

# FIRST BIG HOLIDAY

## STREET CAR EMPLOYEES GIVE ANNUAL PICNIC THURSDAY.

It Will be Held at Lester Park and the Biggest Kind of Preparations are Making for the Day—Long List of Athletic Contests with Good Prizes to Spur Up Contestants.

Next Thursday will be the big annual holiday of the street car men—the first they have ever celebrated. It will be celebrated with a picnic at Lester park, for which great preparations are making. All the street car men will be there. There will be the motormen, the conductors, the shop men and the office men, and all will be out with the design of squeezing all the pleasure they can out of the day. If the purpose and work of the committee on arrangements are successful, the chances are that the festivity seekers will not have to try very hard to prosper in their quest.

Some of the street railway employees will be enabled to attend the day's pleasure throughout, some will be on hand in the afternoon, and the day shift men will be there in the evening. And in spite of all this, the street car patron will not suffer, and the chances are that he would not protest very hard if he did, in the knowledge that the boys are having a good time. And then, besides the street car men, all precautions have been taken to ensure a complete attendance of the wives and children of those that enjoy double blessedness and the best girls of all those that are still bearing life's burdens alone.

The picnic will begin in the early afternoon, and the last waltz will be danced at 12:40 a. m. The union has procured the exclusive use of Forest Home pavilion and restaurant for the day, and it will also use Harmonie hall. No price will be charged those that go, and no obligations of eligibility to membership in the union will be required. There will be a base ball game, and athletic sports of all kinds, for which contests prizes of an aggregate value of \$150 have been contributed by leading merchants. The sports will include a tug of war between the motormen and the conductors, which is creating some friendly rivalry between those that will be arrayed on the opposing ends. The motormen tell how with their use of their muscles every day they will be able to easily beat the conductors, while the nickel gatherers allow that they don't reach for the coin and pull the bell rope every few minutes without keeping in trim sufficiently to best all the motormen on earth. But here is the list of contests and the prizes offered, which will best give an idea of what is to come:

Handsomest baby, street railway employees only—First, water color portrait of baby, by E. R. Blanchard, \$5; second, one child's silver plate, St. Johnson & Moe, \$2.50.

Prettiest lady on grounds—First, silk parasol, by Panton & White, \$5; second, one box fine chocolate creams, John Wahl, \$2.

Hungriest man on grounds—First, one ham, Porter Bros.; second, one case Pale Bohemian, by A. Fliger & Co.

Standing long jump—First, one hat, by M. S. Burrows, \$3; second, best tie in house, by M. L. Summerfield, \$1.

Three-legged race—First, one umbrella, by Big Duluth, and pair kid gloves, by M. A. Fidge; second, one box union-made cigars, by J. E. Foran, and one tie pin, by M. N. Berg. For street railway employees only.

Married men's race, over 40 years—First, quarter barrel Duluth Brewing company's Best; second, \$1 worth of tea, by Newan & Lynch.

One hundred yards dash, open to all—First, suit of underwear, by C. W. Ericson; second, \$1 worth best coffee, by J. R. Olson.

Boys' race, under 16 years—First, one air gun, by Northern Hardware company; second, base ball, by J. W. Nelson.

Running high jump—First, one briar pipe, by T. H. Dinham, \$2; second, one pair cuff buttons, by T. A. Pinto, \$1.

Running hop, step and jump—First, one box cigars, by Stone, Ordean & Wells; second, half sack flour, by R. H. Rathbun.

Tossing caber—First, one dozen cabinet photos, Banks Bros., \$2; second, one pocket knife, by R. R. Forward & Co., \$1.

Three standing jumps—First, one tie pin, by G. A. Klein; second, one center table, by C. Lavick.

Running high jump—First, one leather cigar case, D. Schesgreen; second, three pounds best Mocha and Java coffee, by Union store.

Girls' race, under 16 years—First, one pack Plough's fancy cards, by Peterson & Co.; second, one box bonbons, by J. G. Ross.

Girls' race, under 12 years—First, one doll, by Nelson & Co.; second, one child's rocker, by C. O. Nelson.

Young ladies' race—First, one box fine chocolate candy, by J. A. Carlson; second, one box fancy stationery, by C. J. Tufty.

Married ladies' race—First, Japanese tea pot, by Grand Union Tea company; second, one sack Gold Medal flour, by Union store.

Married ladies' race, street railway employees' wives only—First, fancy tea pot, by E. S. Pierce; second, one box toilet soap and one box fancy stationery, by Lysen & Nelson.

Married men's race, street railway employees only—First, one briar pipe and case, by Bowman & Sundquist; second, one alarm clock, by O. G. Hulberg.

One hundred yards dash, single men, street railway employees only—First, one gold stud, by E. C. Regit; second, one laundered shirt, by S. Mortrud.

Grand waltzing contest at 9 p. m.—First prize for lady, one cake, by Scandinavian bakery; first prize for gentleman, one box cigars, by G. E. Ralph; second prize for lady, one box chocolate creams; second prize for gentleman, one bottle extra dry champagne, by J. Congdon.

Tug of war between motormen and conductors—A special prize will be given by the association.