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**A Big Crowd in the City and a Day of Pleasure to All**

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Monday was a gala day for Princeton. It was the occasion of the long talked of Knights of Labor celebration, which had been looked forward to with deep interest by the laboring classes. The day opened bright and cheerful and throughout was one of the pleasantest of the season. A good rain on the day before laid the dust, but did not make the streets sufficiently muddy to prevent the marching of the line of laborers. Early in the morning the people began pouring in from the country, and when the trains began coming in they were heavily laden with happy human freight. By noon the fair grounds were swarming with people, the crowd being estimated at from four to six thousand in numbers. The city was dressed in holiday attire and bunting was flying from residences all along the line of march. Bright and early the arrangements for the procession were commenced, and at 10:45 the long began to move. The floats provided were gotten up in good shape and the display in the procession was voted a through success.

The procession was headed by the officers of the day. Following in order named came Schmidt's Evansville band speakers of the day, county officials, Crescent City band, footmen, visiting assemblies, colored Knights and glee club. Ware's bakery in full operation was next represented, followed by a minstrel show. The front end of the latter float was used to show how Ware makes taffy. The blacksmith shop on wheels came next. Billy Carpenter was the boss blacksmith and was engaged in shoeing an obstreperous Texas pony. Riggs' display of buggies was followed by Heckman's harness shop in which three hands were busily engaged in harness making, while the boss was doing the cutting. A display of practical brick-laying and plastering came next, followed by stone quarrying, cutting and marble work. Keith was there with his New Home sewing machines. Following the colored glee club came Wheeler's bustle manufactory, showing how they are made and they look when worn. Emmerson's furniture float was followed by the peerless Princeton band. Kimball & Turnage's stoves, tinware and agricultural display came next, after which were carpenters busily at work and some well diggers. Charley Mossman's float took the cake, being the best looking outfit in the procession. Following this was Schaible & Pfohl's carriage and paint shop in full operation, and the barber with the big razor. In the butcher shop a fine young beef was slaughtered and dressed, a sight which many did not relish. All of the city butchers were on the wagon, but the slaughtered animal, a suckling calf weighing 400 pounds, belonged to Mathew Tibbet. The Zenith mills had a good display of flour. In the copper shop barrels were being built, and then came Strawn and his dray, George Agniel's fine horses, and the rear was brought up by W.A. Mossman distributing free watermelon in large slices to the crowd of spectators. The route was covered without any accident.

The Princeton band was dept bust in escort duty meeting trains and leading the visiting delegations, speakers, bands, to their various headquarters. The band hall was made headquarters for all the musical organizations.

Returning to the fair grounds dinner was had and at about 2 o'clock H.A. Yearger, Esq., called the assembly to order, introducing Mayor Gudgel, who proceeded to deliver a neat address of welcome to the Knights.

Moses Smith, of Evansville, was next introduced and made a brief address to all classes of tradesmen and laboring men. L.F. Mackey, of Sullivan, also made a few remarks. The principal speaker of the day was Hon. Jesse Harper, of Danville, Ill., a prominent lawyer of that state, for the past twelve years an ardent worker in the cause of the various industrial organizations.

W.H. Anderson, (colored), of Evansville, followed Mr. Harper in an address directed principally to the laboring class of his own race.

Every effort was made by the committees to make the day a pleasant one to the visitors, and from the appearance of enjoyment it was certainly a success.

## WOMAN WORKERS

It had been previously announced that Miss Luella Mackey, of Sullivan, would deliver an address in the courtroom at night, and long before the doors were opened the people had gathered about anxiously awaiting the arrival of the appointed hour.

About 8 o'clock the crowd was admitted and in ten minutes after the doors were opened standing room could not be had. Miss Mackey is a pleasant young lady, and from the manner in which she handled her subject she is on possessing exceptional oratorical ability and thoroughly worked up in the cause.

We regret that want of space prevents giving a verbatim report of the address, and as it could not be condensed without detracting seriously from its merits, it is left to those who were so fortunate as to be present. It is enough to say that the lady heads the list of female orators who have yet discoursed to a Princeton audience.

## NOTES

It was voted a big day.

Trade was good in the city.

John Shuel had a fine fat beef in the parade.

Evansville and Vincennes assemblies were well represented.

M.W. Fields was an interested spectator at the colored dance.

There are bands and bands, but the Princeton band holds it own with the best of them.

Charley Schmidt is a clever gentleman and has a good band. When Charley fails to get there it is a frigid day indeed.

The colored people erected a platform in Barton's grove adjoining the fair grounds and dancing to the music of Carter's Evansville orchestra was kept up all day.

Letters and telegrams of regret were received from the following noted persons not being able to attend: T.V. Powderly of Scranton, Pa; Fred Turner, Philadelphia, Pa; R.F. Trevellick, Nejaunee, Mich; ex-Senator Bruce, Mississippi, W.S. Holman, Washington, D.C.