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INDICATIONS.

For Tennessee and the Ohio valley, fair weather, preceded in the Ohio valley by occasional rain or snow, northwesterly winds, stationary or higher temperature and barometer.

WEATHER OBSERVATIONS.

WAR DEP'T, U. S. ARMY, SIGNAL SERVICE, MONDAY, February 28, 1881, 10 p.m.

Place of Observation.	Bar.	Ther.	Wind. Dir.	Wind. Force.	Weather.
Chattanooga	30.02	37	W.	Fresh.	Clear.
Galveston	30.17	56	S.	Gentle.	Clear.
Indianola	30.14	60	S.	Fresh.	Clear.
Louisville	30.06	25	W.	Brisk.	Cloudy
Memphis	30.16	42	W.	Calm.	Clear.
Nashville	30.07	36	W.	Gentle.	Clear.
New Orleans	30.18	57	N.W.	Light.	Clear.
Shreveport	30.18	59	N.E.	Gentle.	Clear.
Vicksburg	30.26	58	S.W.	Fresh.	Clear.
Little Rock	30.16	45	N.W.	Gentle.	Clear.

HEARNE, land agent to the brother of the late Lord Mount-Morris, was mortally wounded yesterday by some persons lying in ambush. He received six pistol shots.

IT is enjoined upon visitors as well as citizens that everybody shall be on his best behavior to-day; that benches of the peace shall be studiously avoided, and that fun and frolic within decent limits shall have complete sway.

THE London *News* understands that preparations have been made for the evacuation of Candahar by the end of March. This will close out the scientific frontier business of Beaconsfield.

THE secretaries of the Irish Land League have received a communication from Parnell advising the League to be ready to hold representative meetings on such Sunday following the introduction of the land bill as the League may decide upon.

IN the English house of lords yesterday, the protection (Ireland) bill was read a first time and to-day fixed for the second reading, and to-morrow the house will go into committee on the third reading.

THE national vessels at New Orleans will take part in the Mardi-Gras celebration. A battalion of marines will have the right of the line in procession and the Tennessee and Kearsage will be dressed as on high holidays.

PERU has asked England and France to mediate in the war between her and Chili, and they have agreed to do so provided Chili is agreeable. England and France asked Germany and Italy to join in mediation. Italy accepted the proposal but Germany declined.

THE Protestant Episcopal Sunday-schools of Brooklyn last night presented Bishop Paddock, of Washington Territory, with books and outfits for a boys' and girls' Sunday-school, and two gentlemen presented him with cash to erect a mission chapel to be called St. Peter's.

THE police will not only be on the qui vive to-day to prevent the liberty of the occasion from degenerating into license, but the members of the Mysterious Memphi will be around and about to see that the good name of Memphis is neither smirched nor befouled by vulgarity nor indecency.

WHILE the city has been turned over to the Lord of Misrule it must not for a moment be imagined that any indecency or infraction of law will be permitted. Misrule in this case does not mean license. It means the largest latitude in the search after pleasure—that sort of abandon to laughter that does not bring the blush of shame to the cheek.

IN all lenten pastorals issued by Irish Catholic archbishops and bishops on Sunday last an earnest hope was expressed that the government would deal effectually with the land question at an early date, and the people were warned against joining illegal secret combinations. At the same time the strongest sympathy was expressed for their trials.

THE opening ceremonies of our Mardi-Gras celebration yesterday were most creditable to the marshals and committees. The published programme was very faithfully adhered to, and everything passed off pleasantly, and to the satisfaction of the public. The weather was most auspicious, and to-day bids fair to be all that could be desired.

THE venerable poet, Victor Hugo, yesterday, on occasion of commemoration of his birthday, received telegraphic congratulations from the emperor of Brazil, the chief poets of England, Bret Harte and other writers in England and the United States. Premier Ferry presented him with a rich Sevres vase in the name of the republic, and President Grevy sent him a bouquet.

THE storm on Sunday was very severe in Chicago and the northwest, and along the Atlantic coast from New York to St. Johns, New Brunswick. It swept over a wide extent of country like a besom of destruction, and carried tragedy in its train. It is earnestly to be hoped that it is the last of a series within six months unparalleled in the history of the world.

PREPARATIONS for the inauguration ceremonies are being pushed vigorously. The State arches have been decorated with a profusion of flags, and the headquarters of the inauguration committee are decorated tastefully. The executive mansion, treasury department and pension office are being put in holiday dress, and many private residences are also being decorated. The inspector of buildings is directed to inspect the numerous stands in course of erection.

RUFUS HATCH, conversing with a reporter of the New York *Times* yesterday, said of the recent panic: "While the general charge that the national banks are responsible has a shadow of truth, the really responsible parties are the secretary of the treasury and congress. The responsibility of the banks rises and ends in their loans on securities with fictitious values. The officers of the banks have been contributing to the panic by their loans on printed tissue-paper which pretends to represent property that is actually mortgaged for three or four times more than its cost or what it can be duplicated for to-day."

PRESIDENT-ELECT GARFIELD left his modest home at Mentor yesterday for the White House at Washington, where he will arrive this morning at 10 o'clock. On the way he took formal leave of his neighbors and constituents in speeches which are remarkable for the absence of any allusion to the future, save one, and that was at Warren, Ohio, where he complimented some old friends because they had always been timely and safe advisers in a large spirit, wholly without personal bias and without the taint of traffic in place or of office-getting. This is plain hint to the cormorants who have gathered at Washington, and may be taken to mean that the unclean birds that befoul the party nest and disgrace politics are to have but little chance with him.

ELSEWHERE we publish a very full and faithful report of the proceedings had yesterday incident to the reception of Momus, also the programme for to-day and to-night. The procession to-day will be particularly interesting, as it will combine business with pleasure, and will illustrate, to a great extent, the commercial growth of the city and the ability of our citizens to make the carnival a positive delight to all participants. To-night the Memphi, the noble self-sacrificing and mystic order to which the people of this city are so much indebted, will appear in an illustration of the "Argonauts" that for splendor and beauty will uphold a well-earned reputation. All that the most poetic imagination could suggest and the highest art accomplish in the elaboration of a myth so susceptible of pictorial treatment has been effected to make a consistent and continuous story that shall satisfy the most cultured and challenge the commendation of the most critical. After the pageant there will be several balls (besides the invitation ball of the Memphi) under the auspices of reputable citizens, who will see that neither the proprieties nor decorum are in the least violated.

A NEGRO MOB

Compel an Adjournment of the Hearing a Case Within a Stone's Throw of the Capitol of the State of Tennessee—A Jackson Wanted, and Wanted Badly.

Legislative Proceedings—Approval by the Governor of the Bill to Repeal the Charter of Lebanon—Free Tickets to Washington for the Legislature.

Special to the Appeal.]

NASHVILLE, February 28.—For a week past the opinion has been growing with the negroes in the thirteenth district, in this county, that the mysterious disappearance of Emma, wife of Ananias White, colored, was due to White, whom they strongly believed to have murdered her and carried her body off and either buried or made some other disposition of it. White, who is a blacksmith, six and a half feet in his socks and weighing two hundred pounds, was jealous of his wife, who had attained a score of years and was good looking. She had attempted to get a divorce, but at his persuasion dismissed the suit. Their neighbors say they were everlastingly in a jangle. On the afternoon of the eighteenth instant White quarreled with her and she threatened to sue for divorce, when he told her he would kill her if she made any such attempt. Their eldest child, six years old, says that in the house White knocked her down with a stick, put a shawl over her head and carried her away, since which time she has not been seen. A search of the house disclosed some bloody pillows, an attempt to wash up some stain on the floor, and a total absence of sheets to the bed. White was jailed Saturday night, and was taken to the law court-room for a preliminary investigation this afternoon. The negroes, who confidently believe him guilty, gathered into the room in such numbers that the magistrate found he could not proceed with the examination. Every corridor in the courthouse was jammed with the sable element, who only needed a leader to execute lynch law upon White. Their execrations of White were loud and deep, and the general sentiment among them was that he ought to be mobbed. When it was made known that the investigation had been postponed the excitement among the negroes was intensified almost to madness, and it was all that the officers could do to take him from the court-room to the jail. To the latter place he was followed by a large crowd. Under the present excitement among the negroes, it is thought best to hold the preliminary investigation in the jail-yard Wednesday morning.

LEGISLATIVE PROCEEDINGS.

Senate.—The following new bills were introduced:

By Mr. Taylor: To confer upon the governor the power to send military into any county for the purpose of aiding sheriffs and other officers to suppress mob violence.

By Mr. Smith, of Shelby: To punish the sheriff of any county who permits prisoners in his custody to be taken from him and put to death.

By Mr. Smith: To make the failure of any sheriff to call for aid to protect his prisoners in emergency of danger a misdemeanor and forfeiture of office.

The house resolution that the thanks of the general assembly be tendered to the officers and men of the Porter Rifles and Rock City Guards for their services at Winchester and Springfield was amended so as to return thanks also, to the Nashville, Chattanooga and St. Louis railroad for the free transportation of troops, and adopted.

Pending the discussion of the senate bill concerning the powers of railroads in this and other States, with house amendments, the senate adjourned until March 8th.

House.—The sessions of the house were devoted to the passage of local bills on third reading.

The house bill to repeal the charter of Lebanon, to take effect January 1, 1882, was approved by the governor.

A heavy fight has been made over this bill by the saloon-keepers on one side and the friends of Cumberland university on the other, the latter winning.

The legislature has received tickets for Washington, and many of them left on the jamboree, to-night and more will follow to-morrow morning. The Tennessee railroads have signified free transportation over their lines and paid their fare on the lines outside of the State. Much curiosity was manifested in the house over the tickets, which were generally exhibited and discussed in groups.

OFF FOR WASHINGTON.

Senator Jackson left for Washington to-night.

PERSONALS.

W. H. BURNETT and wife are visiting the city.

WILL CRANDALL, of Nashville, is among the late arrivals.

MR. D. H. PORTER, son of Governor Porter, is in the city.

PROF. EICHHORN, of Louisville, is at the Green Tree house.

MR. WILLIS O. HUNTER, of Sardis, Mississippi, is in the city.

EDGAR REED, of Chattanooga, is a guest of Dr. E. A. White.

MR. M. A. TURNER, of Jacksonport, Arkansas, is in the city.

MR. B. B. CARDON, of Fredericktown, Missouri, is at the Peabody.

MISSES MINA BOGE and EMMA HOPFHEIME, of Cairo, are in the city.

W. W. BYERS and Miss Essie Case are guests at 437 Shelby street.

S. KLEIN, of Collierville, is among the delegation from that place.

MRS. H. W. BROOKS, of St. Louis, is at Mrs. Topp's, on Beale street.

MRS. LINK, of Nashville, is visiting Mrs. Wegnann, on Exchange street.

MISS ROSA LOE, of Little Rock, is at H. Henochsberg's, 16 Linden street.

MR CHARLES BEER, of Vicksburg, Mississippi, is at No. 116 Union street.

FRANK GRAY, treasurer of the Theater, returned from Nashville last night.

MISS MOLLIE ALEXANDER, of Little Rock, is the guest of Mr. S. Levy's family.

MISS ANNIE WARNER, of Cedar Grove, is visiting friends at 102½ Third street.

S. A. CARTER, of Tiptonville, Tennessee, is visiting friends and seeing the fun.

MR. J. W. WEBB, of Glendale, Mississippi, is stopping at No. 128 Louisa street.

MISS NINA WARD, of Nashville, is the guest of S. S. Spicer, on Vance street.

MISS EMMA HOLCOMBE, of Ripley, Mississippi, is located at 59 Madison street.

MAJ. D. TREZEVANT, of the Tiptonville Lake County (Tenn.) *Star*, is in the city.

JOSEPH ZANONE and son and Miss Alice Zanone, of Nashville, are at A. Zanone's.

MR. M. J. FRANKLAND, of Dardanelle, Arkansas, is at Louis Kahn's, Second street.

MR. AND MRS. A. K. WARD, of Nashville, are visiting relatives at 321 Linden street.

MR. N. R. SLEDGE, jr., and Miss Bettie L. Heath, of Mississippi, are at the Peabody.

MISS ADDIE PORTER, of Paris, Tennessee, is visiting friends at No. 169 Second street.

MISS COURTNEY MOSS, of Winona, Mississippi, is a guest of Miss Nall, Beale street.

MISS MATTIE CHEATHAM, attending Mardi Gras, is with her cousin, Miss Meta White.

MR. M. W. LARUE, of the Louisville *Commercial*, is here to take a look at Mardi Gras.

COLONEL J. KASTLE, of Lexington, Kentucky, is here to see how Mardi Gras is managed.

JOHN A. KNIGHTLEY and bride have returned from the north, and are at the Peabody.

GENERAL J. C. TAPPAN and wife, of Helena, Arkansas, are sojourning at the Peabody.

MISS ELVINA PARKER, of Jackson, Tennessee, is at Arthur Parker's, 187 Vance street.

HON. CHRIS HIGHLAND, of Friars Point, Mississippi, is at Mr. P. F. Murphey's, Adams street.

T. G. WITHERSPOON, of Friars Point, Mississippi, is one of the Mardi-Gras spectators.

MISS BOSLINIERE, of St. Louis, is visiting Mr. E. M. Durham's family, 313 Vance street.

J. A. J. SMITH and family, of Cincinnati, are guests of his mother, at 99 Madison street.

MISS DOTTER and MRS. A. S. Wallace, of Little Rock, are visiting R. F. Willcox, Vance street.

J. J. MORRISON, R. C. Thompson and W. A. McFadden, are at Mr. Ford's, 134 Robeson street.

MR. FRED HESSIG, of Cincinnati, is a guest of Dr. C. J. Shearer, No. 211 Main street.

A. C. KILLHEIFFER, of Senatobia, Mississippi, is enjoying himself among Memphis friends.

MR. T. A. T. VAUGHAN, of the *Episcopal Recorder and Covenant*, is visiting our city on business.

FIRST-LIEUTENANT JOE S. RAINE, of the Fulton Dragoons, Atlanta, Georgia, is at the Peabody.

JOSEPH F. AGLAE, passenger agent of the Wabash and St. Louis railroad, is at the Peabody.

MRS. MCLEAN, of Middleton, Tennessee, is visiting her son, A. M. McLean, No. 97 Monroe street.

MESDS. MEREA and Miss Blanche Melbourne, of St. Louis, are guests of Mrs. Fisher, 506 Vance street.

MISS FANNIE RHEA MCALISTER, of Nashville is visiting Mrs. L. R. Donelson, 106 Adams street.

DR. J. W. PEETE and wife and Mrs. E. M. Fitch, of Mason, Tennessee, are at 260 Adams street.

DR. T. C. CHANDLER and family, of Centennial Island, Tennessee, are guests at 290 Poplar street.

MISS SUE HENDERSON, of Franklin, Tennessee, is the guest of Miss May Grider, 279 Linden street.

MR. ROBERT RIDGELEY, of New York, is visiting his father, R. S. Ridgeley, Jefferson street extended.

MR. STEWART KIRKPATRICK, of Nashville, is here for Mardi Gras. He hangs his hat at 106 Court street.

CAPTAIN CHARLES HERRON and sister, of Trenton, Tennessee, are with R. F. Herron, on Court street.

COLONEL E. K. SIBLEY, general manager of the Memphis and Little Rock railroad, is at the Peabody.

E. H. BROWN, JR., a former resident of the city, but now of Little Rock, is visiting his father, in Chelsea.

MISS B. SHELBY STEELE, of Huntsville, is visiting Mrs. Weaver, College avenue, near McLemore avenue.

MISS FANNIE A. MORRIS, of Pecan Point, Arkansas, is stopping at Mrs. R. W. Friend's, 312 Pontotoc street.

MAJOR-GENERAL BILLY WORSHAM, of Gainesville, Texas, a Memphis-raised chap, visits our Mardi-Gras.

MRS. S. C. GREGORY, of Bartlett, and Misses Emma and Alvira Beaty, of Jackson, are at 210 Main street.

CAPTAIN ROBERT BONNER, of Australia Landing, Mississippi, is at General A. J. Vaughan's, Second street.

MISS ELLA GUY has returned from a visit to Como, Mississippi, and is here to enjoy the Mardi Gras festivities.

MRS. H. YARBROUGH, of Holly Springs, Mississippi, is the guest of Mrs. M. C. Augustus, 298 Third street.

MRS. L. E. BREWER, formerly of this city, but of Nashville, is the guest of her relative, Mrs. H. M. Ferguson.

MISS CLARA WOODS, of Forrest City, Arkansas, is in the city visiting Miss Mollie Sirk of No. 66 Bradford street.

MISS BETTIE THATCHER, of Marion, Arkansas, is in the city, the guest of the Misses Harrison, of 149 Mosby street.

MRS. W. N. WALKER, wife of Captain Walker, of the dry docks, is here from Cairo to witness the Mardi-Gras display.

MRS. GEORGE SHIELDS, of Pittsburg, is visiting her sister, at 108 Promenade street, and will remain till after Mardi Gras.

DR. RAWLINGS YOUNG (Guyon), of Corinth, Mississippi, is visiting Mardi Gras with Mr. W. A. Wheatley, 289 Cynthia street.

MRS. M. M. BLUNT and Misses Ada Johnson and Mollie Jarmar, of Huntsville, Alabama, are with Mrs. Wm. Gay, 638 Shelby.

MRS. BESSIE SEAWRIGHT, daughter of Colonel Hugh McCrea, of Nashville, is the guest of H. B. Martin, No. 335 Vance street.

MRS. HINKEL, of Cairo, and Henry A. Mussman and Frank W. Whyrauck, of Cincinnati, were among yesterday's arrivals.

MRS. L. B. LOCKE, MRS. J. E. Ellis and Miss A. E. Ellis, all from Nashville, Tennessee, are stopping with J. T. Smith, 86 Court street.

MRS. W. J. ROACH and two sons are in the city to see the Mardi-Gras celebration, and are stopping at George Reid's, 197 Desoto street.

MRS. LUCY THOMPSON, of Huntsville, Alabama, and Miss C. C. Porter, of Ripley, Tennessee, visit S. E. Shelton, 200 Carroll avenue.

MR. J. F. AGLER, of St. Louis, general traveling agent of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe railroad, is spending a few days in the city.

MR. AND MRS. WM. MILLIKEN, of St. Louis, and D. Turner Fackler, of Danville, Kentucky, are guests of Mrs. John Kirk, 259 Desoto street.

MR. AND MRS. ALBERT FISCHER, of St. Louis, are here to see Mardi Gras, and are stopping with their daughter, Mrs. Samter, of Poplar street.

MRS. H. C. MURRELL, Miss Mamie Murrell and Miss Ashby, of Louisville, Kentucky, are visiting Mr. W. M. Farrington's family, 248 Beale street.

MISSES DIXIE MATTHEWS and Nannie Davis, of Vicksburg, Mississippi, and Captain A. W. Bailey, of Alabama, are visiting Mrs. J. H. Dunn.

MISS ROSA FOWLER, of Mississippi; Miss Addie Hayes, of Tennessee, and Miss Lucie Wiggs, of Arkansas, are guests of Mrs. Fred Fowler, 275 Vance street.

DR. ROBERT HUNT and wife, of Gibson Station, Tennessee, and Mr. Dock W. Fly and wife, of Commerce, Mississippi, are at Mrs. Scott's, No. 106 Market street.

J. MCALLISTER and wife, J. A. Duke and Miss Mary Nealey, of Huntsville, Alabama, and C. A. Bolton, of Greenville, Mississippi, are at 321 Jefferson street extended.

MISS EFFIE HARRIS and Mr. Harris, agent of the express company, of Forrest City, also Mr. Robert Beattie and lady, from Oxford, are visiting Mr. K. J. B. L. Winn, at No. 276 Third street.

MR. WIRT TURNER, of the Cincinnati *Enquirer* typographical corps, and one of the most genial gentlemen in the profession, is with us, absorbing in a quiet way a vast deal of Mardi-Gras fun.

DR. A. P. WADDELL, wife and son, of Whiteville, Tennessee; S. Waddell, wife and daughter, of Union City, Tennessee, and Miss Lizzie C. Waddell, of Little Rock, are guests at 146 Adams street.

MISS NASH WHITE and Miss Gertrude White have returned home from a visit to Bolivar, Mississippi, accompanied by Mrs. W. P. Shelton, of that place, who is a guest of Dr. E. A. White, 352 Lauderdale street.

W. C. MURRAY, Esq., of Hampstead, Maryland, is a recent arrival at the Peabody. He will remain during the Mardi-Gras festivities, after which he will wed one of Memphis's fair daughters and return home rejoicing.

MRS. V. B. Miss Jessie and Masters Famer and Lee Waddell, of Magnolia, Mississippi; Miss Kate E. Old, of Somerville, Tennessee, and Miss Millie B. Lyons, of Austin, Mississippi, are guests at Colonel H. B. Hilliard's, 486 Main street.

MRS. A. C. CRACRAFT, *see* Varges, wife of Archie C. Cracraft, now of Chicago, is in the city visiting relatives. She is stopping with Mrs. Annie Donohue, No. 106 Third street, and will remain for a few weeks after the Mardi-Gras festivities.

HAPPY HOLDERS

Of Winning Tickets in the Commonwealth Rejoice This Morning.

LOUISVILLE, February 28.—The twenty-ninth drawing of the Commonwealth Distribution Company took place to-day, at Macaulay's, in the presence of an appreciative audience. The capital prize, $30,000, drawn by No. 26,216; second prize, $10,000, by ticket 23,627; third prize, $5000, by ticket 87,576. The following tickets drew $1000 each: 9668, 14,055, 23,341, 43,749, 57,553.

BYRD'S.

The Great Jewelry Establishment Where the Latest and Handsomest, as Well as Most Useful and Durable Jewelry and Silverware Can be Had.

Byrd's jewelry store is one of the best known business houses in the city. Very few people here would think of buying a large diamond, a fine watch, a set of silverware, or any elegant article in jewelry without going to Byrd's to take a look at his large stock. If a medal of original design and difficult execution is wanted, Byrd's establishment gets the order. The fact is the jewelry business, in all its legitimate branches, is so extensively and successfully carried on there that Byrd's is considered *the* place to buy anything valuable or useful in his line. New patterns in bracelets, necklaces, chains, etc., appear in his show cases about as soon as in those of the east. Recent arrivals of these articles are calculated to find purchasers in anyone who inspects them and has the wherewithal to secure them. The large stock of silverware, from the best manufacturies, includes every article in the catalogue of such goods. These are sold on a very small profit—as are all the goods. A lot of silver-plated articles have recently been marked down very low, in order to close them out. Many articles can be found in that lot that will be disposed of below cost. All the European and American watches of any standing are in stock, so that anyone can be accommodated. Common jewelry is also sold at this elegant establishment, although it is not made a specialty, but the articles can be had as low as at any other store.

Festival at 344 Main Street.

The ladies of Saffarans-street M. E. church will hold a festival at 344 Main street, below Union, Tuesday and Wednesday nights. We hope they will be liberally patronized.

APHONIA CURED.—Fellows's Compound Syrup of Hypophosphites. Aphonia, or loss of voice, is remedied in a short time, no matter whether the cause be from inflammation of the lining membrane, from cold, or from nervous derangement.

Fritz and George.

At Nos. 7, 9 and 11 Court street. Lemp's celebrated St. Louis beer is on tap for the visitors. The finest lunches at all times.

Tramps Burned to Death.

PATERSON, February 28.—Two more tramps have been burned to death on the cinder dumps at the rolling-mill, where they went to sleep.

THE cavalry tournament will take place on Main street, between Union and Adams, at 3 p.m. to-day. Over fifty knights have already entered the lists, and the performance will not fail to be a most amusing and attractive affair.

LIVE THE KING!

Momus, the Lord of Misrule and the Carnival, Arrives in the City, Escorted by His Knights and a Fleet of Steamers—His Reception at the Levee

By Enthusiastic Thousands, Impatient for the Initial Ceremonies of Mardi Gras—Surrender of the City by Dr. Porter and his Fellow-Commissioners.

Grand and Imposing Procession of the Military and Fire Brigade, Who Escort the King and His Queen to the Palace, Where He Will Hold Court Until

Cock-Crow To-Morrow Morning, When He Will Silently Steal Away—The Programme for To-Day and To-Night—The Glorious Pageant of the Memphi.

THE sun shone out bright and brilliant yesterday morning, but his heat did not penetrate the strata of cold atmosphere which chilled everything but the hearts of those who had come to enjoy Mardi Gras. But the frost notwithstanding, the people were astir at an early hour, and the principal streets were blocked before 9 o'clock by immense crowds, eagerly awaiting the arrival of the King, whose advent was to be the signal for the beginning of the too brief but very happy carnival. In the vicinity of the grand stand at Court square the largest number were assembled. Here the anxiety of the masses was most apparent, as opposite, at the junction of Court and Main street, the ceremonies of surrendering the city to Momus were to be performed. Radiating from that circle of attraction on all the streets, the people were moving, many of the houses being decorated with bunting and with flags. At the levee and on the bluff there was a great crowd of excited human beings, watching the preparations of the admiral of the King's fleet, as he signaled in preparation for the hopeful voyage to Hopefield, Arkansas, where the King was to embark for Memphis. There was considerable eagerness manifested, too, to see Alphonse, the water-walker, whose wonderful achievements had been carried far and near by the ubiquitous and never-failing press. All was excitement in view of the anticipated pleasure, the crowd being in the best of humor and in a happy, joyous mood. The city was full of strangers, who had arrived by river and rail during the twenty-four hours preceding. The hotels and boarding-houses were crowded to excess, and beds were in demand, and "the cry is still they come." At least ten thousand visitors were in town, and these, with the thirty-five thousand people composing the population of the city, turned out intent on merry-making. The nonsense of the day and occasion was enjoyed by everybody, home-folks as well as those who came from the surrounding country and from distant cities, towns and States. Revelry and pleasure gave place to the brain drag and muscle labor for one or two days in the long, weary year. To laugh, be merry and grow fat was the motto with all. In the innermost recesses of nearly every human heart there is a well-spring of fun appreciation. Even the ascetic cannot but smile at what is absurdly comical, and the devotee is compelled to be amused. From the sublime to the ridiculous is said to be "but a step," and many there are in this world of ours to make that stride. Shakespeare truly says: "The man who has not music in his soul, nor moved by concord of sweet sounds, is fit for treason, stratagem and spoils." The world is full of sorrow, and, alas! Memphis has had her share. Like Niobe, she has been all tears since the last Mardi Gras festival, on the 4th of March, 1878. But existing through all this, and engaging vigorously in the good work of sanitation, she now stands the healthiest city on the continent, and will, if all science is not at fault, remain so for all time to come. Mardi Gras is a holiday in Memphis, and yesterday it was duly observed. During the day thousands of our guests—ladies, gentlemen and children—visited Court square to witness the gambols of the squirrels, the beautiful fountain, the magnolia trees and the blue grass, which present so charming a picture of the country in the heart of a great city. They also visited the bluff and gazed across the Great father of waters, that stretches from the quarters of a mile from bank to bank; the steamboats and harbor tugs gaudily dressed with flags and streamers were also an attraction. By 1 o'clock, at the bluff, the crowd became denser, and continued to grow larger as the crafts in port blew their whistles in advance of their departure to meet King Momus at the islands up the river around the bend. The day was charming after the cold rains and murky clouds of Saturday night and Sunday. Providence and nature both seemed to smile upon the world and welcome in the joyous occasion. If prayers are noticed in the world above, then the prayers of the multitude of pleasure-seekers were heard; but, if not, then nature regulated the season in accordance with the established and unchangeable laws. The vernal (equinoctial storms usually give the preparatory signal of bad weather between the 5th and 10th of March. This year the moveable feast of Ash Wednesday fell on the 24 of March, taking the day out of reach of the storm-line or surroundings. The voyage of King Momus and court on the river was most prosperous and happy.

GOING TO MEET THE KING.

The advent of Momus, King of the Carnival and Monarch of all the Mummers, into the royal capital of the Memphi was as cordial and brilliant as the most loyal admirer of his Majesty could desire, surpassing the expectations and wishes, even, of some of the strait-laced nihilists, who do not believe in a king, in his never-ending benificent and lasting but for a day. Cannon boomed, flags waved, whistles screamed, people cheered and small boys howled themselves hoarse, as the royal cavalcade was seen approaching the gates. The squadron ordered to act as convoy to His Majesty on his approach to the city got under way at one o'clock, and stood up the river, headed by the flagship James Lee, tastefully dressed in bunting from stem to stern and from deck to truck. The fleet was made up of the James Lee, Osceola Belle, General Pierson and other steamers, with the tugs Desoto and Oriole as tenders—the first to the flagship and the latter to the squadron. At a point above the Hopefield bend, Flag Officer Lee fired a gun and signaled the fleet to proceed under slow bells, and sent his tender to meet Roy Alphonse, the King's admiral, who was seen a short distance up the river, coming over the surface as nimbly and gacefully as if promenading in the park. The boat met him, and a short conference was held, the result of which was that the tender proceeded on up the river and the *avant courier* of King Momus pursued his watery way down the river to the city.

The Wonderful Water Spider.

"Those who have watched, when children call "water spiders" gliding over the face of quiet pools in the country can form some idea of the easy grace with which Moms. Roy Alphonse, the wonderful walk-on-the-water, performed his part in the programme of carnival sports. Taken on board the tug Desoto at the foot of Court street, he started about 1:30 o'clock for his advertised stamping-ground, just around the point above Hopefield. The steamers James Lee, Osceola Belle and General Pierson and tug Oriole made up the squadron accompanying and were all black with people. The run up to the designated point was made all right, except for the trifling circumstance of the flag-officer not being able to keep his fleet in manof-war order of sailing. This gave the expedition the appearance of a go-as-you-please match. But they all got there, and run under slow bells until Moms. Roy Alphonse took to the water, which he did off the coal harbor. The gentleman was dressed in black, and from the distance at which this writer viewed him, seemed to be as much out of his element as anywhere else. As he stepped out the Desoto backed away from him, the big boats rang their backing bells, and the greatest pedestrian feat of the age was begun. The speed he did not take long steps—indeed, no one saw him take any steps at all; he just "slid" along, staggering a little when an extra heavy swell would strike his feet, or when he would attempt to bow to the immense crowds on the boats around him. He bore himself well; rather stiffly, perhaps, but the rigidity was no fault of his, it being occasioned by the iron bar used to give him the requisite backbone. As the adventurous waterman came in sight of the people who thronged the landing and bluffs he attempted to acknowledge the rousing cheers by raising his hat, but his right arm dropped off, and his left hand was too full of flags to be put to any other service. Just here one of those scurvy tricks was played with which the complete success of all exhibitions of the kind is marred. As Moms. Alphonse left the Desoto some villain unhung tied the end of a string to his heel, keeping the other end on board the boat and paying out slack as required. This fiend thought that a point opposite Jefferson street would be a good place to end Alphonse and the show at the same time, so he gave a twitch to the tripping-line and, sure enough, over went the poor Frenchman, revealing as he capsized a float big enough for a life-raft in a tight pinch. The howl which arose as the figure supplied over and the sell became apparent was awful. People were ashamed to look one another in the face until they had composed their countenances enough to say, "Well, I knew it was one of the Mardi-Gras jokes all the time, and it was durned well played, wasn't it?" The Lee went somewhere after the King, the other excursion boats landed their loads, and the people all rushed off in search of other attractions. The water-walker performed his part well, and would have come out all right if that fellow on the tug hadn't played that trick on him.

The King on his Way.

The tender soon met the royal barge containing His Majesty, the Queen and the royal suite, took it in tow and laid it alongside the flagship, where the transfer of its precious cargo was soon made to the admiral's cabin on board the Lee. After the flag-officer and his staff had paid their respects, the King expressed himself highly pleased at the reception prepared for him, and signified his desire to proceed at once to the city. The signal was accordingly made and the fleet about ship for the return, coming down the river in good style and in man-of-war fashion. The bluffs and landing were crowded with eager spectators, who seemed to vie with each other in offering an exuberant welcome to His Majesty. As he landed the guns belched forth a salvo of recognition to royalty, and again were the throats of the multitude open with hearty cheers of good will and generous welcome. His Majesty entered a chariot at the foot of Court street, and escorted by courtiers and outriders in armor, was driven to the gates of the city.

The Arrival.

At 2:30 o'clock the royal fleet returned to the landing, and at the foot of Jefferson street the flag-ship James Lee, Admiral Lee commanding, assisted by Captain Stack Lee as second officer. Then the escort of the King, masked and dressed in costumes and mounted on horses, received His Serene Majesty, formed in procession and marched up Front to Jefferson street, out to Main and down Main to the city gates, which were erected at the corner of Main and North Court streets. By this time the crowd of people filled the streets and sidewalks of Jefferson; they occupied the grand stands, the tops and windows of adjacent buildings, sidewalks and street, on the King's stand, at the corner of West Court and Main streets. The sky was clear, the air balmy, it was a charming southern spring afternoon, and all nature laughed like a delighted child. The city gates, adorned with Egyptian characters, swung upon the Egyptian pillars, likewise adorned. The gates were closed and loomed out in the clear sunlight grimly, as if to impede the advance of the King of Misrule and his army, who were clamoring to get possession of the government just as are now a number of politicians who have their fingers on the lost flesh-pots of Egypt. The flags and banners on Main street fluttered in the breeze as if trembling at the approach of the Monarch and his forces. The Little Democrat two-pounder gun belched forth its music all the day long, and now that the King had invaded the soil of the Taxing-District it was fired fast and furiously by the gunners, Captain Jack O'Sullivan, John Nelson, Chris Heftinger, James Monaghan, Henry Staples, Mike O'Hearn and P. Callahan, while the King and his cohorts were advancing on the gates. Eichhorn's brass band, from Louisville, Kentucky, discoursed sweet music from the stand.

The Demand.

It was not long before the gates opened, and a cavalcade, headed by Momus himself, rode through the immense crowd of people up to the grand stand, and, dismounting, walked up the steps and appeared in the presence of the city fathers, Dr. D. T. Porter, John Overton, Robert Galloway and M. Burke, who were reinforced by City Engineer Niles Merriwether, John Cochran, D. P. Hadden, the reporters of the APPEAL and *Avalanche*, and a number of other good and true men. The herald whispered to President Porter, and the latter returned the whisper. It was like the hobnobbing of the governors of North and South Carolina, but the herald left, mounted his steed and rode back out the gates of the city. It was now known that a capitulation had been agreed upon, and every able-bodied man, woman and child in the city would go out or remain with the honors of war—with their arms with them. A loud blast of trumpets followed, and the Egyptian gates of the city swung slowly open.

The Reception.

The Army of the City, under the command of Grand-Marshal Sam Carnes, having been skirmishing around all the day long, now formed in open order to receive the new King of Memphis, Momus. The army was composed of the Chickasaw Guards, thirty strong; Bluff City Grays, twenty-eight strong; Memphis Light Guards, thirty strong; McClellan Guards, colored, thirty strong; Memphis Zouaves, colored, twenty strong, and Hannibal Guards, colored, twenty strong. The Little Democrat gun thundered forth as the gates opened wide and King Momus and his victorious army appeared and moved down Main street to in front of the grand stand in the following order:

The Army of Momus.

A detachment of police, headed by Chief Davis, his captains and sergeants.

Arnold's band.

A squadron of masked and armed knights mounted on horseback, in advance and in the rear of His Majesty.

The grand float, or car of the King. The car was drawn by four horses. It was elegantly decorated, and contained a raised dais surrounded by a canopy, or golden dome. Around the dais were a number of crowned monarchs dressed, and on elevated seats appeared King Momus and his Queen dressed in royal robes. The Grand Chamberlain, Count de Noses, was in attendance upon His Majesty, and he assisted him and the Queen to dismount, and handed them to the stand, where were Dr. Porter and other members of the city government.

Surrendering the Key.

The Chamberlain addressed Dr. Porter and demanded the key of the city, which was gladly given up. It was a golden key three feet in length, wide and thick in proportion. It was handed to the Chamberlain, and then King Momus, smiling serenely, and then addressed Dr. Porter as follows:

LORD MAYOR OF MEMPHIS—Your sovereign commands your fealty and accepts your allegiance. We care not who makes your laws; let us be the laugh-makers of your reign. Our occupation and entre into our favorite capital has been a continuous ovation. Look around and behold the bright and smiling faces of our subjects, and you will see that we reign in their hearts, and are firmly enthroned in their loving memories. We hope that with our coming, after three years of exile, we bring health, happiness and an era of prosperity to our beloved city of Memphis. Our faithful Memphi have called from the fields of myth, of story and of song a long-forgotten tradition, and have clothed it in garments of living thought, art and splendor, and will present it to you imbued with new life and dazzling beauty. Good mayor, we have long watched with what solicitude and care you have guarded the best interests of our city, and in recognition of your services, kneel, supporter, and receive the reward you so richly merit. By the power in us vested as Momus, King of the Carnival, we proclaim and bestow you the key to the city you love and have served so well. Rise, Duke of Memphis.

President Porter with hat off, received the Knighthood as the trusty blade of the King fell upon his shoulders, and was handed a parchment establishing his right and title to the position so granted. He modestly replied that he surrendered the key of the city willingly and hoped the King of Misrule would govern it becomingly and preserve order. He welcomed the King and the people from the surrounding country as the guests of the city, and hoped they would enjoy themselves during their stay in our midst.

Bestowing Orders.

King Momus then called for the following citizens and gave them titles and patents of nobility just as did the Kings of England within the past one hundred years to their favorites.

Captain Sam Carnes of the Chicks, was dubbed the Duke of the Chickasaws.

Captain Herbert Rhett, of the Bluff City Grays, was made Duke of the Bluff City.

Captain Talbott, of the Light Guards, was pronounced Duke of Hopefield.

Chief of Police Davis was nominated as Duke of Argus.

Chief McFadden, of the fire department, received his credentials as Duke of Salamander.

Captain Glass, of the McClellan Guards, was pronounced Duke of St. Clair.

Captain Brown, of the Zouaves, was called Duke of Ravenis.

Captain Hettibone, of the Hannibal Guards, was made Duke of Nonconnah.

Mons. Alfonse, the aquatic duck, was pronounced Duke of Coldwater.

The giving away of titles having conclu