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WELL HANDLED.

Not in years has there been a discussion of the labor question in Missoula which has treated the subject as thoroughly and as fairly as the Labor-day address delivered here yesterday by Harry H. Parsons. Mr. Parsons, by his previous platform efforts, has set for himself a high standard; this mark he exceeded yesterday. No analysis of his speech is necessary; it is printed elsewhere in The Missoulian this morning; he who reads it will appreciate its worth; its spirit of fairness will appeal to him who studies it. From all sides but one the address received merited praise yesterday; only the socialists found fault with it. Probably Mr. Parsons would rather have their disapprobation than their indorsement; his address reads that way and on that account he needs no defense from the abusive attack which was made last night by a street-corn-er orator who divided her time between assailing Mr. Parsons and abusing the druggist in front of whose store she talked, just because he shut off his lights when closing time came.

AGAIN.
Once more the North Pole has been discovered. Peary it is who, this time, telegraphs that he has found the pole. Metaphorically, he says the stars and stripes have been nailed to the pole and we await the statement of the details of his trip. The Peary announcement does not occasion the surprise which attended the receipt of the news from Cook. In the first place, the Cook story has taken the edge off the later narrative and, in the second place, America has been expecting the Peary telegram for some time. We have been certain that the naval officer would get there. With Cook it was different; not many of us regarded his expedition seriously; only a few of us knew he was poking around up there, anyway. But the pole is ours, whichever way the decision of priority goes as between Cook and Peary. In either case it is our flag that is at the pole and the glory is ours.

FOUR TIMES.
This successful expedition of Peary's is the fourth try he has had at the pole, with one informal reconnaissance thrown in between. The navy man started in the Arctic business in 1886, when he led an expedition of the Greenland ice cap; his first serious endeavor was made in 1891, when he was chief of the expedition sent out by the Philadelphia Academy of Natural Science. On this trip Peary discovered and named Melville land and Heilprin land, but the most important result of the expedition was the establishing of the insularity of Greenland. In 1893 Peary made an exploration of the Greenland highlands for the purpose of becoming acquainted with the natives; he located the famous iron mountain which had been heard of through Greenlanders for many years and found it to be three huge meteorites, one of them the largest known. In 1905 the Peary expedition set out again and, a year later, reached what was then the point farthest north—87 degrees and 6 minutes. Immediately upon his return he organized the present expedition.

OUR FRIENDS.
If we may be pardoned for indulgence in a bit of personal talk, we would like to say that the past three months have been the most successful in the history of The Missoulian. They have brought to us more new friends than any like period which has preceded them. Some of these friends have taken time to express their appreciation of The Missoulian in words as well as in checks for subscription. The checks are always a welcome matter; the kind words are appreciated none the less. We think that The Missoulian is one of the best advertise-

ments that Missoula has; perhaps we are prejudiced in the case, but our belief is strengthened by such letters as this, received yesterday:
Gentlemen—Inclosed I send you check for \$2.25 (three months' subscription for your paper). I thank you for the favor and congratulate you on your excellent publication. I was greatly surprised to receive such a good paper from Missoula, and greatly pleased. I hope to be in your vicinity some day; though 2804 is far up on the list, I hope to get there somehow, just the same. Very respectfully,
HAROLD FLOWER.
Chicago, Sept. 2, 1909.

SCHOOL.
This morning, the school bell. Vacation is over; Labor day prolonged the holiday a bit, but there seems to be no possibility of squeezing out another extension, and so, this morning, we start to school. The year opens with brilliant promise for Missoula's elementary and secondary schools. The systems have been strengthened and the organizations have been perfected. Good instructors have been summoned to the ranks and the physical equipment of the city and county schools have been increased and improved. There is present the possibility of making the year the most successful ever known in local educational work; it is up to the citizens to give to the schools the loyal support which they merit. It is within their power to make this year's advancement the greatest that has ever been made toward the goal which we all wish to attain—the best public school system in the state of Montana.

OUR YEAR.
This is America's year. Americans have twice discovered the north pole; Americans have beaten the world at aerial navigation; they have triumphed in athletics; they have produced a world's bumper crop of corn; they have enacted a tariff law that will give them command of the world's commercial circles; there is no end to the triumphs that 1909 has brought to the land of the brave and the home of the free. There remain four months of the year for further achievement. It is reasonable to expect that, in that time, the Higgins avenue bridge will be finished, which will add further luster to the record of the year. We have struck our gait and are certainly going some.

The problem of what to do with the pole discoverer becomes as serious as the disposition of our ex-presidents. We have more of them.
The discovery of the north pole was a simple matter compared with the search for a better place than the Bitter Root valley.
Some cities have had more men in their Labor-day parades, but none of them had any better men than Missoula had.
And then the whining schoolboy, with his satchel and shining morning face, creeping like a snail unwillingly to school.
Speaker Cannon says that the tariff law is the best measure of its kind ever passed; concurrence will be general.

In the promised snake-killing it's a cinch that Mr. Balingier will not play the part of St. Patrick.
Dr. Cook is a versatile fellow. He is as much at home with the royalty as with Eskimos.
We will be glad to learn whether or not Peary found Cook's brass cylinder and the flag.
As was remarked on a former occasion, "There's glory enough for all."
Likewise, the weather man participated to the queen's taste.
The road to the pole was 500 years long, but it had an end.
Copenhagen did well, but just watch that little, old New York.

It must be that the pole wanted to be discovered.
It was a humdinger, Missoula entertained well.
What will Peary say when he hears about Cook?
Now watch for the "Dr. Cook" five-cent cigar.
"O, call back yesterday. Bid time return."
The parade brought out the best of them.

In either case, it is our flag that's there.
The north pole is getting very common.
This is surely the open season for poles.
Labor made good use of its day.
Even Melville believes Peary.
It never rains but it pours.
Hooray for everybody.
WILL MEET TAFT.
Washington, Sept. 6.—Four torpedo boats have left Hampton roads to proceed to St. Louis and escort President Taft down the Mississippi river to New Orleans as a feature of his transcontinental tour.

LABOR DAY PLANS MEET WITH SUCCESS

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came next in line. They rode in a wagon decorated with the emblem of their union and armed with scrubbing brushes and pails, they were by far the busiest delegation in the lot.
Another Prize.
The teamsters, who followed, had one of the best floats in the parade, taking third prize in the judges' opinion, and it created a big sensation as it passed along the line of march. The float consisted of a big double wagon drawn by six horses, on which was placed another wagon with a team attached. The whole thing was cleverly conceived and was one of the most attractive features of the parade.
A blast of music heralded the next delegation, the Missoula Junior band, which made its first public appearance in the parade yesterday, and the young musicians elicited a lot of applause from the crowd. Attired in white suits and led by Director Witzman, the youngsters made a big hit, and there is no doubt but that their first appearance will be followed by others, now that they have made their bow.

The First Prize.
Then came the sheet metal workers, who won first prize as the best appearing union in line. Every member wore a hat of the usual straw shape made out of metal cleverly fashioned and very flashy in the bright sun. Each man wore in addition a belt of tin and a bright metal cane. The barbers' float, which won second prize, was next in line, and attracted a lot of favorable attention, a model barber shop having been set up on the wagon. Everything was there, even to the "smoke" who wielded the shoe brush.
With their two prize banners in the lead, the typographical union, 35 strong, followed the barbers, and all along the route the men who handle the type got the cheers which they so well deserved.
The steamfitters had a good representation in line.

Another First.
The bricklayers, who won first prize with their float, had a force of 19 men busy laying brick and stone on their wagon, and, if public opinion is good, the decision of the judges was a fair one.
Following the winners came a wagon load of carpenters busy at work under a sign which read, "The Boys of 28."
Twenty-six little boys in overalls, carrying white parasols, were the representatives of the Spencer store.

J. H. Hoekstra had a very attractive float representing his general contracting business.
The Missoula Flouring company had its usual float, consisting of a pyramid of flour sacks piled on a wagon, and the float caused much favorable comment by the crowd.
Then came the winning business float, that of the Missoula Mercantile company. This float, while it was constructed by some as a representation of "Winter," was really merely an artistically decorated wagon in which spring flowers played fully as important a part as did snow and ice. Yellow and white were the prevailing colors, and from the standpoint of beauty the float was a "crackerjack."
"Professor" Strow and his collection of talented musicians followed, playing alternately to the great delight of the crowd "Love Me and the World is Mine" and "How Dry I Am."
The long procession was terminated by a float from the Isis theater, which was the best comic float in the lot. The entire juvenile population of Missoula clung to the rear of this clever float, and the laugh which the sight caused made a very successful ending for the best Labor day parade which Missoula has ever seen.

Sports.
The Labor day sports were not by any means the least important item in the celebration. They were pulled off on Higgins square, near the Northern Pacific station, and were witnessed by a crowd numbering several thousand persons. The space was surrounded by benches, on which sat the women and children, and behind these stood the men. This left a large space for the sports proper, a fact that was appreciated by the spectators. The judges of the finish were James Conlon, Fred Murphy and Hugh Stinger, and their task was a strenuous one. The various contests and the winners of first and second place were as follows:
Hundred-yard dash, free for all—Won by H. Stinger, Vincent Craig second.
Hundred-yard dash, boys under 16—Frank Heyfron, first; William Potts, second.
Hundred-yard dash, boys under 12—Albert Lizotte, first; James Violette, second.
Hundred-yard dash, girls under 12—Mary Small, first; Dorothy Schreiber, second.
Hundred-yard dash, girls under 10—Vera Miller, first; Madeline Kelly, second.
Presidents' race—C. P. Polson, first; R. McBride, second.
Secretaries' race—A. F. Hamilton, first; J. A. Johnson, second.
Three-legged race—Frank Heyfron and William Potts, first; R. Hastings and L. S. Hague, second.

Shot put—Vincent Craig, first; Fred Murphy, second; distance, 35 feet.
Fat men's race—Lou Fabert, first; McCann, second.
Sack race—Gussie Short, first; L. S. Thorn, second.
Pie-eating contest—Tom Andrews, first; Winthrop Kern, second.
Old men's race, for men over the age of 50—W. W. Michael, first; John Kritzer, second.
Girls' race—Lola Bordeau, first; Beulah Waitemale, second.
Second girls' race—Martha Thompson, first; Madeline Kelly, second.
The last three races named above were special contests, arranged to take the place of the two balloon ascensions, which, owing to a misunderstanding as to contracts, were not given.
The last event of the sports program, and the one that was probably of the most interest to the spectators, was the tug-of-war between 10 of the city policemen, captained by the chief, J. A. Vealey, and 10 men from the hod carriers' union. It was won by the "pops."
A great deal of credit is due the managers of the field sports for the way in which the various events were pulled off. There was no hitch, and at all times were the field and the contestants in full view of the spectators.

The Ball.
Beyond a doubt the largest crowd that ever attended a dance in the pavilion in Greenough park was the one that was present last night, as the final feature in the observance of Labor day in Missoula. To the strains of music furnished by an orchestra composed of union players of the city the great crowd tripped the light fantastic toe and enjoyed itself hugely until a late hour. It is estimated that from 1,500 to 2,000 persons were at the dance and either took part in the giddy whirling or watched it. An efficient floor committee, of which W. J. Kellough was chairman, saw that things went smoothly and that every dancer was made acquainted with enough people to insure a good time for everyone. Many of the spectators witnessed the dancing from the lawn which surrounds the hall.
Among those who acted on the floor committee were the Misses Marguerite Robie, Helen Gibney, Edith Kirkpatrick, Kathryn Gibbons, Mary Stowe and Nan Dore, and Messrs. Oscar Munson and John Curry.

Notes of Labor Day.
The parade was the best yet.
The weather was made to order.
It was admittedly Missoula's best Labor day.
"Just \$190 has this fountain made today," said a soda dispenser last evening. His business was typical of that done by the candy stores and restaurants of Missoula on Labor day.
There was only one thing to regret last night, and that was the losing of the baseball game. As the locals didn't expect to win, even that regret was mitigated.

"I'm the fall guy; it's all my fault and I don't want the committee to get any blame," said B. C. McClellan, promoter of yesterday's balloon ascensions. McClellan's airship failed to arrive.
There is also a great deal of credit due to the crowd, to the people who enjoyed a perfect day and a good time. There was no disorder, no trouble of any sort. The people had lots of fun, but it was of the right sort, and this morning there are no sore places.
To the committees in charge of the several departments of yesterday's celebration all praise is due for the success of labor's showing. The committee, headed by George W. Scott, have worked for weeks to get everything ready, and yesterday the results showed.
A prominent figure yesterday was J. K. Witzman, leader and instructor of Missoula's two bands. Both organizations made showings that were most creditable, and both evidenced the careful training and instruction given them by Mr. Witzman. There are few cities the size of Missoula that can produce two such organizations as the Missoula band and the Missoula Junior band.

There was one disagreeable feature to the day and, while it is in no way the fault of the committee, it was none the less a bad feature, and one which detracted a great deal from the enjoyment of the day. That was the playing of the carnival band while the speaking was going on on Higgins square. Now the carnival band is a long way from being a musical organization, for it manages to slaughter everything it attempts, and yesterday its playing was extremely objectionable. The players were stationed not 20 yards from the speakers' stand, and during Mr. Parsons' address they burst out every few minutes. All attempts to quiet them were in vain, and all who were present at the exercises went away with a pretty poor opinion of the carnival people.

TOWN IS DESTROYED BY SERIOUS FLOOD

Mexico City, Mexico, Sept. 6.—The town of Tula, in the state of Tamaulipas, was swept by another flood yesterday, houses being carried away and rich plantations destroyed.
General Trevino places the death for the state of Nuevo Leon officially at 1,500. A number of towns on the Rio Grande have not yet been heard from.
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