

NEWS AND NOTES.

It snows a little now and then in Silverton.

J. E. and M. P. Hosmer's mail will always reach them if addressed Box 351, Silverton, Oregon.

Prof. Hoffmann and his class are doing interesting work in the chemistry room and all are pleased.

The Woman's Social Science Club will meet Saturday, January 12th, at the home of Mrs. Mat Brown at 2:30 P. M.

Ex-President and Mrs. Hosmer are visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Page, and preparing for their departure to the South.

Miss Ollie Geer was the last student to return from the vacation trip to friends and relatives. She is as bright and happy as ever and takes up her studies with her usual enthusiasm.

We are pleased to learn that more students are coming to the L. U. O. One is expected soon from Ohio and some from Oregon. We are prepared to accomodate them comfortably.

School is progressing nicely and the students take hold with a vim since the holidays. There will be some good earnest work done at L. U. O. between now and the summer vacation.

Miss Florence Brown, who has been attending the commercial department of the L. U. O., has accepted the position of telephone girl at the central office in Silverton. We feel that Miss Brown will give satisfaction at her new post.

The Young People's Literary Society last week presented some very fine work. The closing dance was so much "a thing of beauty" that those who saw, as well as those who fitted in its mazes, voted it "a joy forever."

L. U. O. has a rare opportunity to have its students learn to write for the press. We hope to present some of their compositions in the Torch. The Faculty desire to have every one master the People's English with tongue and pen, and we must practice to do it.

We are pleased to have our former student, Mr. Louis Steelhammer, with us again. Louis has spent some months as a clerk in a merchandise store since he was with us before. He now comes back to fit himself for a still higher position; and he will be able to fill it.

A Chair and a Student.

EDITOR TORCH OF REASON:

Enclosed find five dollars for the Ingersoll Chair Fund sent by Grandpa Miller. We received the

fifth annual catalogue of the L. U. O., and are well pleased with the present work. We have a future student for the university; however he is only four years old, so you will have to wait some time, unless you can adopt us all.

Wishing the Torch a happy and prosperous New Year.

MRS. MARTIN MILLER JR.
Dayton, Oregon.

New Year Greetings.

Mr. A. B. Bennett of Norwalk, Conn., writes:

"MR. EDITOR:—One word of congratulation and encouragement from your humble friend may not be amiss at this time, as these lines are being penned in the East and you are in the far West. My soul in sympathy and love goes out to you and your institution that you had the courage to build—an institution destined to be a guiding star, a beacon light on the shore of Time—an institution destined to eliminate that trinity of the Dark Ages, Superstition, Ignorance, and Greed. Let the Torch continue to cast its effulgent light and shed its rays of Liberal thought upon us another year. To each one in the vineyard of Liberal thought in Oregon I send my heartfelt sympathy and congratulations."

For the Torch of Reason.

The Road We'll Take.

BY JOHN PRESCOTT GUILD.

[Song for Liberal University Students.]

We'll go the way that leads to Truth,
That road is right for Age and Youth.
We'll try to do what good we can,
Both to our-selves and fellow-man,

We'll learn still more, we'll work still more;
We'll learn and, think, and work yet more.

All that is worth a thoughtful look,
Was never printed in a book;
But nature's Bible every-where,
Is worthy of each student's care.

We'll read it more, we'll read it more;
We'll search and think and learn yet more.

Let wit with wisdom be combined,
To meet the needs of growing mind;
And if at work, or book or play,
We'll do our ablest, day by day.

We'll grow some more, we'll know some more;

When work is o'er we'll play yet more.

We hope we shall arrive at last
Where we'll not mourn for what is past;
Nor ever fear for what may be,—
In time, or in eternity.

We'll work still more, rejoice still more;
We'll work and help, and hope yet more.

Liberal University, Silverton, Oregon,
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To The Pious School Teacher in Washington County.

Dear sister in Christ.—You and Judge Blackburn have certainly put your foot in it. You had the right, of course, to do as you did,

for the constitution of Oregon says: "All men (and this includes you) shall be secure in the natural right to worship Almighty God according to the dictates of their own conscience." But see what a commotion you have caused. Your pretty little foot on the top of the highest mountain in the world could not have started an avalanche to compare with this. But never mind. After the Bible and the Lord's Prayer are excluded from the schools, you can still continue your work the same as ever; which is, to try to do right, and to teach the right.

For, instead of using the Bible and the Lord's Prayer, you can read from Epictetus, or Marcus Aurelius, or Mohammed, or Buddha, or Confucius, or Darwin, or Ingersoll, and recite the prayer of Cleanthes or Arnobius, or Derzhanir, or compose one of your own. Of course, to read from either of those authors would be just as sectarian as to read from the Bible, but do you go ahead, and let the kickers kick. It does them good.

Your True Yoke Fellow,
D. E.

Is this "sarcasmus?" Ed.

Notice!

STOCKHOLDERS MEETING OF THE LIBERAL UNIVERSITY COMPANY.

A special Meeting of the Stockholders of The Liberal University Company will be held at their University Building, Silverton, Oregon, on Saturday, February 9, 1901, at 2 o'clock P. M. Election of Directors and other important business will come before the Meeting.

By order.

THADDEUS B. WAKEMAN,
Pres. Board of Directors.
PEARL W. GEER, Sec'y.

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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LIBERAL MEEINGS.

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. January 18.—"Should Mental Science be Upheld?" Paul Tyner, yes; Herbert N. Casson, No.

January 25.—"Public Operation of Public Franchises." Samuel Seabury.

BROOKLYN, N. Y.—The Brooklyn Philosophical Association meets Sunday at 3 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 following is the program for January:

Sunday, 13.—Noan Coler. Subject: "Deism and Materialism."
Sunday, 20.—Dr. J. B. Wilson. Subject: "Marriage and Divorce."
Sunday, 27.—Paine Anniversary Celebration. Special program to be announced later.

MANCHESTER N. H.—Freethinkers' Association meets Sunday evenings at 6 o'clock, 839 Elm Street.