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THE CARNIVAL OF 1902.

No carnival has ever been celebrated with more pomp and gorgeousness than the one which has just been numbered in history among the things that were. The weather, which at one time threatened to mar the happy occasion by its ugly freaks, was springlike and balmy, and everything combined to make the event a pleasant and memorable

The celebration of the carnival season in this country is a peculiar Southern, and we may say Louisiana custom. New Orleans, since the earliest years of its existence, has always remembered Shrove Tuesday and make it the occasion for sports and merrymaking. Its celebrations of the day now excel those of Europe.

Thibodaux several years ago began to take part in the festivities of Shrovetide, and as Shakespeare terms it, "went a shroving through the city," and under the management of its Carnival Club, composed of many attracted to our town by the brilliant paof the day together.

The visitors are loud in praise of this neither will take either." year's parade, and from many we have heard

We commend the efforts of our Carnival occasion, "Let us have rest." Club, and the good that is done our town by these yearly parades will long be felt. It shows besides a spirit of push and thrift and enterprise which is truly commendable.

As these happy occasions are recorded among past events a new life enters in our midst, one which presages plenty and prosperity and happiness to our people.

BLIZZARDS-SNOW-SLEET.

The reports throughout the country show more storms than ever were witnessed for years. The North has suffered considerably are many, and he should continually strive from blizzards, and the Southern States have to acquaint himself with the most approved had a surfeit of sleet and snow storms. We methods to obviate them. The Institutes have had but a light touch of the ugly weath. have that end in view. Erroneous methods er in our section but enough to satisfy us. of instruction will not impart that rapid men-We do not feel like imitating Oliver Twist tal growth which is so desired; and, in conseand asking for more. We have enough.

breaker. The winter has been a long and methods of instruction are indispensably ere one and we have not by any means reached the end.

WILLSHE GO OR NOT.

The great Schley case is shelved, the Palipines sugar and rice no longer discussed and fully prepared themselves for the work, to many other important subjects given the back nation of King Edward, of England. Business is suspended, industries paralized, projects abandoned, the wheels of commerce checked, agricultural pursuits at a stand still-all, awaiting the decision of the American people. Shall Miss Roosevelt go? To be or not to be, that is the burning issue of the

One writer fears that she will be treated as a royal princess, and that will be against our Ruplican principles; another thinks that she ought to go by special invitation on "her teemed contemporary to wonder what all this own hook" and not accompany the party of have been the business of the editor to join might show too much friendliness between the two English speaking nations, and anism and up.—Lafayette Gazette. other still opposes these junketing tours because it costs the government too much money and so on.

Is this not the case of making a mountain out of a mole hill. If the lovely and accou plished daughter of our President feels like and every other sensible American will abide by it and say God speed.

of our wits ends.

LET US HAVE REST.

The country is now enjoying some rest. This must be our Christmas gift from on High and we should appreciate it. For the first time in many years there is nothing on the tapis to excite or worry the people. We have gone through an eventful experience of late years. What, with the blowing up of the battle ship Maine in Havana harbor four years ago to-day, has occurred, would fill volumes. A great deal of history has been written. Enough transpired to furnish it.

The people contending with mighty problems, had a right to expect internal peace, but such was not the case. We have had more wars, more genuine trouble at home, than with the Spaniards, the Fillipinos or the Chinese. The round robin of Roosevelt, embalmed beef, Eagan's episode. McKinley's assassination, Roosevelt's accession, Schley's Inquiry and many others, have well nigh set our people wild. They are ready to fight, like the French of old at the sound of the Marseillaise, at the the drop of the hat. We are a peaceful people and have so far kept our peace, but like the religious man when driven to the wall, "we bedamned if we can stand it any longer."

So we need rest. We must have rest, or something will break loose in Georgia.

Some one started the controversy about the Panama and Nicaragua canals. We hope they will agree at the start. We must have a canal across the isthmus, but let us have the canal and not a discussion that will inof its best citizens, have since observed the volve us into appointing a court of inquiry to day every year. Thousands of visitors are consider de Lesseps speculations and right to the Panama concern. We do not care where geants witnessed here, and our people are you dig it, so you dig it. We are somewhat kept home to enjoy the scemes and incidents like Bryan's lrishman, when asked which he Sacks like this favored gold or silver, answered: "I, having

It was Grant who said, "Let us have The Feed that the expression that "they will return again." peace," and we must add at this day on this keeps Moles up

THE TEACHERS INSTITUTES.

On the 17th of this month Institutes for the benefit of teachers will be held here in Thibodaux. We would advise not only all the teachers throughout our parish but the teachers from adjoining sister parishes to avail themselves of this opportunity to improve their methods of teaching. The difficulties which the teacher has to daily encounter in the prosecution of his duties quence, certain "preparation and study in The cold weather this year is a record regard to the branches taught and the best necessary in order to render the teachers services truly valuable.

The American Journal of Education has this to say on the subject:

It has been estimated that more than onethird of our teachers are beginners; that is, they have taught but little, and that a still nama or Nicaragua Canal project ignored, the larger per cent of the recruits are unprepared tariff on Cuban goods forgotten, the amend- for the work. Young men will prepare themments to the Constitution of the United States selves in a limited manner. They will apply providing for the election of United States for and secure schools. This is being done. and we have seen no decree requiring its Senators and other matters are passed silent-stoppage. Now, the facts are these. It de-mands teachers of good minds who have careglean from our text-books the proper subject matter, and to so present it that the mind seat, in presence of the great question of the will be most easily and readily developed, day. Shall Miss Roosevelt attend the Coro- and thereby empowered to think, speak and act in after life; but a very large per cent of the teachers in this country are beginners unprepared for the work; hence it is evident that some instrumentality of preparation is of the greatest importance.

> The Thibodaux Sentinel notes "that some of the country papers are still harping on the gubernatorial question" and exclaims: Why this should be troubling them to such EMILE J. BRAUD, Agent, a considerable extent is beyond our comprehension." Heretofore such a little thing as the election of a governor has not worried the newspapers and it is natural for our es-

You are right, brother Mouton, but this time we must do some shouting before the nomination. We only suggested that the agitation of the question now was premature. going, why not let her go with our best wishes. In due time we want you and our other Her wish is the only one to consult. Whatever her friends of the press to take hold of the matter In due time we want you and our other decision be, to go or not to go, the Sentinel and see if we cannot be heard with no uncertain sounds. "United we are strong, but What is the next bugaboo to scare us out divided are weak." Get ready with your tomahawk and club.

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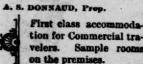


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