

## NEWS AND NOTES.

Secretary Geer of the L. U. O. went to Portland on business the first of the week.

The L. U. O. Athletic Association meets for practice drill on Tuesday and Saturday evenings.

Doctor Leonard's lectures before the students and the physiology class are very interesting.

The Silverton Liberal Union will spare no pains to make the celebration Sunday evening a success.

The compositions will be a feature of the Y. P. S. S. C. meeting Friday evening. More will come.

The Woman's Social Science Club will meet at the residence of Mrs. Dr. Leonard, Saturday, January 26th, at 2:30 P. M.

Master Bradlaugh Charlesworth, son of John R. Charlesworth the Liberal lecturer, will soon be with us as a student in the L. U. O. He comes from Ohio.

Mr. Hosmer has purchased the Silverton Appeal, the local paper of this place, since disposing of his interests in the L. U. O. We wish him success in his new enterprise.

The Farce, "My Turn Next," given by the students of the L. U. O. at the Y. P. S. S. C. last Friday evening, was very well rendered and added much to the interesting programme given by Capt. Peaslee.

Our readers will notice that some of our contributions are acknowledged from "friends." This is done at the special request of parties contributing. We would like to give the full name and address of each of our benefactors, but for private reasons cannot do so.

Mr. Burtis, of Michigan, is so pleased with our success in raising the five thousand dollars called for that, instead of sending us the one thousand dollars offered, he has sent us \$1,700, and ten dollars for the Ingersoll Chair. Mr. Burtis is certainly a Liberal in every sense of the word. We are sorry to learn that he is quite sick at his home and is not expected to live many days.

The readers of the Torch and supporters of the L. U. O. are delighted to hear that the five thousand dollar fund for the Liberal University has been completed. All of the money has been paid in except that we are to receive by the will of John Leitch. The County Judge and our attorney, C. K. Tenney, inform us that the money will be paid without any trouble. This will enable us to put in our steam heating apparatus, paint our buildings, and make other improvements. What we need now, more than anything else, is a good dormitory for boys. We ought to have

at least two thousand dollars for that purpose. Can any of our friends suggest a plan?

The first page article last week, entitled "The New Humanity," was largely from the "Epitome of Positive Philosophy" by Thaddeus B. Wakeman. We have a number of these for sale at 15 cents each, and every liberal should possess one.

Now that the Building Fund of the L. U. O. has received some substantial donations why wouldn't it be well to remember the Ingersoll Chair? The Liberals of America ought to make a good showing to encourage our friends in England who have done so well.

## Luck.

Luck, nine times in ten, means hard manual labor. Show us a lucky man and we will show you a man who has labored earnestly to earn all he has won. And then sometimes he fails. This life is full of opportunities and of happy incidents, which, if we are prepared to take advantage of them, lead on to fame and fortune. To be prepared one must work. Working and watching are the essence of good luck.—[Vinland Journal.]

## The Tell Tale of the Sun.

A burning glass is a lens, the faces of which are specially curved, so that they have the effect of blinding all the rays of light and heat, in such a way that they are all directed into one point which we call the focus. When a great number of rays are thus collected on the same spot, each of them contributes a little warmth; the total effect of the several little heatings suffice to set a piece of paper on fire.

One of the applications of the burning glass is to obtain a record of the number of hours of sunshine in each day. The lens is replaced by a glass globe. As the earth moves under the sun, the bright spot of light also moves and will therefore burn its track on a sheet of paper properly managed and marked with lines corresponding to the hours. When the sun is hidden by clouds the burning ceases. By preserving each day the piece of paper, we have an unvarying tell-tale, which shows us during what hours the sun was shining brightly and the hours during which he was hidden.—[Sir Robert S. Ball, in "Starland."]

If we do our best, we upbuild ourselves the best, though we build up nothing else.

There is a mighty big difference between immorality and immortality, but some readers don't seem to see it. Look at these two words here together and know them apart hereafter.

## Miss Helen H. Gardener's Affliction.

Wherever there are Liberals or those who love Liberty, Science and Humanity, the name of Helen H. Gardener, the authoress, has largely become a household word. But it was not so generally known that back of that *nome de plume* there was a devoted, sympathetic and encouraging husband, COL. C. SELDEN SMART. He passed into subjective life, after a long and patiently borne illness, on the 11th inst. To the editor of the Torch he has been known for many years as one of the staunch and steady supporters, not only of his wife's Liberal career, but of all good and solid Liberal words and works. Tho' with no children, except the good efforts and results they attained and cherished in common, they made a home that was ever a delight to their friends. Many are there who will feel that a touch of sunshine has left the earth now that this partner in that home can be seen no more!

## Attend the Paine Celebration!

The Silverton Liberal Union (proprietors of the Liberal Hall) will celebrate the anniversary of the birth of Thomas Paine at Liberal Hall on Sunday evening, January 27th. There will be addresses, readings, and recitations by Thaddeus B. Wakeman, J. E. Hosmer, John Prescott Guild, Prof. Kating, Louis Rauch, Pearl W. Geer and others. The L. U. O. Orchestra and Choir will furnish music for the occasion. An enjoyable time is anticipated. All are invited to attend.

## 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.

## TO RAISE \$100,000.

This is Our Building Fund Contribution Box.

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## 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

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## 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 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, 27.—Paine Anniversary Celebration. Special program to be announced later.

MANCHESTER N. H.—Freethinkers' Association meets Sunday evenings at 6 o'clock, 89 Elm Street.