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## LABOR DAY FITTINGLY OBSERVED ON MONDAY

Hundreds of the Toilers of Shops and Farms Appear in Parade—Appropriate Addresses—Mrs. Will Pennington Won Diamond Ring.

The celebration of Labor Day in this city Monday was a great success and brought a very large crowd to the city. The morning dawned very gloomy and it looked as though it would sure rain before an hour and it is very probable that hundreds of people were scared out of the notion of coming to attend the celebration. The afternoon crowd was greatly cut down by the hard rain which fell about 11 o'clock just after the parade had reached its ending place.

### The Parade.

The out of town unions, including many organized farmers, came to the city on the early trains and in vehicles and prepared to take part in the parade and other entertainments. Promptly at 10 o'clock the entire number of people who were to take part in the parade met at the corner of First and Main streets and the parade was formed by the marshals. The parade led down Main street to Sixth and down Sixth to Hickman street, thence to Seventh where it ended. In the parade nearly every union in the county was represented and some of them had prepared floats for the occasion. The band which is composed of union men, followed immediately after the police force which led. All who saw the event thought that it was about the best Labor Day parade ever held here.

### Afternoon.

The rain which fell just after the parade had stopped, made things rather slow in opening up in the afternoon as the grounds were wet and people did not like to go there and wade the wet grass and mud. The many stands which had made arrangements for fights began to think things very blue, but about 1:30 o'clock the crowd began to increase and before long thousands of people had arrived and the band concert was opened. A little later Dr. Ellis, president of the university, was introduced and made a very excellent and able address. He spoke on the general labor situation, but dwelt principally on the lack of educational advantages among the poorer classes of laborers. He suggested that the great men of our country, instead of giving all of their money to the large colleges, should be prevailed upon to establish night colleges for the young men and women who are compelled to work during the day to make a living for themselves and others who

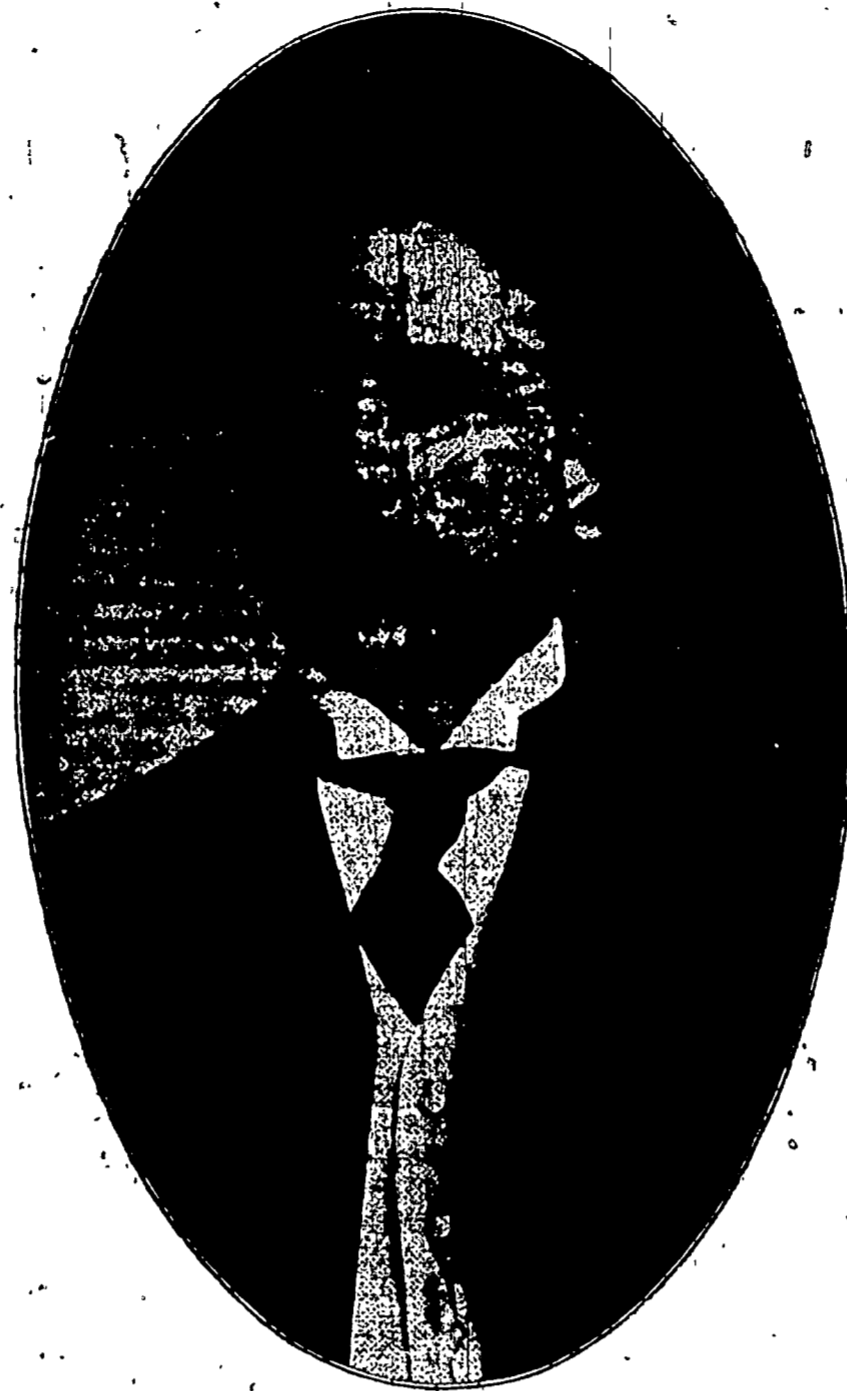
were depending upon them for support. He spoke in flat ering terms of the laborers as citizens of the United States, saying that there were not many of the genuine labor union people who ever turned out to be criminals, and that they were not property destroyers as many people think them to be during the strikes. His talk was a very interesting one and was heard from the beginning to the end by a very large audience. Dr. Ellis proved his ability as a speaker and our commonwealth should be proud to have such a talented man as president of our local institution of higher learning.

Theodore Perry of Indianapolis, was the next speaker introduced and he delivered a very able address. He spoke more on the values and purposes of the labor unions and dwelt at length on the farmer's union. He showed how they could be united for a benefit in politics and in commerce, and pointed out the force they might be able to show should they take a notion to close down on the people of the United States in as much as the sustenance of all of the people comes more or less from the farmer. Should the farmer take a notion to corner his produce, he said, there certainly would be suffering. The whole of his talk was a very interesting one, and would like very much to comment at length upon it here, but the address is to be found elsewhere in this issue complete.

### Evening.

Many of the people who were present in the afternoon did not leave the grounds at all but remained there until after the evening session had ended, almost before dark the people who did run into the city for the evening meal began to return.

As soon as the committee thought proper the lecturer, Mr. Samuels, was introduced. He arose to speak and entered well upon his subject before people became aware of a difficulty under which he was laboring, but he would not break his engagement here and many of the people never were able to learn that anything was wrong with his delivery. Mr. Samuels was not able to be on the grounds at all yesterday evening. He was suffering with a severe cold and might possibly have serious results from the trip here yet. He was so hoarse that he could scarcely talk.



DR. HORACE ELLIS.

He touched most specifically upon the purchase of home-made goods, especially cigars. The more money spent in Vincennes, the greater the amount of good will be done towards greater Vincennes. Every person, merchant, manufacturer and the laboring man could do much to make conditions better for all. The tenement house, sweat shop and cheap concerns received attention from Mr. Samuels. He spoke of the leading men in all walks of life giving some utterance for the benefit of the working man. On the union labels were shown illustrating the different union made goods, as well as ads of the local business men.

Mr. Samuels' lecture was the best of the kind ever delivered in Vincennes, and he received many warm words of praise from those who had occasion to hear him. His audience, Mr. Samuels said, paid more attention and stayed longer than any he had before him this year. While the audience was not as large as some he has spoken to, he held their undivided attention throughout.

He returned to East St. Louis this a. m., and feels proud of Vincennes and her sons of toil.

### Crowd Enjoyed Day.

The entire crowd seemed to en-

joy the happenings of the day and seemed to appreciate the efforts of President J. C. Mayes of the Central Labor Union and the efforts of those who co-operated with him in his committee work. Some of the special features other than the speaking, tight and loose rope performers, a trapeze performer, a gun match stands, rubber balls and so forth.

### The Prize Winners.

All during the day people were busy getting votes for the ring which was to be given away. The ring was won by Mrs. William Pennington, a member of the local union of Electrical Workers. She received 418 votes. Mrs. Charles Yocum came out second with 77, and the others finished as follows. Miss Amella Birkoffer, 7; Mrs. Will Mavis, 3; Mrs. Frank Boone, 2, and Miss Franke Dunkle, 1. The electric theater tickets were won by Mrs. Charles Yocum and Miss Amella Birkoffer. In the draw for the Meerchaum pipe the number 1112 was drawn out, but as no one answered to the number, the number will be published before the pipe is given to a second person.

The day ended much better than it was begun and all were well satisfied with all things all day.

## WAS DROWNED WHILE IN SWIMMING

Louis E. Grant Found Watery Grave Sunday in the E. & T. H. Gravel Pit Near Emison—Body Recovered and Brought Here—The Funeral.

Louis E. Grant, whose home is in St. Louis, but who has been working on the farm of his guardian, W. C. Johnson, attorney and police commissioner, of this city near Emison, was drowned in the E. & T. H. gravel pit a mile south of Emison Sunday afternoon. The body was recovered several hours later, and were brought to Gardner's undertaking establishment, in this city, where it was prepared for burial, after which it was taken to the home of Mrs. William Cogan on East Sycamore or Oak street. The funeral will be held from the Cogan residence this Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock, Rev. Father Oster, of the Cathedral officiating. The remains will be laid to rest in the City cemetery.

Sunday afternoon Young Grant, in company with Walter Huffman and Fred McCoy went to the gravel pit

and while in bathing, Grant got beyond his depth and drowned. The alarm was given at once and soon a crowd of probably 150 persons congregated at the pit, many of whom assisted in the search for the body. Several hours after the accident, Grant's body was recovered by Cain Felling and George Mott. The body was found in ten feet of water.

As soon as the body was recovered Coroner Beckes, of this city, was notified and went to the scene, where he viewed the remains and turned them over to the undertaker.

The drowned boy was almost 27 years old, and was a son of the late Louis B. Grant, who was an old B. & O. engineer, and formerly resided here. The young man is survived by two sisters, Misses Bessie and Maude Grant, who reside in St. Louis, and who were notified of the death of their brother.

## WIND DID SOME DAMAGE

Barn Unroofed and Orchard Destroyed on Farm of M. R. Trimble Monday Morning.

The terrific wind, rain and electrical storm, which struck this section shortly before noon on Monday, while it caused no damage of any consequence in this city, struck rather a hard blow about seven miles south of the city, in the River DuChee district, where the storm assumed the proportions of a small cyclone.

At the farm owned by M. R. Trimble, and occupied by Henry Hall, seven miles south of the city on the Main street road, one side of the roof of a large barn was blown off, and carried about sixty feet away. Fences and small sheds were also leveled, and many of the trees in a large orchard were uprooted and ruined. Much of Mr. Trimble's corn crop was also blown down. Very little damage was done in the neighboring farms. Only recently a storm struck this same barn and tore the large doors from their hinges.

The storm came up suddenly just a few minutes after the Labor Day parade had taken place, and while hundreds of people were still on the streets, as a result of which, quite a large number of people were caught out in the rain. Fortunately the parade had come to the end of the line of march, before the storm came up, and the clouds passed away before the time for the afternoon program, otherwise the Labor Day celebration would have been greatly marred. As it was, the ball game between the Elks and T. P. A. could not be played owing to wet grounds and it was decided to postpone the game until Friday afternoon, when the tickets, already sold will be accepted at the gate.

A similar storm occurred just one year ago Monday, the rainfall on that occasion amounting to 1.74 inches.

### W. C. T. U. Meeting.

The ladies of the W. C. T. U. will hold their regular meeting this afternoon at 2:30 with Mrs. Crabb at her residence, corner Third and Buntin. Annual election of officers is to take place, and a full attendance is desired.

**Cure for Rheumatism.**  
A cure for rheumatism: Put one teaspoonful white mustard seed (whole) in half a glass of water and take three times a day. This also clears the complexion.

## FIRE AT THE CELEBRATION

Refreshment Stand of Riley Trueblood Caught Fire From a Gasoline Lamp.

A stand belonging to Riley Trueblood at the Labor Day celebration caught fire from escaped gasoline and burned down. Their tent was entirely destroyed and their goods damaged. They had one of the best stands on the grounds.

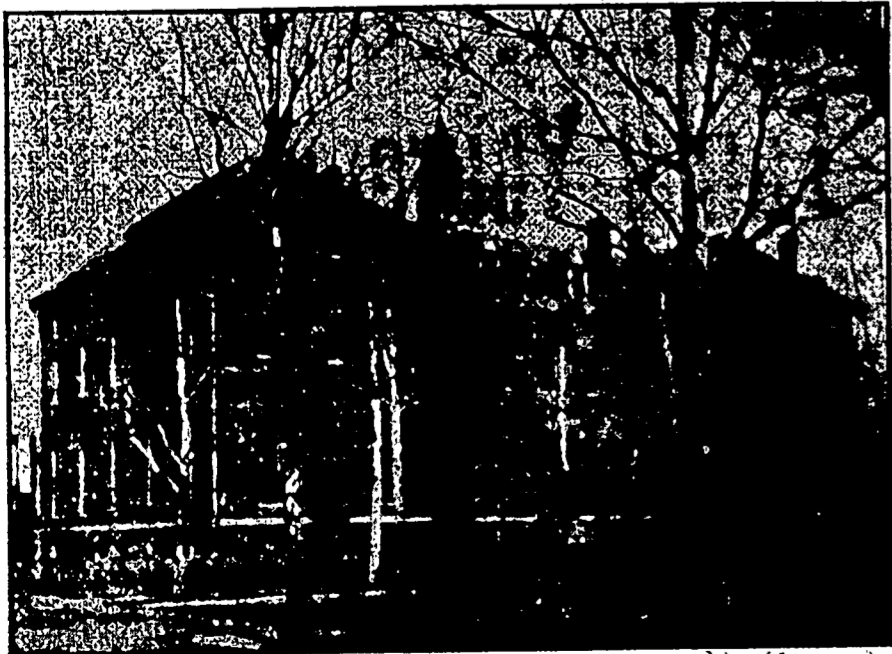
In their tent they had a number of gasoline lamps, and although they knew that one of the lamps was leaking they thought that the gasoline would evaporate. They had a barrel containing about 1,900 ice cream cones under the leaking lamp and on the barrel was a tin money box. As the gasoline dripped from the lamp it collected in the tin box until there was about a pint of the explosive. Finally several of the burning drops of the fluid fell into the collected explosive and all of it took fire. Both of the boys at the stand tried to get the lamp down but the flames drove them away and they then turned their attention to the saving of the stock which they had piled around the camp and on the counters. They had large automatic stand chests which are constructed so that they can be taken apart and placed in sections so that they form a counter all the way around the stand. People got a hold of the ropes to the tent and tried to drag it from over the goods, but this only served to scatter the stock so that the people could not get it. Boys and men ran up to the counter and stole peanuts, popcorn and all kinds of stock and finally the money box was knocked down and the boys even ran in and took part of the change.

The tent took fire immediately after the gasoline caught and before they could get all of the goods into the chests it fell down upon them and the chests had to be dragged out. They are constructed of poplar and have a white enamel finish. The enameling was burned off a great many of them.

Counting the damage to the outfit the boys figure that they lost about \$100 on the fire and it had been an exceedingly dull day at the best, owing to the fact that the rain in the morning interfered with the regular program and kept the people from the grounds and until late in the afternoon.

The Trueblood boys have been on the road with their stand nearly all summer and say that the fairs and picnics are duller this season than they have ever seen them before.

## ST. ROSE OPENS MONDAY, SEPT. 9



The announcement was made at the Cathedral Sunday that the St. Rose academy will not open for the fall term until Monday of next week, September 9th, and owing to the fact that improvements now being made at the Cathedral boys' school, will not be completed sooner, that school will not open until Monday, Sept. 16. Steam heating is being

put in the boys' school. All of the instructors for these two institutions have arrived in the city from St. Mary's, of the Woods, the mother home of the Sisters of Providence, and they will complete their plans this week for the opening of the St. Rose Academy on next Monday. A most successful school year is expected at this popular institution.

## THE CHARGE OF RAPE BUSINESS CHANGES HANDS

Placed Against Orley Wright, Who Was Arrested Here—Wanted at Robinson.

A young man by the name of Orley Wright was captured here yesterday. He is wanted at Robinson, where a charge of rape has been preferred against him. The young man was at the fair grounds taking in the Labor Day celebration, when some one stepped up to Patrol Driver William Woods and told him that there stood the man who was wanted at Robinson for rape. Woods studied the matter over and finally went up to him and placed him under arrest. By making him think that he really had charges against him Woods got the criminal to confess that he had escaped from the sheriff of Robinson.

### Girl Injured.

A little daughter of John Ray, who resides in the old Legislative building on Third street, had the misfortune on Saturday to step on a broken beer bottle with her bare foot. The member was frightfully cut and Dr. Maxedon had to be called to dress the wound.

D. E. Chopson and company have sold their 10 cent store stock here to F. W. Woolworth and the local manager is now busily engaged packing the goods up getting ready to move it from the building which is to be remodeled and a new front placed, after which the store will resume business. Chopson and company have a number of ten cent stores in the country and have their headquarters at Terre Haute. Woolworth has 130 stores in the eastern part of the country.

## ORPHAN BOY GOT LOST

During the parade, one of the little boys of the Orphan's Home got lost from the remainder of the children and the matrons had a great deal of trouble locating him again. It is understood that he was gone several hours.

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