev. Williams, one of the English founders of the

Congregationalist church, who died on the Isle of Man.—The Cincinnati Post, of Dec. 7.

Some Religionists say "Any religion is better than no religion." Answer them by asking,— "Is a bad egg better than no egg?"

One of whom no worse is spoken than the cut of his coat, hair and whiskers, must be a very good man.

It is a part of Liberalism to wear dress and hair to suit one's self and to let every one do the same without remark.

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.

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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 p. m., in the Long Island Business College Hall, South Eighth street, bet. Belford 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.'"