

LABOR DAY AT BOURNE.

Grand Celebration By Miners'
Union No. 42.

A COMPLETE SUCCESS.

Despite Inclement Weather, Program Was
Successfully Carried Out—Good At-
tendance—Interesting Speeches—Fine
New Labor Hall—Long List of Sports
—A Great Day—Dance in Evening.

Despite the incessant drizzle of rain which changed to an encircling fringe of snow on the higher mountains surrounding the town, Labor Day was celebrated Monday at Bourne by Miners' Union No. 42, Western Federation of Miners, most successfully and the well arranged program was carried out in detail. The inclement weather kept hundreds of visitors from Sumpter and neighboring places from participating in the event. As it was the crowd numbered between 600 and 700.

It was the original intention to dedicate the new labor hall on this occasion and the dedicatory exercises were to furnish a part of the day's program, but owing to the fact that the building lacks a little yet of completion this had to be postponed. The building, when completed and furnished, will cost close on to \$3,000. It is 30x80 feet, two stories high, with a hall for dancing, public gatherings and the like the full size of the structure below, and lodge rooms above for the miners' union. The building is a credit to the town of Bourne, and an abundant evidence of the pluck, perseverance and progressiveness of the miners at whose instance it was reared. Both the exterior and interior were decorated very becomingly for the Labor Day exercises. A new \$300 piano was bought a few days before. At the rear of the hall was hung a \$100 banner bearing the legends and devices of the order. This also was purchased for the occasion. The decorations, however, did not cease with the new building. Across the main street of the town were strung banners of welcome, and the principal business buildings and residences bore tasteful embellishments for the occasion. The miners say that the business men of Bourne and also those of Sumpter contributed very liberally in a financial way toward making the celebration a success.

The forenoon was devoted to the labor parade, and speechmaking in the new hall. Despite the drizzle and the muddy streets the parade was pulled off on scheduled time, 10:30. The labor procession, a goodly band, formed at the hall with the new banner displayed for the first time in the vanguard, and marched through the main part of the town, disbanding in front of the hall to the music of the Spokane Ladies' orchestra. President Angus McCormack, of the Bourne Union, delivered an appropriate address of welcome, introducing the Hon. W. H. Strayer, the orator of the day. His address was along the lines of organized labor. It was well received and liberally applauded. The speaker urged the necessity of labor organizations standing together, pulling together and

voting together if they ever hoped to accomplish anything toward beneficial legislation. He said that the old parties should be cut out and that the union folk should vote the labor ticket from first to last. If their rights are to be recognized this is the one sure way of obtaining recognition, he said.

He was followed by Captan A. M. Paul, superintendent of the Imperial, who delivered a strong address dealing in the main with the same problems. He ended by rendering "The Voice of the People."

The next speaker was Tom C. Gray, general manager of the Valley Queen, who spoke in his characteristic epigrammatic fashion. He said: "Your committee on arrangement has thoughtfully provided that my remarks should not exceed five minutes. I shall be brief. I do not know whether you regard me as a representative of one or other of the two mighty classes—Labor and Capital. I have been worked under ground by other men, and have worked other men under ground. Memories, dating back to Butte, Montana, where you all know copper is king, recall times when I did the 'single' and 'double' jacks acts. At later dates I have employed men. My life has been with miners, my sympathies are with them, my interests are with them, and I am with them. The amicable relations of labor and capital in this district suggests a thought. There is nothing suggesting more cordial congratulations than the fact stated in my subject, for it is a fact. The past proves it, likewise the present. Whatever ends have been attained by either side in this district have been peaceful, tolerant, and cheerful. May it ever be so. Progress requires peace and reason. Reason must guide, else injury will result. Laboring men have the balance of power in any peaceful arbitration, for they outnumber—five to one. With labor rests the future of this district and the country. Guard that future well. Cherish it, foster it with parental care, and always keep the calcium light of reason clear of passion and prejudice, shining upon your deeds. I spoke of labor—I mean organized labor—for labor, with every element of modern industrial life, must and will organize. The time is not distant when labor will speak untimidly through an organ. This is an inevitable trend, and we have but to welcome it, with the prayer that this mighty voice will always speak with reason. Organized labor has made mistakes, for laboring men are human. It is our duty to correct these, profit by experience, and gradually rise to higher planes. Labor will not be moved by violence, cannot be, for violence destroys, and never builds. Meet your employers often, consider their interests while considering yours, and let the future show the same friendly, cordial spirit in this great district that stand to your credit in the past."

The speechmaking ended at noon and the barbecue began. A corpulent bovine had been sacrificed which with the trimmings represented an outlay of over \$100. The crowd fell to at the appointed moment and the earthly remains of the ox vanished like a wreath of mist at eve, or words to that effect. But it was a good spread and possessed every hunger-satisfying property.

The afternoon was devoted to sports. These were under the direction of Ed Butze, Joe Johns and Ben Ross, and Tom C. Gray, A. P. Goss and R. L. Turner, of Sumpter, officiated as judges of the several con-

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