

TWO BIG LABOR DAY PARADES

St. Louis Wage Workers Celebrate Their Holiday.

**PICNICS IN NORTH
AND SOUTH ST. LOUIS.**

BUILDING AND TRADES COUNCIL
MEMBERS ARE AT
NEFF'S GROVE.

**HAD THEIR PARADE
IN THE FORENOON.**

Central Trades and Labor Union Parade in the Afternoon and Are Having a Picnic at Concordia Park.

Organized labor made a demonstration today that exceeded anything of the kind in many years.

There were two monster parades and two picnics.

One parade was made up of the members of the Building Trades' Council and the other of organizations in the Central Trades and Labor Union.

The former is holding its picnic in Neff's Grove and the latter will be at Concordia Park.

Cloudy skies had no dampening effect upon the participants in the parade of the Building Trades Council.

Rather were they thankful that the blazing sun was mercifully hidden while they marched to Neff's Grove.

The parade was tastefully arranged and properly managed at every point. The costumes chosen by some of the trades unions were very appropriate to the occasion and the temperature.

Eleventh and Chestnut streets, where Headquarters are located, was the center of the formation for the parade. Nearby streets were filled with long lines of men waiting for the word to start. Bands en-

livened the time with patriotic music, while some of the unions worked up extra enthusiasm by marching and countermarching.

Not until after 10 o'clock was the word given for the start by Grand Marshal William S. Deveaux. The divisions fell in rapidly as the column swung into Twelfth street from Chestnut and marched northward. A squad of mounted police preceded the column.

The most striking feature of the long line was the float of the National Brotherhood of Electrical Workers. It was built to represent all branches of practical electrical science. Four poles stood at each corner, from whose tops were strung wires. Inside the float were telephone switchboards, bells, arc lamps, a dynamo and dozens of appliances for the use of electricity.

The electrical workers are on a strike and their presence in parade was loudly cheered.

The line was an hour passing a given Point, and there were about 6000 men in line. The progress of the parade was frequently interrupted by the persistence of motormen in pushing their cars through the line.

The line of march was marked by throngs of men and women, who cheered the marchers.

There were eight bands in the line and about 30 carriages brought up the rear, occupied by delegates from the various unions to the central body.

The bridge and structural iron workers were spick and span in blue overalls, white shirts and brown soft hats.

The composition of roofers wore full suits of blue and white striped denim, belted at the waist, and white Dewey caps. The granite cutters wore aprons.

Each union was headed by its silken standard. The small number of banners bearing mottoes and marked.

The line of march was as follows:

From Eleventh and Chestnut west to Twelfth, north to Washington avenue, east to Seventh, south to Walnut, east to Sixth, south to Elm street, east to Broadway, north on Broadway to North Market street, where there was a general review by open rank.

The parade formation was as follows:

Wm. S. Devaux, Grand Marshal.
John Grant, Sid McKeeble, Frank Querman.
Aides to Grand Marshal,
FORMAITON OF PARADE.
Police Escort.
Grand Marshal and Staff.
Prof. Lelievre's Band.

FIRST DIVISION.

John Finnegan (iron worker) Marshal.
Band.

Composition Roofers-M. Shannon, Marshal.
Band.

Brotherhood of Painters and Decorators of America=C. Canfield, Marshal, Lee Walker.
Marshal.

Tinners' Union, No. 36.
Electrical Workers, No. 1.
Sprinkler Fitters.
Tuck Pointers.
Band.

Structural Iron Workers=Frank Lehman,
Granite Cutters.

SECOND DIVISION.

T. J. Smith, Carpenters' No. 257, Marshal.
Amalgamated Wood Workers, No. 11.

Band.

Laborers; Union, No. 1, James Galeger.
Band.

Carpenters' Union, No. 5, Chas. Schmitz, Marshal.

Carpenters' Union, No. 45.

Carpenters' Union, No. 47.

Carpenters' Union, No. 252.

Plumbers' Union, No. 35- John Quinlin, Marshal.

Bricklayers' No. 7- Valentine Lambert, Marshal.

Band.

Amalgamated Woodworkers' Association, No. 12.

Elevator Constructors' Union-J. W. Fierle.

Marshal.

At Neff's Grove the afternoon was spent in games, dancing and speech-making. The orators selected are: Mayor Ziegenhein, Judge W. C. Marshall, Hon. E. A. Noonan, P. Bond, Coroner Wait, H. W. Steinbiss, G. E. Golterman and the president of the Building Trades' Council, R Fuelle.

The parade of the Central Trades and Labor Union will form at Twelfth and Market streets. Its formation will be as follows:

Mounted Police.

Grand Marshal Henry Blackmore and Staff.

Prof. Owen Millers' Band.

Central Trades and Labor Union.

FIRST DIVISION.

George Mines, Marshal.

Typographical Union No. 8.

Typographic No. 3.

Stereotypers No. 8.

Electrotypers No. 36.

Lithographers' Fennimore Association.

Engravers' Association.

Artists' and Engravers' Association.

Bookbinders No. 18.

Rulers No. 32.

Finishers No. 41.

Cylinder Feeders.

Web Pressman No. 83.

Malters No. (illegible)

SECOND DIVISION.

Ed McCornish, Division Marshal.

The caption under the sketch of the parade float at the bottom of page 6 in the **September 11, 1898** Edition of the St Louis Post-Dispatch reads:

The float of the National Brotherhood of Electric Workers was one of the prettiest and most novel seen in the Labor Day parade. It was especially designed by a committee of members of the organization. The float was twelve feet long and eight feet wide. At each corner was a telegraph pole. The float was divided into two compartments. In the smaller were electric fans and a complete telephone exchange. In the larger compartment was an electric light station. The float was decorated profusely with flags and bunting.

Above this image in a section titled NEWS OF THE LABOR UNIONS you find the following passage:

The fact that more men did not turn out on Labor Day has led to one trade journal to remark: "Every workingman who stands on the sidewalks when Labor Day passes is either an expelled member of a union, a dumphool who does not know enough to join the union of his trade, or a conceited pig"

Unstinted praise is given to Grand Marshals William S. de Vaux and Henry Blackmore for the success of the two Labor Day demonstration.