

Your royal kingdom and that you will select from your most loyal subjects living among us, a Lord High Admiral, to assume command of the King's Royal Navy, and that you will institute the Order of Neptune, thus adding greater safeguards against the invasion of a foreign foe by sea. We ask also, that you enjoy our baths, which are famed beyond your kingdom, that you revel in the smiles of our mermaids, that you will sit at the banquet board, beneath the shadows of our marvelous temple and partake of the milk and honey which with us, flows everywhere. You will find the entrance to our city fairer than the gates of Peri. The river Jordan, about whose name clusters the poetry of religion, flows past the prolific sands and nourishes our bounteous crops. There pass before the eyes of him who views our city:

"Forms such as Nature molds, when she would vie
With Fancy's pencil, and give birth to things
Lovely beyond its fairest picturings.
While they dance before him, then divide
Breaking like rosy clouds at eventide
Around the rich pavilion of the sun"

The charm is such, the prospect so fair, that to him who views there comes like a spell upon the senses, a delicious, dream-like harmony, each note of which binds him to us. The sun, which greets us with his regal smile, catches from the ruby's heart the gems bright color and spreads it with a kiss upon our emerald fields. And when evening comes the breezes, cooled in many a mountain dell, breathe into our weary brains odors from the tender woodbine and the timid jessamine buds. You will feel as you glance about our homes, upon our minarets and towers, that no prospect of the flowery plains of Paradise was ever lovelier. Therefore we strew flowers in your path way and beseech you to tarry for a time within the walls of the Queen City of the Great Salt Lake. You will extend to our most gracious cousin, Rex I., our loyal compliments and our prayer that he will, with his royal household, join you in your pilgrimage to our city.

The lord high chamberlain replied to the effect that his majesty, Rex II., would vouchsafe no answer until after the time of unmasking, but intimated that the invitation would certainly be accepted. It is understood that the following programme will be carried out:

The kings and queens together with the retinue of the kings' households, will leave Ogden on the Union Pacific at 8 o'clock Saturday morning, arriving in Salt Lake at 9:15. With them will come the city council and other officials of Ogden. Upon their arrival they will be met at the depot by the uniformed organizations of the city, all the musical societies and bands and an immense concourse of citizens. The royal family will occupy Grant Bros.' excursion coach "Raymond," which will be elegantly decorated for the occasion. Immediately behind them will be the officials of both cities in carriages, and succeeding them will be the other societies, all forming a mag-

nificent parade which will traverse the principal streets of the city. After the parade the party will partake of a magnificent lunch, and in the afternoon the entire company will repair to Garfield Beach.

There will occur the most important event of their majesties' reign, for on that day Salt Lake City will be declared the only port of entry in the dominion of King Rex II. At 2:30 the Order of Neptune will be established. A lord high admiral will be created and a vice-admiral. In addition to these offices will be a number of commodores and captains, besides a master of the king's whales and master of the king's dolphins and seals. Headquarters of this department will be on Black Rock. The queen will select a queen of the queen's mermaids, of which there will be fifty selected from the most beautiful ladies in Salt Lake. A lord high executioner of the king's claims will also be chosen. Upon the return of the royal party from Garfield, the Louisiana Rifles will give an exhibition drill on Main Street. In the evening the royal party will be tendered a banquet at some place to be decided upon today.

In order to provide fully for the occasion, a citizen's meeting was called at 11:30 today at the Chamber of Commerce and every person interested in the welfare of Salt Lake City was invited to be present and help along. A meeting of the City Council was called for 11 o'clock this morning, at which all members were requested to be present.

The Chamber of Commerce of Ogden and all the business men generally are expected to attend. The Louisiana Rifles and the New Orleans business men will be the guests of the Real Estate and Mining Exchanges and will attend the sessions of those bodies on Saturday if any be held.

The musical organizations of each of the political parties are invited to co-operate in the parade and by their presence add to the magnificence of this display. In addition to this all organizations taking part in the parade of July Fourth are solicited to parade on Saturday.

The Union Pacific will furnish all the coaches needed and will decorate their trains handsomely in honor of the event. Ample provisions for the accommodation of all who wish to visit Garfield Beach are being made and it is expected that there will not be a hitch in the entire programme. The time table to the Beach will be for both Friday and Saturday. The first train will leave this city at 8:10 a. m., the next at 8:45, and one will go out every hour thereafter until 8:45 p. m. Thirteen trains will run out and fourteen come in from the Beach, the last one arriving in this city at 11:30 p. m.

THE CARNIVAL AT OGDEN.

To give our readers a proper account of the New Orleans carnival train bound for Ogden, a News representative bled himself to Denver, Thursday, June 28th, to intercept the royal party. The trip was

made in thirty-one hours, including five hours' stay at Cheyenne. We arrived in Denver Friday, at about three o'clock.

The Royal Party from New Orleans passed through Kansas City on the 27th of June and were met at Deer Trail on Saturday morning by a committee of Denver citizens and escorted to that city, where they stayed until Monday morning. They were treated to excursions, banquets, carriage rides, and theatrical performances, and had a right royal time. On Monday, at 11 o'clock a. m., they left the Denver depot on their way to Ogden.

The Mardi Gras organizations are secret societies formed to present, by annual street pageants, allegorical tableaux, representing mythological tales and illustrating the best known works. For instance, last year, in New Orleans Lallah Rookh, Moore's beautiful story, was represented by a series of tableaux gotten up at great expense. It is done for the pleasure of the members, to please the populace and attract visitors to their city. As the name carnival indicates, it is the feasting and pleasure before Lent and the ceremonies cease on Ash Wednesday.

New Orleans was the first city to organize, the first order being established there in 1757 under the name of "Mistic Krewe of Comus;" the next in 1872, called "Rex, King of the Carnival;" and in 1882 the "Krewe of Proteus" was organized. In conjunction with "Rex, King of the Carnival," are three other smaller societies controlled by him called "King's Own," "King's Royal Troopers," a military order, and "King's Royal Body Guard." In New Orleans immediately after one carnival the King's council begin work on the next, so that they have a full year's work in preparing a subject and properly dressing it. The Ogden order is named Monte Cristo, and in this instance will have, of course, no reference to Lent. This mountain kingdom has a membership of 400 and the ceremony of coronation will be performed by Rex I, King of the last New Orleans carnival.

Rex I, who will be crowned in Ogden tonight, has been traveling in *cog*, and will not be known until the unmasking. The Queen has been traveling heavily veiled, and much guessing has been done respecting her identity. Some think she is "Nelly Bly," of the *New York World*. The *Denver Republican* declared her to be Mrs. James G. Blaine, Jr., and a reporter of that paper claimed he caught a glimpse of her face and recognized her. Amongst all this speculation there is no certainty, and there will be none until they are unmasked.

The Queen, in appearance, is tall and graceful—a blonde—and not unlike the noted actress, Mary Anderson.

Outside of these unknown quantities, the royal party is composed of the following personages:

Major S. P. Walmsley, Rex I.; Miss Laura Behan, representing Miss Shakespeare, the queen to Rex I.; Dr. R. S. Harvey, Duke of Spo-