

to the constitution and the adoption of some new by-laws. With a few slight changes in the report it was adopted by a two-thirds vote and the laws of the Union as they now stand will be published in the Torch of Reason in the near future, together with a form of constitution for local organizations. This will also be published in pamphlet form and be sent to each member of the Union. By the amendments the ethical basis of the Union was made more explicit and more secure and the organization will now bound forward at a rapid rate.

The reports of the different officers showed a good, substantial balance in the treasury and good work being done all along the line, with the organization in a more prosperous condition than ever before in its history. The president made an extended report of all the work done by him, and the organization under his administration, together with the action of the executive board and its proceedings in connection with the Liberal University, the Torch of Reason and the conduct of some of the officers. At the conclusion of the report it was unanimously accepted by the convention and the actions of the president and executive board were sanctioned by the adoption of the following resolutions without a dissenting vote:

"Whereas, the actions of the executive board of the Oregon State Secular Union have been criticised and censured by certain parties, therefore be it

"Resolved, that we, the members of the Oregon State Secular Union in tenth annual convention assembled, at Wagner, Oregon, July 5, E. M. 298, do hereby sanction and confirm the actions of the said executive board of the Oregon State Secular Union in all their transactions, especially their expulsion of certain officers of the Union, the election of others, and the mode of conducting the affairs of the Liberal University and the Torch of Reason and their final disposal; and be it further

"Resolved, that we hereby extend to the said Liberal University our hearty support and accept the Torch of Reason as the official organ of this Union."

The president then explained the progress of the University during the past year and the prospects for the coming year, after which the convention proceeded to elect the following officers: President, E. Stewart of Dayville; Secretary, Kate DePeatt of Ashland; Treasurer, L. Ames of Silverton; State Supt. of Sunday Schools, Pearl W. Geer of Silverton; Vice-presidents, Clara Baily of Portland, H. M. Daniel of McMinnville, M. P. Hosmer of Silverton, Lottie Pracht of Ashland, Carrie Anderson of Wagner, E. R. Laughlin of Caleb, Calvin Geer of Burns, D. C. Andrews of Lone Rock, Nancy Shrum of Grade, Crook county.

A few remarks were made for the good of the cause, some slight busi-

ness transacted, and the convention adjourned with three hearty cheers for the cause and the people of Wagner, to meet again at the call of the executive board. The convention was a grand success. There were no warring factions. Everything was harmony and the business was transacted for the best interests of the cause. The officers and members were light hearted and gay and everything was done with a hearty good will.

The convention was over, and again the young people prepared the floor for a dance, which lasted until near morning, to the full enjoyment of all present. The next morning found most of the visitors departing or preparing to depart for their respective homes, some of them having come three hundred miles. All expressed great satisfaction at the treatment received at the hands of the Wagner people, who cannot be beaten when it comes to sociability and manerly conduct. Wagner is situated forty miles from any railroad, but its people are up to the times and are genuine entertainers. Let us hope that the next convention will be as successful and enjoyable, wherever it is held. The membership is rapidly increasing, we have a good set of officers, and success is sure to crown the Oregon State Secular Union and the cause of Secularism.

P. W. G.

Wagner, Ore., July 8, 298.

Notes on the Convention.

A Baptist played the violin during the convention, which added to the program.

Dr. Griffin, of Arlington, was the oldest man in the convention, but is hale and hearty.

Kate DePeatt, Minnie P. Hosmer and D. C. Andrews were the only officers re-elected.

Eastern Oregon is the place for enthusiasm and successful conventions. Let us try it again.

President Stewart is the right man in the right place and is bound to give satisfaction in the performance of his duties.

"Uncle Mack" Ramsby came 25 miles and brought a box full of live chickens to "feed the preachers" on. The chickens didn't live long.

L. Ames has been tried before, and we know there will be no grumbling at the treasurer. He has also held the office of vice-president.

Ex-president Geer is now State Superintendent of Sunday Schools and will use every effort to advance organization. Help him all you can.

Warren Carsner, William Collins, W. H. Gates and C. N. Wagner deserve great credit for their untiring efforts in making the convention a

success. A score of other workers helped to construct the platform and arbor.

The Misses Snyder, Messrs A. and J. Officer and C. E. Glaze were present from Dayville, having come 40 miles on horseback.

A. J. Shrum of Grade, Hugh Purdin and J. Wilson of Caleb, and the Richards family and Miss Correlli of Waterman helped to swell the numbers at the convention and add to the good time.

Mr. and Mrs. Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Crawford, Joe and George Crawford, John Madden and two sons, Johnnie and George, were present from Lone Rock, and all seemed to have a good time.

Vice-presidents Clara Bailey, H. M. Daniel, Lottie Pracht, Carrie Anderson, E. R. Laughlin, Cal Geer and Nancy Shrum are new officers, but we have no fears of their performance of their duties.

Club Rates.

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