

SEASON OF CARNIVAL.

Present City Attracts the Greatest Gathering Ever Assembled in the South.

Immense Exposition Grounds and Buildings for One Taxed to their Utmost Capacity.

Plays the Double Role of Charles VII of France and King of Industries and Arts.

Myths and Worship of China Made a Memorable Reality by Proteus and His Followers.

Thrilling Story of Rebecca and the Knight Ivanhoe Presented in Pantomime.

with a Brilliant Cortege, Recalls the Beautiful Legends of Childhood—Galveston's Fete.

MARDI GRAS.

NEW ORLEANS AT ITS HEIGHT.

NEW ORLEANS, LA., Feb. 17.—A carnival has conspired to make the city the largest ever known in Louisiana. There is no danger of the city being inundated in the midst of its festivities, and there has been no corruption of travel from Washington to the various railroad lines, as was the case in 1904. The exposition, however, has helped materially to the crowd. There are six or eight thousand persons in attendance connected with it in one way or another, either as commissioners, exhibitors or workmen, and there are thousands of visitors in the city who have come down to New Orleans for the carnival alone, but who will stay here to see the exposition, well knowing that they will find here the best and brightest.

THE IMMENSE JAM.

The crowd now here is universally estimated at from 80,000 to 90,000; but to estimate it like anything like a crowd of people, the people are so dense, New Orleans, which used to be a very hot hotel city, has made great improvements in this line since the exposition opened, and has established a dozen hotels, several of them capable of accommodating 500 or more people. But as usual, a mob of the visitors have to be accommodated in boarding houses and private families. The days ago there was room for 100 people on the registers of the exposition bureau for information and accommodation, created especially for the purpose of receiving here. To-day there are a room available and hundreds of persons are camping out temporarily in the halls, parlors and bedrooms of the hotels.

ENTRANCE IN FULL FORCE.

England has contributed far more than the usual share of visitors to the exposition. The thousands of Eastern people, mainly Bostonians and New Yorkers, wintering in Florida on account of their health, have taken advantage of the excursion rates from Florida to pay New Orleans a visit. The large Massachusetts excursioners reached here a day or two ago on the steamer "City of St. Louis," and having met with the kindest attention everywhere, being given a tour at Memphis, Vicksburg, Bogalusa and nearly all other river towns where people have not forgotten the generosity Boston came to their aid in the big overflow of 1874. The steamer Rhode Island and his wife arrived here Tuesday, with a large party of ladies and gentlemen from Providence. Another party of over 300 persons reached here from Portland, Me., while smaller excursions of fifty to seventy people each are so numerous that it is quite impossible to even estimate them.

THE WEST WELL REPRESENTED.

The West, as usual, has furnished its quota of visitors, especially the people of Chicago, St. Louis and Cincinnati. There are a dozen steamboats crowded with 200 to 300 each from the river cities, who have come down for the round trip, their boats being their passenger rooms and dining saloons. The increase has been of late years.

THE NORTHWEST.

Iowa, Nebraska, Dakota, Kansas, who combine business and pleasure, coming here to attend the exposition and at the same time to introduce to the markets of the Northwest and Spanish-American markets farm and Iowa dairy products. Friday and Saturday an immense party of merchants and their families from Iowa, 2500 strong, arrived by the Illinois Central railroad, and five trains of nine coaches each, carrying a large party of Philadelphia, including a delegation of Knights Templars and some of the prominent citizens of the city, also reached New Orleans.

THE SOUTH IN FULL FORCE.

Southern visitors are always slow to arrive, the bulk of them coming either Sunday or the very day of the carnival, and securing, in consequence, the worst accommodations. While every Southern state contributed liberally of its population, as well that of New Orleans, beyond doubt, excels them, and almost imagine themselves upon the shores of Galveston, Fort Worth and Houston, so many are the familiar faces to be seen here. The Texas association arrived several days before the care of Col Elliott, the commissioner. Waco sent a large delegation which chartered several boats and palace cars, and thus arrived very comfortable for the trip. Fort Worth had quite a number of persons present and there were many visitors from Galveston, Houston, Austin, Dallas and other points.

DESCRIPTIONS WOULD DO JUSTICE TO THAT GREAT BOULEVARD AS IT APPEARED YESTERDAY AND TO-DAY.

There have been crowds there before, but nothing like that of this carnival. The strangers in the city are treble those of any previous year, not even excepting that when the Duke Alexis visited New Orleans, and when the crowd was so dense in certain streets that several people were fatally injured and crushed in it. And to these strangers New Orleans has but two streets—St. Charles and Canal—and from these they insist upon seeing the processions. On Canal every building bore the Rex banners and colors of gold, green and purple, and strings of pennants swung across the street from side to side. As for the crowd, it filled the galleries, filled the banquettes and surged over into the street and neutral ground, perched upon the statue of Henry Clay, or even stormed the cars and obtained slippery, uncomfortable seats thereon.

KING REX IN TOWN.

The carnival opened yesterday with the arrival of Rex. Instead of coming by river this year, as he has been wont to do hitherto, he arrived by the Illinois Central or Jackson railroad. An immense crowd blocked all the streets in the neighborhood of the depot and, as the train advanced in bearing the royal party, greeted it with shouts and hurrahs, that could not have been louder or more earnest if it had been the president himself.

CHARLES VII OF FRANCE.

It is a standing tradition that Rex must not appear any two years or days in the same character. Last year on the first day of the carnival he was Charles II, "the merrie monarch," and in the second the mighty Solomon. Yesterday he came as Charles VII of France, mounted on a snow-white horse and in a complete suit of golden armor, over which was worn a cloud of blue velvet and ermine. A large escort of troops composed of the state and city militia and visiting companies, the Washington Artillery, Louisiana Field Artillery, Continental Guards, Crescent Rifles, Louisiana Rifles, and the cadets from the state military universities of Alabama and Louisiana. A special escort to the king were two squadrons of lancers in new uniforms. The members of the carnival court, the lord high chamberlain, lord admiral and duke of the realm, composed of prominent citizens, who are members of the carnival association, followed. The end of the procession was made up of four floats, containing various comic and burlesque characters. Harlequin, Polichinelle, Clodoche and Plaquecoeur were among one of the wild, grotesque dances of Paris. A comic army was composed of the Swiss alpine, English Horse Marines, bare-legged Highlanders and Prussian generals, actually borne down by the weight of their military decorations. Comic love wound up the parade with Venus as an old woman with a houseful of children, and Cupid as a dude of the period.

IN POSSESSION OF THE CITY.

The procession started out St. Charles street, stopping in front of the city hall, where Rex was met by the mayor, who turned over the city to him, surrendering its golden keys in evidence of this. At the head of Canal street was the royal flotilla in waiting for his majesty and his army, with the Ed Richardson as flagship, every pillar and post decorated with bunting and flags. The carnival party embarked aboard the Richardson, which pushed out from her place at the wharf amid the roar of the artillery, the ringing of bells and the blowing of every steamboat whistle on the river front. The flotilla then formed in line of battle, the Richardson first with the royal party, with some dozen or so little tugs frisking gaily around her, and followed by fourteen other steamboats, all bearing the royal colors and gaily decorated and containing 12,000 to 15,000 passengers. As the fleet passed the United States men-of-war Tennessee and Galena saluted her with twenty-one guns, and all the vessels in the harbor dipped their flags in honor of his majesty. The entire carnival fleet landed at the exposition grounds and there disembarked, marching past the horticultural and machinery halls, to the music hall of the main building, where a throne had been erected for the king. After a reception by the management of the exposition, the royal party remained seated in state in the music hall, receiving the thousands of persons who desired to pay homage. The entire court party then suddenly and mysteriously disappeared to refresh and recruit themselves for the parade and festivities of the next day.

THE PROCESSION OF PROTEUS.

If Canal street was bright and brilliant in the morning, it was simply grand at night, for the entire population of the city, home folks and strangers, were congregated there to see the parade and procession of Proteus, a carnival association composed mainly of wealthy merchants and members of the Cotton exchange and chamber of commerce. The club houses and stores were brilliantly illuminated as usual during the carnival, there being a marked increase in the number of electric lights, and the entire boulevard was illuminated as brilliantly as if it were day.

AS IF IT WERE DAY.

Down the street came an immense Chinese lantern, over twenty feet in height, borne upon the heads of four immense white elephants, medallions of brilliant hues adorned its sides and told that the present parade of Proteus would illustrate "THE MYTHS AND WORSHIP OF CHINA."

PROTEUS HIMSELF, THAT GOD OF CHANGE AND TRANSFORMATION, HAD metamorphosed himself for this day, and appeared as Tienze, "the Son of Heaven," and Chinese Jupiter, bestriding the fabulous Chinese Phoenix, the mythical bird, the great yellow dragon, which stares at one from all Chinese banners and pictures. Then, in the following order, came the other tableaux, illustrating Chinese mythology and cosmogony.

THE CHINESE TABLEAU.

The Chinese Genesis.—The creation of the first man, Ponsu Kori, hatched from the luminous egg, the shell of which is the firmament, the white that is the yolk the earth itself. The Tower of Fo-Kien.—This tableau was a literal production of the famous porcelain pagoda near Nanking, once deemed one of the wonders of the world, but which was destroyed by the Tae-Ping rebels some twenty odd years ago. It was represented as a lower, eight stories in height, each

AN INTERVIEW.

The Chase Trading Company being one of our largest advertisers, our reporter called on Mr. Chase to ascertain what success had attended the extreme low prices of their great clearing sale.

Reporter: "Mr. Chase, how are you getting along with your great clearing sale at the very low prices you advertised?"

Mr. Chase: "For the first few days it was only fair, but has been improving ever since; first one person and then another bought and showed the goods to their friends; that brought in others, and these brought in more. We are busy now all the time. The people generally know which side of the bread is buttered if they taste it or look at it."

Reporter: "Is it the intention of your firm to close out their business here and quit?"

Mr. Chase: "No, sir. The reason of our making these very low prices, is, that we are overstocked with great many kinds of goods, which the hard times of last year and the very good opportunity induced us to buy, and then persons came into our store some time ago and said they could buy goods like ours, lower in Dallas, and it nettled us. You see, we are the leading store in Fort Worth in clothing, gentlemen's furnishings, hats and caps, and men's and women's boots and shoes, besides which we keep a full line of staple dry goods. And as regards low prices, we intend to protect the reputation of our store."

Commencing upon Monday, January 26th, and continuing for thirty days, we shall offer for sale at ABSOLUTE COST, our entire stock of articles below mentioned. To you readers of THE GAZETTE who are acquainted with our methods of buying bargains, for us to say that at ABSOLUTE COST, the great bargains we have had the opportunity of securing in the last six months, is indeed saying a great deal. It has been our purpose never to deceive you and we believe we have merited your confidence. This clearing sale of ours will embrace the cheapest goods ever sold in this city, ever sold in this State, ever sold by any store in America. We intend to make a CLEAN SWEEP of all reasonable goods, and if you will buy from us, such articles as you now want or may want in the future, it is almost as good as finding them. It is our misfortune to have too many goods, which exceeding low prices induced us to buy. It is your good luck to have such a chance to buy of us at the same price we paid. Every one has good chances in life to make good bargains, but only those who avail themselves of such chances are profited by them. Whether you buy or not, you are cordially invited to come and see. Those who come first will have the greatest advantage of selection, for the prices will make the goods go. Persons out of town need not hesitate to order goods from us; we will do just what we advertise to do. We have no inclination to trifle with the public and cannot afford to do so.

We offer at absolute cost our entire stock of Mens' suits of clothing from the lowest to the best.

We offer at absolute cost our entire stock of Boys' clothing, all qualities and sizes.

We offer at absolute cost our entire stock of Ladies' Cloaks, Circulars, Jersey Jackets, &c. We bought the goods December 1st at sixty cents on the dollar. Among them are Silk Plush at \$20, worth \$40; Black Satin at \$10 worth \$20.

We offer for sale at absolute cost our entire stock of Ladies' Worst Dress goods.

We offer at absolute cost our entire stock of Boys' and Mens' Overcoats.

In addition to the above goods we offer at low prices a large assortment of Mens' Furnishing Goods, Ladies', Mens' and Children's Boots and Shoes and Mens' Hats and Caps.

Chase Trading Company, Houston Street.

story growing smaller as it ascended, and was composed entirely of porcelain, covered with those grotesque and fantastic Bible figures one sees on Chinese crockery. Around each story ran galleries of gilded iron, covered with thousands of little bells, which jingled and rang in the night breeze. At the summit of the pagoda was a bronze idol of Buddha himself.

The Lat and Aesur, the good and evil spirits by whom the Chinese swear, in the lowest of the twenty-six heavens situated in the center of Mount Nuemo, 30,000 miles above the earth.

The mausoleum of one of the Tartar kings of China, showing the magnificent Chinese sepulcher. The tableau represented the corpse being carried into an immense edifice, adorned with statues of lions, elephants and tigers. In the center of the building, to be buried with the monarch, are large stores of gold and silver, royal robes, rich viands, and this to enable his majesty to have a royal old time in the next world. To protect this treasure from the ghouls and thieves, an automatic bow is attached to the door, which might have been used for the tomb of A. T. Stewart with good effect—for if anybody attempts to open the doors the bow discharges arrow after arrow at him.

The Chinese Heaven.—This heaven was, strange enough, a subterranean cavern whose roof of stalactites and columns of crystal dazzled the eyes. Seated upon a mound of precious stones was Tsen Hwang, "sovereign of heaven," and around him the Yo, who defend the treasures of heaven, with beautiful feminine faces, but long serpentine bodies.

The palace of the Grand Lama, the Buddhist pope, at Shass in Tibet. The birth of Kong-Fou-Tien, known to us as Confucius. The planets, dragons and serpents here represented, come to the lowly residence of Confucius' father to pay homage to the infant philosopher.

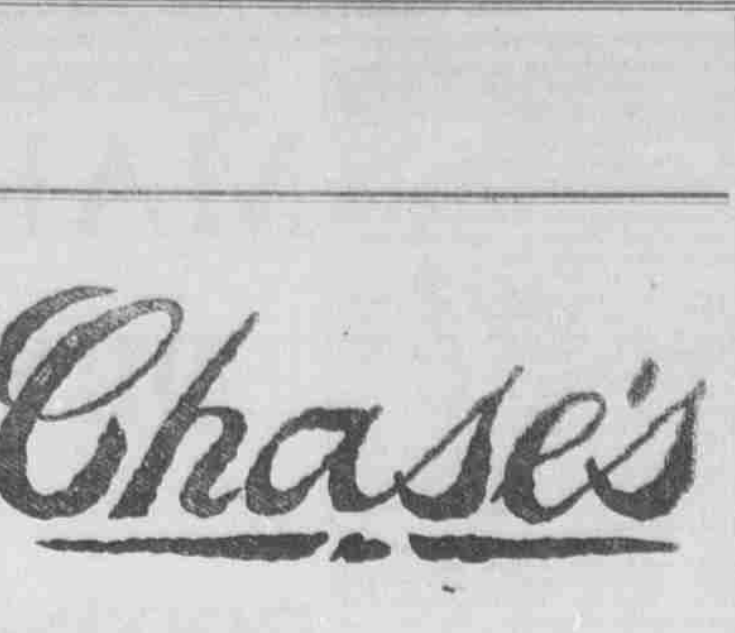
THE FESTIVAL OF LANTERNS showed a Chinese junk sculling down the Hoang-ho river, bearing upon its prow a Chinese prince and princess, with a gaily dressed retinue celebrating the feast of lanterns in honor of the new moon. The rich paintings and gildings of the junk were set off to advantage, and were made still more brilliant by the light of hundreds of Chinese lanterns of every form and color, hanging from the sides of the vessel, festooning its masts and bowsprit. The scene was still further enhanced by the continued discharge of rockets and other pyrotechnics.

Fohi, the first and fabulous emperor of China, with the head of a bull and the body of a dragon, was represented in the act of receiving, like Moses, from heaven the Y-lag or Chinese book of laws. Fohi was seated by the banks of the Hwang-ho with a dragon-horse before him, bearing in its outstretched arms the Y-lag.

The ancestral hall of the emperor of China, with the emperor, accompanied by his various tributaries paying tribute to his ancestors.

Konan-ti, the Chinese god of war, riding in mid-air on a chariot drawn by winged horses, showering down arrows upon the Eleuth, the enemies of the Chinese.

The temple of Fo or Buddha.—This presents an exact counterpart of the largest and most famous temple in China, near the city of Canton. Within the temple are three golden staves, "the three pure precious and honorable"—Fo, the Buddhist trinity, Buddha, Dhams and Sangs—the same person in three different shapes. Before each idol is an altar, upon which the ho-changs or priests are offering incense.



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Min Va, the sovereign of Virginia, with the head of a bull and body of a dragon, leaving China after a reign of 180 years in a chariot of clouds drawn by eight unicorns.

Ti Can, the Chinese Pluto, passing judgment on the souls of the dead, surrounded by his inn and devils, ready with instruments of torture for the punishment of the wicked.

The Buddhist Paradise or Heaven, a beautiful garden where the lotus flowers grow in profusion, where diamond trees with gold and silver branches are to be found, and where showers of the magnificent to-lo, or flower of Heaven, fall in profusion like rain.

Gheon, or Chinese hell, was very much like the idea of the medieval Christians. Spirits robed in flame were to be seen rushing frantically about in the midst of the glaring fire, while other spirits, enveloped in ice, were slumbering in flames. These two hells were side by side, and the Chinese commentators expressed their inability to say which was the worse.

THE PARADE A GRAND SPECTACLE.

The procession was universally pronounced one of the best ever seen in New Orleans. The representation of famous buildings in China, such as the tower of Fo Kien, the palace of the Grand Lama, and the temple of the three Fo, were all careful and exact copies made from the best drawings and models of these buildings.

After a long march through the principal streets of the city, the procession reached the French opera-house. Here the parquetry was covered over so as to form one of the largest dancing halls in the city. An audience of between 6000 and 8000 witnessed several tableaux, after which they descended to the platform and dancing became general and was kept up to a late hour of this morning.

SECOND DAY OF THE CARNIVAL.

To-day, Mardi Gras, wound up with proper glory and eclat, the most successful carnival New Orleans has ever known. From the earliest hour of the morning the streets have been thronged with people, with O'leaguans and visitors. Canal street, as on yesterday, was the center of attraction, and some 80,000 persons were assembled there to witness the parade and the maskers. The early hours of the morning were given up to promiscuous and general masking. There were harlequins, clowns, monkeys and Indians in profusion, constantly passing to and fro and indulging in all sorts of tricks and jests, while wagon-filled with minstrel companies drove up and down the boulevards.

At 11 o'clock, a signal gun was sounded, which announced the coming of Rex. This served as a signal to the many maskers on the street, the majority of whom disappeared mysteriously and made way for the Rex procession which filed into Canal street. The Bonifrage, the fat-tailed ox, as of old led the procession, a magnificent animal from Tennessee weighing over 4000 pounds, its horns and hoofs gilded, the neck and sides decorated with flowers. His majesty, the king of the carnival, who appeared yesterday as Charles VII, is to-day, in honor of the exposition.

EVERYTHING ABOUT THE float was symbolic of the exposition. Instead of being mounted on a royal date and with regal canopy overhead, the throne, upon which Rex sits, was a silver cotton-press, in the very act of crushing a ball of cotton into shape. His crown and scepter were made up of little golden instruments, hammers, axes and gimlets, symbols of industry. Behind him stood the four tutelary goddesses of industry: Agriculture, carrying sheaves of wheat in her hand; Trade, with Mercury's wand; Navigation, with Nap-

tion of this town. The people have had a hard winter and money won't get plenty until the grass gets good."

Reporter: "Where do your customers come from?"

Mr. Chase: "From everywhere, city, country, state, and travelers. We treat the people well and they like to trade with us."

Reporter: "Are you acquainted with many of them?"

Mr. Chase: "Some faces are familiar as old customers, but a large part of them are strangers, who tell us they have been recommended to come to us by some of their friends."

Reporter: "Are you making money at the prices you are selling goods at now?"

Mr. Chase: "We frankly admit that we are not, and we cannot keep up this racket always; but we are overstocked with goods and we will just let the goods go for a while yet."

Reporter: "Are your \$6, \$10 and \$12 suits of mens' clothing as great bargains as you advertise them to be?"

Mr. Chase: "Our \$6 suits are worth \$10, our \$10 suits are really worth \$15, and our \$12 suits are really worth \$18."

Reporter: "I believe I will take one of your \$12 suits. I don't need it just now, but you might sell them all out. Is it not probable that your sales of clothing now will curtail your spring business?"

Mr. Chase: "To some extent, but there are some people to whom it is not convenient to buy just now; they may not have the ready money and will be buying later."

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complete armor, engaged in a tournament.

The feast at Ashby castle after the tournament, with King John and his followers and supporters at table, surrounded by guards armed with helmets and cross-bows.

Ivanhoe, after the victory, receiving in his tent the arms of the knights he has overcome. Gurth is his attendant. Before the tent are piled the shields, helmets and swords of the defeated knights, while one of their men has brought to the tent a magnificent horse, which has become Ivanhoe's property.

Rowena, as Queen of Love and Beauty, surrounded by her maids of honor, seated on a high dais and protected from the sun by a canopy of red velvet supported on immense bronze pillars, is represented as about to crown the victorious Ivanhoe.

Richard and the Hermit.—This scene was in the wildest and most rugged portions of the forest. A dilapidated cabin is standing amid the Black Rocks, and within are the Black Knight (Richard) and Friar Tuck "making a night" of it. They are seated before a table, on which are several flasks of wine. Richard paying some love ditty on his harp, while the priest joins in the chorus.

Rebecca, the prisoner of Brian de Bois Guilbert in the castle of Front de Bouc.—This tableau was one of the most striking in the procession, giving an admirable representation of a Norman castle, with its tall towers and battlements, its dungeons and subterranean passages, its fens and drawbridges. In one of the tallest of the towers is Rebecca standing upon the edge of the precipice and threatening to throw herself out if the Templar advances upon her.

Another chamber of the same castle was next shown where Front de Bouc is engaged in torturing the unhappy Isaac of York in order to obtain from him the secret of his wealth. The two Saracens attendants of Bois Guilbert have actually disrobed the Jew, and are preparing to roast him at a fire they have lighted for that purpose, while Front de Bouc is looking on with great glee.

The Templar carrying off Rebecca.