

NEWS AND NOTES.

The peaceful growing and happy country has little news. So with the University that is working well. Growing peace is not eventful.

Students not away or on the play are looking up their accomplishments. The Art Department does not promise Miss Wakeman any holiday at all.

Some of the most esteemed correspondents of the Torch will have to wait to see themselves in print. Mr. J. M. Berry, the Dayton soldier, will appear next week.

We need to cultivate a thorough Freethought spirit, support well the Liberal University, and to vote for those who will respect the United States Constitution and Secular schools.

Some of the students are off to see their parents and friends during the holidays. Miss Ollie Geer is with friends at Newburg-on-the-Willamette. Miss Minnie Robinson is off to her parents. Johnny Scott expects his folks to visit him. Geo. Beatty visits his parents at Chema-wa, and so on.

Terrific rains were the feature of our Happy Valley during the past week, but we all escaped excepting Blackie, one of the trio of Universo Berkshires. The water was too much for him. The usefulness of his life consists in his earnest warning to his fellow Oregonians that there are times when even they must keep out of the wet.

All are expected to come back in time for the grand Celebration of New Year's Eve. Prof. Wakeman is on for a short and solid address, to hold things down; and thus ballasted, the music and social dance are expected to take an unusually high flight. Also Business Manager Geer is expected to have arrived by that time to keep things taut and safe. Impersonations by masks may also be in order.

Aside from the regular studies, the L. U. O. Dramatic Circle has been preparing its Christmas Play, "The Lone Tree Mine." It will be the first grand exhibition of Students in University Hall, and curiosity is on the tip-toe of expectation. Those on the inside who know how thorough the rehearsal is proceeding predict that both the curiosity and the expectation will be gratified. The play is a strong melodrama overflowing with blood and thunder, enough to wake up all the babies the mamas may bring out, but let them come, babies and all. Tickets 25 and 35 cents.

That "Psalm of Life."

Longfellow's "Psalm of Life" may seem too trite for recitation, but it

is one of those poems (the others being Goethe's grand "Symbol of Life," and George Elliot's "Choir Invisible"), which have come to the front in the Morning Opening Exercises at L. U. O., as, perhaps, the greatest inspiring poems of our New Era, fit to be in the heart and memory of all of the "Children of Light."

But from two points this Psalm must be lifted from the apparently old false illusions into the truth of modern science: The "soul" of man does not find the "grave its goal," because it becomes a spook and goes, no one knows where, but because all of its life has been here correlated, and is living on in the good and glory of our successes, as the rest of the piece shows, and as the author may well have meant.

And so "The heart within and God o'er head," must no longer be read as though there was a ghostly personal Spook up there, but as the Infinite All, moving by the unvarying laws, which are at once the foundation of our life and (if we will) the sure means of our evolution and triumph. As Haeckel says, if THE ALL is not God, there is none. Our great American Poet may have so meant, for he was a student of Modern Science, and a great reader and admirer of Goethe, the Pantheist and Monist.

The Priests of Blood.

The Chicago Record (Nov. 30th, ult.) has the following Washington news. It is only when we learn what Theocracy would do, that we learn what it really means. Read and let your neighbor read!

It is a singular fact that the only bloodthirsty communications received at the White House and the Department of State on the Chinese question come from ministers of the gospel, especially from missionaries. Forgetting the gentler teachings of Christ, they insist upon the application of the old Mosaic law in the punishment of the Chinese—an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth—and the utter destruction of the cities in which the wickedness has been committed. They demand the lives of the emperor and empress dowager and all the members of the court and the wholesale slaughter of the officials of the government. Many of them demand that Pekin shall be burned to the ground and the site sown with salt. It is the spirit of those who hewed Agag in pieces before the Lord.

The files of the Department of State are being rapidly filled with such communications, and the writers often threaten the president and secretary of state with vengeance if they do not abandon their pacific policy and join Germany in the work of murder and destruction. The merchant class, whose communications are almost as numerous, take an opposite view of the situation, and ask for an early settlement of the difficulty on the most practical terms. The Department has received a great deal of interesting and valuable advice from merchants who have lived in China and who understand the character of the people.

Hatchets are Mo(o)re easily dug up than burried.

A printing office is not a whistle-gallery nor a yarn mill, Every one should know it' but some don't

Let us all live together as happily as we can.

Reginald, did you tell God how naughty you was this morning?

No, mamma, I felt too much ashamed, I thought it had not better get out of the family.

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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 Silver-ton 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, 8-9 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."