

Labor Day A Big Success

Nearly 6,000 People at Picnic—Several Speeches, Horse Races, Wrestling and Prize Boxing, Old Fiddlers, Dancers and Base Ball.

The Labor Day Parade and picnic here last Monday was a complete success from every standpoint and the entire attendance was between 5,000 and 6,000 people.

The picnic was held at the fair ground and the parade which moved from the standpipe started about 9 o'clock. It was led by the Petersburg Band followed by men of the various trades, marching two and two, the largest bunch of marchers being those of the various Locals of the United Mine Workers of America, carrying banners. The Red Men were decked out in full regalia and were mounted. There were many private cars decorated and undecorated, the entire parade was over a mile long.

Boys rode ponies: Bert Finney, the dairyman drove his milk truck ornamented with large milk cans with two fine cows following; the Spurgeon Local had one of the most handsomely decorated cars in the parade Braden & Son were there with a saddle astride the auto hood and their harness and shoe repairing paraphernalia hanging about the car; the Whitman Co. had a grocery and cereal display on their truck; the fire truck was decked out and in line—and there were many private cars which were very prettily decorated.

The parade led to the fair ground and the order of exercises follows:

At 10:00 an address on Labor and Organization by W.H. Mitch. Secy. and Treas. United Mine Workers of America, followed by Rev. Jas. W. Kelly, both of Terre Haute. Both were stirring speeches and brought loads of applause. The band played between times.

The Horse Race

At 11 o'clock the horse race took place. It was a half mile race with eight entries—

Miss Hazel Elkins, riding "Gale"
Thos. Mitchell, riding "Barney"
Foster Logan, riding "Crogan"
Oral Elkins, riding "Jack"
Earl Willis, riding "Rex"
Clifford Bradfield, riding "Maud"
Leslie Miley, riding "Max"
Walter McGillim, riding "Celam"
Prize money \$15, \$10 and \$5.
Winners: Maud, Jack and Max.

All were local horses and the feature of the race was Miss Elkins riding. She's at home in the saddle.

The Pony Race

Then came the Shetland Pony Race of a half a mile.

Entries three
Jack Mitchell riding "Billy Boy"
Wm. Finney, riding "Dixie"
Dixie won first money, \$5.

Second \$1 and Billy Boy, \$1.
However, Billy Boy was the winner and the ball game was the feature.

boys—brothers of Wosner—Car Clarence, Walter and Theo. The prizes were \$5, \$2 and \$2 and were won in the order listed here. The boys are fine dancers to be so young.

The Wrestling Match

Was contested by Mitch Humphrey of Petersburg and Matt Cooper of Velpen. It was interesting and no fake. The men were pretty well matched. Humphrey however was the heavier but no more active than his opponent.

They wrestled three falls, the first 4 min. and 30 seconds in favor of Humphrey. Second, the same time in favor of Cooper. Third 5 min. and 30 seconds, in favor of Humphrey.

The Boxing Contest

Came next, the first being for eight rounds, between Pat Stunkhul of Louisville and Young Beard of Evansville. Beard had the advantage of his opponent in height and reach. The contest was uninteresting from the fact that Stunkhul would clinch his opponent every round, giving little display for scientific boxing. It was a draw.

The second boxing contest was between Wallace of Ft. Worth, Texas, and Lockhart of Evansville. Wallace was knocked out in the third round. This bout was a lively one and showed good practice.

The Ball Game

Was then pulled off between the Neal Specials of Hogmer and the Nut Club of Evansville, the result being 3 to 1 in favor of the home team.

Krepps' pitching for the Specials was the feature of the game. The usual ice cream and cooling stands were there and all did a thriving business, the picnic closing before dark.

It was an unqualified success. The silver loving cup was won by Local No. 764 of Little for the best showing.

Six Locals were represented in the picnic as follows: Little, No. 764; Princeton, Enos Strip Mine No. 2179; Petersburg 2383; Rogers' Strip Mine 4571 and Ayrshire No. 2.

These locals compose of miners of Pike and Gibson counties.

The officers of the picnic and arrangements for the day were:

Lee Thurman, President

Thos. Crow, Sec. Treas.

Jack Lovelace

Wm. Eastman

The Booster Club of Petersburg furnished the grounds, all the advertising and had the band free.

No one made any money as it was not to be a money-making affair. All who attended had a good time.

The loving cup will be retained by year after year until the year 1920.

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