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## QUIET LABOR DAY



Today with the folks and rest up for the Big Fair.

## LABOR DAY ORIGIN

DATES TO 1881 WHEN CELEBRATION WAS HELD.

Patrick J. McGuire Said to Have Been Men Who Instituted It—Now Generally Observed.

The institution of Labor Day is laid at the door of Patrick J. McGuire, a man who devoted heart and soul to the labor cause. McGuire was an unremitting toiler for the nationalization of the labor movement. In 1881, at the time the day was established, he was general secretary of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners, an organization which he fathered. The headquarters of the United Brotherhood was in New York at that time. In addition to his work as general secretary of the carpenters' national organization, McGuire took an active interest in all labor union matters in New York city.

He was a delegate to the Central Federated Union, and as such introduced a resolution before that body in the early spring of 1881 to have a day set aside for the annual celebration of labor's holiday. McGuire had just returned from the International Convention of Workmen, held in Chur, Switzerland, and saw clearly the need for making the union idea national in scope and interest. He named May 1 as the date for the celebration, in order that it might "receive simultaneous world wide observance."

McGuire's speech before the delegates of the Central Federated Union on the occasion is, in the parts which have been preserved, a graphic gem. McGuire put his suggestion as a motion before the delegates and it was enthusiastically carried. May 1, 1881, following was the first Labor Day celebrated, and it proved a big success. McGuire was one of the speakers of the day, and in his speech on the occasion there was a note of triumph and pride in his accomplishment.

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## ARRESTED LAST SAD RITES

WITH DRAWING A OVER REMAINS OF C. R. LEWIS  
ROUS GUN. HELD AT PETERSBURG.

Body Interred in Cemetery Near  
There Sunday Afternoon—Large  
Number of Friends Attend.

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## KEPT AWAY

Prevents Union

Walter Woodall and became involved in the Wiggins pool on Main street, Saturday. It is said to have taken place on the streets of Kersey. The police arrested Woodall before the mayor in charge of drawing and pleaded not guilty on a charge of carrying a revolver and is held in jail. He will rest for several days before he will have to appear in court on county jail.

Woodall was so called a revolver and was turned over to the sheriff and an avvil.

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Prevents Union Attending Services.

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Mrs. Lewis, who was Miss Lucy Hoggatt of this city, was one of the most popular young ladies in Petersburg and is gifted as a writer.

Dorothy, the two-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Parrett, who has been quite sick at their home in south Main street, is reported much better.

Miss Ida Marlett, of Ft. Branch, was in the city today.

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The first Labor Day celebration in Indiana was held at Hammond's Grove on the outskirts of Indianapolis May 1, 1884. The day was observed with speech making and industrial events, among which were a horse-shoeing contest, in which a number of brawny-armed smithies raced to establish a record for speed and workmanship. There was a log sawing contest between carpenters, each furnishing his own tools. The wives and families of the workers were present and the day was made a combined picnic and field day. There were foot races and tugs of war.

The first parade was not very large, but the novelty of it, and the brass bands in line, combined to make a pageant which drew the inhabitants as spectators. The same customs of observance obtain today, with slight variations. In many places the parade of the streets has been abandoned, and there is no speech making. These two features were regarded as necessary in the early years of the union movement because of their educational value. Now, however, the tendency seems to be changing. There is no longer the need for education in this line. Practically every one is familiar with the advantages of organized labor, and this has changed the character of the celebration. Recreation is now made the sole object, and the workmen attend with their families.

Nath Reisman, who has been in Rockport for the past week, on business, has returned home.

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