

LABOR'S DAY OFF.

Many People Celebrate at Redondo.

Over Twenty Organizations are Represented.

An Extensive Programme of Speaking and Sports.

A Talk on the Duties of Labor Organizations. Foot Races, Sack Races and Other Amusements—The Day's Details.

The observation of Labor day, which took the form of an excursion to and programme at Redondo Beach yesterday, was organized and conducted by the Los Angeles Council of Labor, and proved to be a very enjoyable and successful affair. A somewhat elaborate programme of amusements was made out, the prizes being donations from the business men of Los Angeles.

The Council of Labor is composed of all the industrial unions of the city, and Monday's outing was participated in by members of the following orders composing the council: Carpenters, printers, stonecutters, cigarmakers, painters, plumbers, paperhangers, cooks, bakers, waiters, machinists, ironmolders, sailors, longshoremen, tailors, electrical linemen, Clerks' Association and bricklayers. There were also present, upon invitation, representatives of the various lodges of the Knights of Labor, and of the Farmers' Alliance and Industrial Union. J. S. Barbee, State secretary of the latter organization, was among those in attendance, and the 250 other members of the order who participated in the day's doings represented most of the forty sub-alliances of Los Angeles county, as well as the alliances of San Diego, San Bernardino, Riverside and Orange counties.

All the trains reaching Redondo bore large delegations of members of the various orders, their families and their friends, and the crowds by noon occupied the wharf, beach and frontage generally, each individual or group being left to his own choice of amusement prior to the beginning of the regular programme. The Casino was placed at the disposal of the visitors, and was headquarters during the day. The orchestra was in attendance, and when not elbowed off for more intellectual proceedings, the dance held sway.

W. A. White of the Stonecutters' Union, secretary of the council, was master of ceremonies, being seconded by a committee of arrangements composed of W. P. Galbraith and F. B. Colver of the Typographical Union, and S. Larsen of the Tailors' Union.

It was 2:30 o'clock in the afternoon when Mr. White introduced as chief speaker of the day W. M. Wilkins of Fresno, who held the close attention of as many as could get within reach of his voice for three-quarters of an hour, his address taking more the form of admonition and advice than an argument for or against parties or men.

At the conclusion of Mr. Wilkins's address it was announced that the games would follow, the balance of the speaking being deferred until evening.

The sports opened with the tug-of-war contest, held on the beach. It was between the married men on one side and the single men on the other. Teams of ten were organized, the benefactors by G. S. Clarke, of the Typographical Union, and the bachelors by J. E. Cusic, of the plumbers. After a good and steady strain of fifteen minutes' duration, the family men won. Prize, a case of wine.

There were twelve entries in the 100 yards dash. The sprinters got a good send-off, being well bunched for the first quarter of the distance. The race was won in 13 seconds by F. H. Crowell, of the Cooks' Union. Prize, a suit of clothes.

In the fat men's race, seventy-five yards, there were four entries. This was an open number, and was won by H. A. McLain, of the Los Angeles police force, who led from the start. Prize, a box of cigars.

The sackrace was one of the most amusing features of the programme, and there were eight starters. It was fifty yards, and was won by Ewing Gibson, of Redondo. Prize, a suit of underwear.

The potato race, with four starters, was won by A. A. Hutchins. Prize, a hat.

In the misses' race—15 years old and under—with five entries, Minnie Schaefer took first and Cora Tutwiller second prize, consisting of a fine cake and a bottle of perfume.

There were five entries for the lean men's race, which was won by A. C. Stewart. Prize, a box of cigars.

There was a full field of starters in the 100 yards free-for-all footrace, Frank Donohue finishing first and Hugh Gibson second. Prizes, a pair of fine shoes and a year's subscription to a labor paper.

When the better part of a dozen men had attempted the hop, step and jump, John Burke was declared the winner. Prize, a silk vest.

Of three starters in the swimming race, W. Maxey easily took the lead, and swam around the bathing-beach buoy, well ahead of his competitors. Prize, a bathing suit.

The closing event in the athletic contests was putting the hammer, nine entries, F. C. Wheeler won. Prize, a case of wine.

The various contests were thoroughly amateur in all respects. It was a good-natured free-for-all, for the benefit of those whose regular business is outside of the sporting field. This fact, and the fidelity with which it was illustrated, accounts for the absence of the usual details of similar events concerning times and distances.

It was sundown before the sports were concluded, and many visitors had gone on the afternoon trains. A special train on the Santa Fe, which arrived shortly after 8 o'clock, added liberally to the remaining excursionists, but for some reason or other the deferred addresses did not materialize, and the day closed with the waltz dancing contest.

This proved to be one of the absorbing competitions of the day, and opened with a crowded floor. The judges selected from the best couples several successive times until the floor was cleared of all except four. From these, after change of partners, the winners were announced as follows: Ladies—Lizzie Wernle, Kittie Kispert and Mrs. F. H. Wise, in the order named; A. O'Donnell and Frank McClusky, first and second in gentlemen's competition. The ladies' prizes were in order named, a dozen cabinet photographs, one hundred visiting cards and a toilet set; the gentlemen's, a box of cigars and a year's subscription to a labor paper. All the dance winners live in Los Angeles.

At 10 o'clock the Santa Fe special train gathered up the remaining visitors and the day's events were pleasantly and peacefully over.