

IN AND ABOUT THE CITY

LABOR UNIONS IN LINE.

OVER SIX THOUSAND WORKMEN PARADE
WITH SIGNIFICANT BANNERS.

The labor organizations connected with the Central Labor Union had their second annual picnic yesterday at Elm Park, at Ninth-avenue and Ninety-third-street. Previous to going to the picnic grounds there was a street parade, which was reviewed at the Union-square plaza by Henry Appleton, of Rhode Island; Victor Drury, Louis F. Post, Robert Blissert, and Justus Schwab. Most of the organizations were preceded by a brass band, and each union carried mottoes as well as banners, on which were sentiments, some of them being of a decidedly communistic character. When the procession passed the plaza there were between 6,000 and 7,000 men in line, this number being a thousand or two short of the number which originally gathered on the streets in the vicinity of the Cooper Union at 10 o'clock in the morning. The march down the Bowery to Broome, through Centre to Chambers, and up Broadway to Seventeenth-street, was too long a siege for many of the original participants. The organizations in line at the reviewing point were the Brick-layers' Union No. 4, German Brick-layers' No. 80, 12 divisions of the Laborers' Union Protective Society, which includes freight-handlers, longshoremen, hod-carriers, and other unskilled laborers, German House-painters', Journeymen's Union of House-painters, Upholsters', Wood-carvers', and Turners' unions, Advance Labor Club, horse-shoers, united planomakers, bakers, three divisions of the Progressive Cigar-makers' Union, German Socialist Singing Society, Cigar-packers' Union No. 2, Clothing-cutters', Manufacturing Tailors', Pressmen and Feeders', and Cloak and Dress-makers' Unions. The procession was 37 minutes in passing the reviewing stand, and then proceeded up Fifth-avenue to Reservoir-square, where the parade was dismissed. Many of the organizations continued the march to the picnic grounds, which were visited during the day and evening by from 12,000 to 15,000 people. Among the many mottoes displayed on the banners the following were the most significant in character: Three said "Jay Gould must go," three advised workmen to "Boycott the Sun," two said "Prepare for the revolution," and single ones read "Down with the wage system," "Prohibit child labor," "Labor is the rock on which the Government of the future must be built," "No more convict labor," "Watch the tools of monopoly in the Legislatures," "All men were born alike equal," "Workers in tenement-houses and idlers in brown-stone-front houses must go," "The modern industrial system increases capital and poverty," "Contract prison labor is repugnant to American principles," "Which shall it be—the ballot or Judge Lynch?" The huge cartoons displayed on wagons were alike in sentiment, the most significant being one on which Boss John Kelly was represented as leading a working man to the polls by means of a string in his nose. This was labeled "As it is." The companion cartoon represented Kelly prostrate with a working man's foot on the neck of "the boss," this being labeled "As it will be." Another represented capital flying a kite labeled "Rent," with a tail made up of balloons labeled "Coal," "Flour," "Meat," and "Prices," indicating that all are high. A laborer is vainly endeavoring to fly his kite labeled "Wages," and remarking, "If I could only get this up too." Another represented a capitalist saying to a working man, "How can I pay you \$2 a day when the politicians give me convict workmen at 30 cents a day?" At the park addresses were made by Henry Appleton, Louis F. Post, Robert Blissert, Victor Drury, P. J. Maguire, and other agitators. There was abundant music, vocal and instrumental, dancing, beer-drinking, and games. An hour's go-as-you-please race was won by J. H. Eusted, who made 10 $\frac{5}{8}$ miles in the time. Patrick Cloonen won the mile race in 5:15. The Summer-night's festival was not ended until 2 o'clock this morning.