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Labor Day Thoughts and Thanks



P. J. McGuire, Vice President of the American Federation of Labor, is frequently credited as the father of Labor Day in the United States.

Labor Day – Remember Our Water Workers! Beginning in the late 19th century, as the trade union and labor movements grew, diverse groups of trade unionists chose a variety of days on which to celebrate labor. In the United States, a September holiday called Labor Day was first proposed in the early 1880s.

According to one early history of Labor Day, the event originated in connection with a General Assembly of the Knights of Labor convened in New York City in September 1882. In connection with this *clandestine* Knights assembly, a public parade of various labor organizations was held on September 5 under the auspices of the Central Labor Union of New York.

No longer “clandestine”, let’s be openly thankful for those that keep our water – and other critical public systems – running!

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