

LABOR HAS ITS BIG HOLIDAY

Five Thousand Workmen Celebrate the Event at Cedar Park.

RINGING ADDRESSES MADE

Speakers Stand Squarely Against Loosening the Bars for Chinese Coolies and Protest Against Europe's Pauper Labor.

Some 5000 laboring men and their wives, families and friends, assembled at Cedar Park yesterday, where they commemorated the day set aside by law for the honor of the sons of toil. A most enjoyable time was spent by all in attendance, for the committee in charge of the festivities did everything to make the event a success.

Several prominent citizens added zest to the occasion by speaking on the vital points of the great questions now confronting the laboring classes in America, and the world at large.

Governor Chamberlain Speaks.

Harry Gurr, chairman of the Labor Day committee, acted as presiding officer, and introduced Governor Chamberlain amid a storm of applause. The governor addressed his remarks chiefly to the Chinese exclusion question, in which he advocated the restriction placed upon the importation of Mongolian labor. The governor's remarks were heartily applauded.

Tells of Brutal Injunctions.

From the servile courts they have wrung the brutal injunction, and with the fruits of labor's toil, purchased legislation to keep themselves in power, then asked applause for erecting schools that the children of the poor are not permitted the leisure to attend. The governor's libraries still books which these children do not know how to read.

Ballot the Only Weapon.

"It spoke through a National gathering here the other day—spoke cowardly and to the shame of the states represented.

Reports His Son Missing.

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Against Europe's Paupers.

This pauper element of Europe is dumped on our shores at the instance of combinations of capital, who find it of great value, in so far as the majority of

immigrants are willing to take positions for \$125 and less per diem, that were formerly filled by citizens of this land of ours who received \$2 and \$2.50 for the same class of labor. In no part of the East is this so much in evidence as in my native state, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. It was there as a young lad just starting out in life's struggle that I acquired an insight into the conditions of affairs such as will be taught only by experience. Conditions in the thickly settled portions of the East are execrable, and many a man who is willing to work at any kind of labor cannot and employment for a sufficient length of time to earn the very necessities of life, and many of them have families dependent upon their efforts, and thousands of persons are merely existing, never getting the opportunity to earn a decent living such as the laboring man is entitled to.

Evils of Child Labor.

"Another unfavorable feature of the working conditions of today is the unjust installation of child labor in the large factories and department stores of this country. These poor little children are taken to these places at all the way from the age of 1 to 16, and therefore never have an opportunity of acquiring the slightest inkling of what is known as education. Then there is the department store evil, by which I mean the employment of girls of a tender age, who labor at long hours for a mere pittance which is barely enough to keep them alive, and when they request a sufficient increase in salary to permit of their securing some of the good things of life, their hard-hearted employers inform them that they are possessed of enough physical charms to enable them to secure their needs from other sources. Such a form of employment, offered by men who have a high moral standing in the different communities is radically wrong and cannot be condoned too strongly. There should be a penalty attached to any employer suggesting this means of acquiring an additional stipend to their unsophisticated employes.

Ballot for Women.

"The average workman of today depends more or less on the advice of woman, his helpmeet in the struggle for maintenance, and yet these same men have arrogated to themselves the privilege of making the laws of this country. In this instance I agree with Mr. Moore, the men are wrong. Woman should be placed on an equal plane in the matter of the ballot as well as she is in matters of household worth. Give the women a chance to vote and the great problems that are soon to be settled by the laboring classes will be reinforced by the addition of their wives, mothers, and sweethearts, which will greatly increase the power of those who are working to promote a condition that will be of material benefit to labor in general. Let the women vote is the secret of the coming struggle.

Results of the Games.

The meeting adjourned with the singing of "America" by the audience. The athletic games, which were finished at the conclusion of the Auditorium exercises, resulted as follows:

- Sack race—Won by J. Fraine. C. Postage, second.
- Girls' race (under 12)—Won by Lottie Bennett; Dora Criger, second.
- Girls' race (13 to 20)—Won by Hazel Lewis; Isabel Murphy, second.
- Pat man's race—Won by Frank D. Fields; N. H. Bird, second.
- Lean man's race—Won by G. Livingston; J. Fraine, second.
- Potato race—Won by C. Postage; J. Fraine, second.

Chinese Give Reception.

Members of the Baptist Chinese Mission gave a reception to Dr. F. F. Tong, the special Chinese envoy, at their chapel, 24 Second street, last night. The affair was under the direction of a reception committee of which Seid Back, Jr., was chairman, and was attended by many of the leading Chinese of the city and American friends of the mission. Among the guests were H. T. Hala, one of the Chinese commissioners at the Fair, and Rev. Wong Yuk Sing, of San Francisco.

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SPEAKERS AT LABOR DAY CELEBRATION AND PROMINENT LABOR LEADERS



WILL BUILD A FIRE HALL

Midway Improvement Association Adopts Incorporation Articles.

Articles of incorporation were adopted last night at the meeting of the Midway Improvement Association, held in the parlors of the Portland Creamatorium by the courtesy of Manager Frank B. Gibson. There was a large and enthusiastic attendance of citizens of that neighborhood. Charles H. Tabke presided. The stock books of the incorporation were opened to subscription, and \$300 and \$300 were taken, with a full \$500 in sight. Capital stock was placed at \$1000 at the start, shares \$50, with the purpose of filling supplementary articles in a short time increasing the capital stock to \$2000.

INDUSTRY FOR COOS BAY

Cement Factory Will Be Established There by Capitalists.

Another important industry has been gained for Oregon through the instrumentality of the Portland Board of Trade. For some time the members of that organization have been looking toward the Coos Bay country with a view to interesting some one in establishing a cement factory to utilize the natural product of that region. The work has just borne fruit in the incorporation of the Coos Bay Mining, Milling & Transportation Company, with a capital stock of \$1,000,000 in shares of \$10.

Boy Drowned in Columbia.

Edward Penak, aged 17 years, was drowned in the Columbia River last Sunday afternoon opposite Rockwood. Ross C. Lovelace, one of a party of boys with him, made heroic efforts to save his companion, but failed, and was nearly pulled under himself. Coroner Finley investigated the case yesterday morning, and decided that no inquest was necessary. The funeral services will take place this afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Adventist Church in Montaville.

HOO HOO AND ITS BLACK CAT

Trains Bearing Members of the Order and Mystic Nine on the Way.

TO HOLD CONCATENATION

Grand Snark of the Universe Will Be Elected and Many Candidates Will Be Initiated Into the Order.

Trains bearing the members of Hoo Hoo, the disciples of the black cat and the mystic nine, are speeding toward Portland from all parts of the country, and members of the order in this city are busy planning ways and means to give them the biggest time of their lives. The committee on arrangements, under the leadership of E. H. Hahlgroset, and the

RETURNS TO DEFENSE.

Dr. MacArthur Says Attacks on Rockefeller Arouse Sympathy.

NEW YORK, Sept. 4.—Defense of John D. Rockefeller and denunciation of Governor LaFollette, of Wisconsin, who criticized him, were the features of the sermon delivered last night by the Rev. Dr. Robert S. MacArthur, who has just returned from a Summer lecturing tour on the Casatanqua Assembly platform. Dr. MacArthur made special reference to the speeches of Governor LaFollette, which related to the head of the Standard Oil Company, and declared them to be exaggerations which only served to excite sympathy for the person against whom they were directed.

WAGING A WARM CONTEST

An Attempt Made to Change Name of Lents Postoffice.

A warm contest is under way at Lents, Mount Scott, over the movement to change the name of that place and postoffice from Lents to Mount Scott. A petition is being circulated for the change, in which it is set forth that the change is necessary from a business point of view, as the place has come to be known as Mount Scott. Business houses are largely Mount Scott, and all the electric cars running to Lents are also marked Mount Scott.

AGED ODDFELLOWS HOMELESS.

MASON CITY, Iowa, Sept. 4.—The Iowa Odd Fellows' home at Mason City burned to the ground last night, with a loss of \$50,000. Forty-five children and thirteen aged people were taken out just in time by a fire drill, which undoubtedly saved their lives.

BEACH RATE REDUCED.

Three Dollars for Round Trip Announced by O. R. & N. Co.

The every-day round-trip rate from Portland to North Beach points has been reduced by the O. R. & N. Co. from \$4 to \$3. The rate will remain in effect until October 31.



SCENE DURING THE LABOR DAY CELEBRATION AT CEDAR PARK.

Ayer's Hair Vigor

Losing your hair? And doing nothing to stop it? Don't you know that Ayer's Hair Vigor promptly checks falling hair? It certainly does. And it always restores color, also.

J. C. Ayer & Co., Lowell, Mass.