

TRAMWAY MEN HOLD PICNIC SUCCESSFUL EVENT IS HELD AT SIDNEY

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(From Friday's Daily.)

The third annual picnic of the local branch of the Amalgamated Association of Street and Electric Railway Employees of America, which was held at Sidney yesterday, proved to be the most successful event of its kind yet attempted by the organization. The place selected for the holding of the picnic was almost an ideal one for the purpose. There was a large attendance; a good programme of sports had been provided by those in charge, and each event was well contested. Of course most of the conductors and motormen were unable to get to the picnic, for the people of Victoria had to have their usual car service, but the other employees and officials were present, and with them hundreds of friends of the men who operate the trams.

The day was just sufficient heat to make one desire to rusticate in the shade of the old apple tree or any other old kind of a tree, and the trees were there under which to rusticate. At the same time the weather was not too warm for the races and other sporting events, so that every one had their opportunity of enjoying the day. In all there were 42 sporting events pulled off, the only ones on the programme which did not fill being two swimming races.

The V. & S. Railway Company's arrangements for handling the crowd were excellent. Five trains carried the crowd out, each being well filled. Music for the occasion was supplied by the Victoria City band, while the St. Andrew's pipe band was also in attendance.

One of the features of the day was the baby contest, in which the judges were A. T. Goward, P. J. Riddell, J. M. Tripp, H. Gibson and A. Linham. Their task was not an easy one, for naturally every mother thought there was no other baby to compare with hers, but they escaped without being mobbed.

Another special event was a baseball match between the Oak Bays and Rendells, which was won by the latter by a score of 10-8. The teams and scores were as follows:

Oak Bay—C. Coulson, s.s.; A. McInnes, l.f.; T. Gravlin, p.; H. Baker, 2b.; C. McDonald, c.f.; B. Johnson, c.; O. Dunnaway, 2b.; E. McDonald, l.f.; B. Coulson, 1b.

Rendells—T. George, 1b.; R. Dodds, c.f.; R. Cocker, 2b.; J. Russell, 2b.; Huxtable, c.; J. Williams, p.; V. Johnson, 2b.; O. Nason, l.f.; S. Humber, r.f.

Score by innings: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9
Oak Bay 0 0 0 0 1 3 0 0 0—4
Rendells 8 2 0 0 0 1 3 0 0—20

George A. Caldwell was umpire and his decisions, with one or possibly two exceptions, were all that could be desired.

The result of the various sporting events were as follows:

First race, girls 6 years and under, handicap, 50 yards—First prize, Hazel Cook; second, Jessie Speed; third, May Sprock.

Second race, boys 6 years and under, handicap, 50 yards—First prize, R. Parker; second, J. Muir; third, E. Sprock.

Third race, girls 12 years and under, handicap, 75 yards—First prize, Pearl Acton; second, Miss Speed; third, Rena Holland.

Fourth race, boys 12 years and under, handicap, 75 yards—First prize, H. Curtis; second, A. Pointer; third, Alex. McLellan.

Fifth race, girls 12 to 16 years, 100 yards—First prize, D. McLellan; second, M. Walker; third, M. Davis.

Sixth race, boys 12 to 16 years, 100 yards—First prize, E. Sproule; second, C. Clark; third, J. McLoughlin.

Seventh race (sack), one, 50 yards—First prize, Charles McInnes; second, T. Palmer; third, J. McLellan.

Eighth race, mechanical, power and gas works men, 100 yards—First prize, Joe Dakers; second, J. Smart; third, T. J. Hocking.

Ninth race, ladies, amateur only, handicap, 75 yards—First prize, Mrs. Willey; second, Mrs. Barnes; third, Miss Speed.

Tenth race, men, 100 yards, open—First prize, Charles McInnes; second, T. Warburton; third, E. Sproule.

Eleventh race, wives of employees, egg and spoon race, 50 yards—First prize, Mrs. Gaiser; second, Mrs. Gardiner; third, Mrs. Aaronson; fourth, Mrs. Mardell.

Twelfth race, members Division 109 only, handicap, 100 yards—First prize, R. Dewar; second, W. Nunn; third, R. O'Hara.

Thirteenth race, trackmen, 100 yards—First prize, E. Eston; second, J. Olliphant; third, J. McDonald.

Fourteenth race, fat ladies, 50 yards—First prize, Mrs. Lawrie; second, Mrs. Irvine; third, Mrs. Dinsley.

Fifteenth race, fat men, 75 yards—First prize, John McBride; second, J. Dewar; third, J. Bayless.

Sixteenth race, three-legged, one, 100 yards—First prize, Joe Dakers; second, H. Humber; second, N. Clark and S. Rogers; third, W. McInnes and E. Sproule.

Seventeenth race, ladies, open, handicap, 75 yards—First prize, W. Speed; second, W. McBurn; third, T. Williams.

Eighteenth race, single motormen and conductors, presented by Strand hotel and cafe, 220 yards—First prize, Robert O'Hara; second, E. Farrington; third, A. Clarke; fourth, J. Williams.

Nineteenth race, married motormen and conductors, handicap, 220 yards—First prize, ex-Mayor Redfern's cup, to be won two years, W. Nunn; second, R. Dewar; third, A. Clayton.

Twentieth race, office staff B. C. E. Ry. Co., Ltd., 100 yards—First prize, J. F. Tait; second, A. Richardson; third, H. A. Goward.

Twenty-first race, 1 mile, employees needle race, 18 years and up, open, 75 yards—First prize, Miss C. Williams; second, Mrs. Aaronson; third, Mrs. Burns.

Twenty-third race, manager's, super-

intendent's and foreman's race, handicap, 100 yards—First prize, H. A. Goward; second, W. Armstrong; third, A. T. Goward.

Twenty-fourth race, Victoria Cross employees only, 75 yards—First prize, J. Hocking and L. Hudson; second, J. Targett and E. Taylor; third, E. Exton and J. McLoughlin.

Twenty-fifth race, swimming, motormen and conductors, 100 yards—First prize, silver cup, presented by J. S. H. Matson. Only one entry, J. Targett.

Twenty-sixth race, employees only, 440 yards—First prize, B. C. E. Ry. Co. Ltd., cup, J. F. Tait; second, J. Dakers; third, W. Gibson.

Twenty-seventh race, farmers only, 100 yards—First prize, J. Miller; second, W. Menzies; third, J. Munro.

Twenty-eighth race, employees' wives, 75 yards—First prize, Mrs. Gaiser; second, Mrs. Lewis; third, Mrs. Aaronson.

Twenty-ninth race, tug-of-war, employees only, married vs. single—First prize, 10-gallon keg of beer, won by single men. Teams were: Single—C. Arthur, T. J. Hocking, H. Walker, E. Wishart, E. E. Farrington, W. D. Patterson, N. P. McDonald, W. Munro, R. McLean, F. Parker. Married: H. Greenwood, S. Stephens, E. Burns, W. Burns, J. Hocking, T. Targett, R. Dewar, W. H. Armstrong, H. Warrnell, G. Dinsley, J. Fletcher.

Thirtieth race, motormen and conductors, 40 yards and over, handicap, 125 yards—First prize, A. Clayton; second, D. Dewar; third, J. Phillips.

Thirty-first, long jump, open—First prize, N. Clark, 16.10%; second, W. Warburton, 16.6; third, J. Miller, 16.3.

Thirty-second race, potato race, wives and sweethearts of employees only—First prize, Mrs. Willey; second, Miss Sewell; third, Mrs. Nelson.

Thirty-third race, merchants' clerks, 100 yards—First prize, B. McInnes; second, C. Couzens; third, J. Menzies.

Thirty-fourth race, bandmen, playing as they go, 75 yards—First prize, E. Vais; second, W. Fairhall; third, D. McDonald.

Thirty-fifth race, boot race, open—First prize, P. Orniston; second, A. Dakers; third, R. James.

Thirty-sixth race, 100 yards dash, employees—First prize, silver cup, J. Dakers; second, J. L. Tait; third, J. Grant.

Thirty-seventh race, committee, 220 yards, handicap—First prize, J. Dewar; second, J. Nunn; third, R. O'Hara.

Thirty-eighth race, consolation, ladies, 75 yards—First prize, Miss Sewell; second, Mrs. Willey; third, Miss Nelson.

Fortieth race, consolation, men, 100 yards—First prize, A. McInnes; second, C. Jasper; third, T. Gravlin.

Forty-first race, ladies, open, handicap—First prize, Miss Nelson; second, Mrs. Willey; third, Miss Sewell.

Forty-second race, half hour co-ax as you please, employees—First prize, W. Gibson; second, B. Rogers; third, O. Demsey.

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VANCOUVER CITY IN NEED OF LARGE SUM Ratepayers to Vote on By-Laws to Raise \$750,000.

Vanouver, July 31.—On Saturday the property owners of the city will be asked to register their decisions at the polls as to the authorization of an addition to the city's bonded indebtedness of nearly three-quarters of a million dollars. It is unusual to present money by-laws to such a large amount at a time other than the general municipal elections, but the matters covered are such as are deemed urgent by the council and cannot well be laid over until January.

The civil authorities are hoping that the very largeness of the amount comprehended in the measures will interfere the general public in the vote, and lead to the recording of sufficient ballots to enable the poll to be esteemed a representative one. In previous polls on money by-laws taken during the year the recorded vote has been far from what it should be, the vote of necessity being small.

The largest by-law is that calling for the expenditure of \$400,000 for waterworks extensions. Attached to this measure is a schedule specifying in detail the schemes for which the money is to be used as follows: Completing Seymour Creek system, including submergence of \$70,000; Little Mountain and Hastings reservoirs and connections, \$177,000; engineering expenses and contingencies, \$20,000; general extensions and distribution for 1908 and 1909, \$123,000.

The next largest by-law is that on account of the school board, which asks for \$185,000 for extension of school accommodation and changes in existing school buildings.

POLITICS IN THE KOOTENAYS TORY CONVENTION PROVES UTTER FIZZLE

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As the convention was, by boat of the News, declared open to the public, some pretence was necessary to show that there was rivalry for the position and Ross was placed in the running as a figure head; but you have never heard, and never will hear, the result of the ballot. Mr. Ross was an impossibility, and Mr. Goodeve but the forlornest hope, placed thus to save an election by acclamation.

It is apparent all were afraid of Curtis, and the hopes of the Kootenay Tories, even after buying the News, are already gone. Goodeve will not get the party vote, and will lose by a hundred in his own town at Rossland.

After this great splutter and the much heralded plutonium, and after the feeble wind-up, with Mr. Goodeve as the standard bearer, not only has hope died from the Tory breasts, but the Liberals are placed in the position of being almost too confident.

The best of the joke is on the News; as you have read how for weeks they (the Tories) would send a member with a voice to Ottawa, etc., etc., and to filter out in a culmination such as Grant will get the party vote, and will lose by a hundred in his own town at Rossland.

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But not only are the News and the Tories bitterly disappointed, but even the Liberals would prefer a candidate in opposition who would at least call for ordinary exertion; it is in their children, but worse yet fighting underlings who brag of their childhood.

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Although no names were mentioned in the verdict, the evidence points very strongly to Lee Chong, the Chinese Chinaman, whom the provincial police are holding in custody, as the man who committed the horrible deed. His right hand is badly cut, and according to the evidence given by Chief of Police Campbell and his assistant, Constable Smith, clots of blood were noticed on the right side of the trail, on the bushes and bracken, leading to the shack where the accused lives.

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Starters—Geo. Gardiner, T. Targett, W. Nunn, L. Nash, C. Ganner.

Judges—A. T. Goward, H. Gibson, J. M. Tripp, J. P. Riddell, J. Kenney.

In the motor race, drawing the following are the winning numbers: 816, 705, 641, 444, 656, 250, 757, 615, 610, 498, 996, 721, 973, 626, 620, 384, 622, 636, 925, 570, 145, 700, 113, 307, 195, 867, 548, 125, 731, 308, 2, 494, 221, 727, 151, 13, 852, 138, 284, 919, 115, 126, 419, 3, 287, 244, 101, 763, 249, 269, 132, 766, 686, 222, 712, 349, 355, 771, 244, 624, 8, 566, 714, 940, 956, 743, 767, 740, 785, 25, 802, 792, 652, 452, 562, 803, 833, 744, 485, 241, 764, 853, 741, 602, 734, 412, 942, 981, 469, 773, 113, 287, 729.

The secretary, George Gardiner, will give out orders for all trophies prizes not already applied for.

The committee in charge of the day's events were as follows:

W. H. Gibson, president.

Transportation—A. W. Clayton, R. A. Ritchie, R. Dewar, H. Walker, E. Farrington, H. King.

Finance—D. Dewar, C. Thornton and George Dinsley.

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