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Events for Wednesday.

The second day of the Gibson county fair has probably not been a record breaker, but it has been up to all expectations. The big celebration Monday took a slice off of today's crowd, and yet the shortage in attendance was not in the least discouraging. It would be impossible to keep up the pace all the week that was set Monday when the union men joined with the association in creating a big stir.

Today was Sunday School and Children's day and all Sunday School children and others under fifteen years of age were admitted free. The Sunday School having the largest delegation will be presented with a silk banner by the association.

There were few on the fair grounds this morning and it was well there was not, for there was much work that had to be done and a big crowd would have been in the way. The attendance this afternoon was up to the average Tuesday crowd.

Men and women were busy today getting the exhibits in shape for display. All was stir and hustle in the agricultural and art halls, where a big force was engaged in putting the various articles of exhibit in place and tying the little white tags to them. Those in charge of the art hall stated this morning that the display in this department would exceed anything ever seen here before. Trunks and boxes were being unpacked and scores of new things were noticed that have never been exhibited here.

In the art hall business men were busy arranging booths. Among those represented are the Boston store, W. D. Downey, Harvey Lucas and A. W. Lagow. In the rear of the hall is located the educational department and there is a pretty display of all kinds of books and manuscripts. This department is one of the most interesting in the hall. The St. Joseph school has an excellent display in this hall, the feature being the class books prepar-

The Big Parade Was Record Breaking Event in This City — Many Eiegant Floats Typical of Labor Interests—Thousands See the Demonstration and Attend the Exercises at Fair Grounds.

There have been great gatherings of laboring men in the city in times past, when factional interests were at stake, or when political parties sought to outdo each other in display, but probably there were none that could compare with the gathering held here Monday. More people may have been in the city at one time, but seldom is there seen such a gathering of people with one purpose in view than met here yesterday.

It was a crowd of representative American men and women. Men of brain and muscle who toil in the common walks of life and maintain themselves and families by the labor of their hands. Men, strong of limb and stout of heart, who have organized themselves into bands for protection and for the uplifting of themselves and for the betterment of their fellow men.

It was Labor day. Or, rather, it was the laboring man's day. That the laboring men of Princeton and vicinity and the many visitors who came and participated in the exercises did themselves proud there can be no mistake. Such keen interest and such enthusiasm is seldom displayed. Business men, professional men and men from every walk of life joined in the spirit of the day and made the occasion a memorable one. The event certainly marks an important epoch in the history of local trade unions.

It is estimated that there were 5,000 people here and a large per cent of that number were laboring men and men who were in some way connected with trade organizations. Vincennes furnished at least a thousand visitors and Princeton people did the rest.

One of the pretty features of the day was the parade which took place at 3 o'clock in the afternoon. It was in advance of anything of the kind seen here in years. There were twenty-five blocks of floats, horses and humanity. It is estimated that 1,200 people partic-

- Bartenders.
- Barbers.
- Lucas band.
- Southern Machinists.
- Boilermakers with float and retired "boilermaker" mule.
- Southern blacksmiths.
- Railroad Carmen.
- Decorated carriage.
- McGregor & Company, float.
- Harvey Lucas, float.
- W. L. Berlin, drayman.

The procession was followed to the fair grounds by hundreds of people, where the speaking took place and attractions were given.

The stage for the accommodation of the speakers was erected in front of the amphitheater, under the shade of a large tree. After selections by the Vincennes and Southside bands, William Van Stone, marshal of the day, introduced C. W. White, retiring mayor of the city, who welcomed the guests to the city. He also turned over the key to the city to the marshal of the day and asked that it be given to Hon. A. P. Twineham, the incoming mayor. In closing the speaker introduced Mr. Twineham.

"I suppose I ought to go Mr. White one better," said the speaker, with one of his "glad some" smiles. "As he has given over to you laboring men the key to the city, I will go further and wrench the door off its hinges, so that none may be barred."

Mr. Twineham congratulated the laboring men on the big demonstration and he said they should certainly feel proud of their excellent showing. The speaker expressed himself as being in harmony with the laboring men in securing their rights and justice for themselves. He said the truly educated man and citizen was the one who had been taught to work first with his hands, second with his heart and thirdly with his mind. As the incoming mayor he welcomed the hosts to the city and invited them to share its hos-

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One of the pretty features of the day was the parade which took place at 2 o'clock in the afternoon. It was in advance of anything of the kind ever here in years. There were twenty-five blocks of floats, horses and humanity. It is estimated that 1,200 people participated, and it took the procession just twenty-five minutes to pass a given point.

There were twenty-four floats and decorated carriages, and many of them were very pretty. Business men and trade unions were represented and altogether the effect was harmonious and beautiful.

The makeup of the parade was as follows:

Chief Marshal, William Van Stone and assistant.

Carriage containing Hon. G. W. Purcell, the speaker of the day, Mayor A. P. Twineham, Ex-mayor C. W. White, W. H. Raney and John Mahlet, marshal of Vincennes delegation.

First Regiment band, Vincennes.
Vincennes Painters.
Princeton Painters.
Plumbers' Union, Vincennes.
Hunters' band, of Vincennes.
U. B. of C. & J. A., Vincennes.
Vincennes Brewery Workers.
Vincennes Iron Moulders.
Princeton band.

Ladies retail clerks in carriages, Retail clerks.
Cigar Makers in carriage.
Electrical Workers.
Local Mine Workers.
Coal Mine Float.
American Federation of Labor.
Owensville Federation of Labor.
float.
Consumers' Gas company.
Float of Watt & Mitchell, brickmakers.

Two floats of Princeton Brick Works.
Local Bricklayers.
Hod Carriers.
Plasterers.
Two floats of Greer-Wilkinson Lumber company.
Two floats of C. W. White Lumber company.
Princeton Carpenters.
Typographical Union, with float.

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C. W. White then introduced W. H. Raney, a prominent member of the local Mine Workers, who spoke for a few minutes on the general conditions surrounding the laboring men. Mr. Raney thought in some sections the condition of the laboring men were worse than one year ago and he predicted that unless the men united and held out for their rights that the conditions would continue to grow worse until some calamity overtook the laboring classes. He asked that decisive steps be taken by the unions in keeping down oppression and coercion. The speaker then gave a short history of the labor union and said that in these lies the strength of the country.

He then introduced Hon. G. W. Purcell, of Terre Haute, the leading speaker of the day, and referred to him as a "man who had been rocked in a union cradle and had unionism born in him."

Mr. Purcell spoke for an hour on the subject of trade unions. As a member of the national executive committee of United Mine Workers he was thoroughly posted with reference to the conditions of the laboring men in the state and throughout the country. Mr. Purcell said the destiny of the country was in the hands of the man who toils. He thought the time had past when the old adage of "weep and you weep alone," would hold good. Through labor organizations the country was now bound together and when one man or one class of men wept with a grievance the community and country wept in sympathy. The country is facing difficult problems at present, but it was the opinion of the speaker that the 3,000,000 union men were able to cope with the conditions and work out their own salvation.

"I hope the day is not far distant," said the speaker, "when a woman shall no longer be permitted to be

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clothed in garments woven from the tears and rags of her less fortunate sisters. I hope to see the day when one man can no longer wring from the brows of his fellow men an exorbitant tax that is not rightfully his."

He thought it a sin against God and the country to remain outside the unions when there was so much to be done.

The speaker was perhaps somewhat radical and sarcastic at times in his address, but he presented many conditions as they really were, and his words met with approval.

Prof. H. F. Smith was then introduced and he made a short speech in behalf of the colored man. He thought Princeton was the best place for the colored man in the country from the fact that he was treated with more respect, and little partiality was shown. He thought the colored man was loyal to the union as the white man and he should be treated accordingly.

His remarks met with an outburst of applause.

After the speaking the crowd was entertained for a short time by the free attractions. Count de Butz, the trick bicycle rider, gave a very clever exhibition of his skill, which was followed by a trapeze performance.

And then the bands played and the people wended their way home for supper.

The announcement was made at the close of the exercises that the next celebration would be held in Vincennes next year. An invitation to attend the demonstration was extended to all laboring man and others.

TEMPLARS PARADE.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 6. The Knights Templar parade today was a great success. Ten thousand knights were in line. The Indiana knights marched in the sixth division.

MOAR IMPROVING.

WORCESTER, Mass. Sept. 30.