

LEGISLATIVE.

We continue a synopsis of business transacted in the Legislature, since our last issue:

No. 166, by Mr. Kavanagh. This bill amends and reenacts article 312 of Code of Practice and requires all answers to final judgments to be made two days after trial.

No. 167, by Mr. Butler. This bill provides that upon arrest of fugitives by any Sheriff it shall be his duty to immediately notify the District Attorney of the Parish where the alleged offense has been committed, and the District Attorney shall take steps to try the accused at as early a date as possible.

No. 168, by Mr. Buchanan. This bill amends and reenacts article 2686 of Civil Code, and requires fifteen days' notice to abate any lease or agreement. No. 169, by Mr. Butler. This bill carries into effect article 8 of the new Constitution, and provides that in the trial of all criminal cases where the punishment is death or imprisonment for life, the defendant shall have the right to exercise twelve peremptory challenges of jurors, without given reason for such challenges. The State shall also have the right to six peremptory challenges. In all cases where the penalty is less than death, the defendant is entitled to six challenges.

Mr. Letten's bill, ordering and requiring Parish and municipal corporations in this State to receive for taxes or licenses due any Parish or municipal corporation prior to January 1, 1879, all valid warrants, scrip or evidences of indebtedness of said Parish or municipal corporations, was taken up. As passed to its third reading, it provides that all Parish or municipal corporations in this State shall receive for all taxes and licenses due said Parish or municipal corporation prior to January 1, 1879, all valid warrants, scrip or evidences of indebtedness of said Parish or municipal corporation, except judgments, including the certificates issued by parochial or municipal boards for school purposes, provided no school certificates be issued by any school board upon bonds upon funds apportioned from the State shall be received for Parish or municipal taxes as herein provided without any discrimination as to what year of warrants, scrip or evidence of indebtedness shall have been issued.

The true intent and meaning of this act being to allow delinquent tax payers to pay their indebtedness of any year with any kind of valid obligations issued or emitted by such Parish or municipal corporations in this State.

Section 2. Be it further enacted, etc., That all laws or parts of laws contrary to the provisions of this act are hereby repealed; and that this act shall take effect from and after its passage.

SUPPORT OF PAUPERS.

A bill now before the Senate requiring police juries to make provision for the support of all infirm, sick and disabled paupers residing in their respective Parishes, except such as may reside in municipal corporations exempt from Parish taxation. The juries are authorized to buy or lease a farm or other home, and to appoint such officials and agents, with such compensation as they may deem necessary, to make the same wholly or in part self-sustaining. Such farming or manufacturing enterprises shall be regarded as public works within the meaning of the law. It is further provided that no debt shall be created against the Parish, beyond the amount appropriated and collected for the purpose with other current Parish taxes; and no greater rate of taxation than that allowed by the Constitution shall be levied by any police jury to carry out the object of this act, except for the purposes and in the manner set forth in article 209 of the Constitution.

PROTECTION OF EMPLOYEES.

The bill introduced in the House by Mr. Harris, to prevent interference with laborers or employees of the citizens of the State during their term of service, and to enforce the provisions of the same by adequate penalties, in view of the systematic efforts being made in some of the Southern States to entice laborers away from their employment under the pretense of bettering their condition in the Western States. The bill referred to makes it a misdemeanor, punishable by fine not exceeding \$200 or imprisonment for a term not exceeding three months, or both, at the discretion of the court, for any person to employ, entice, persuade or decoy any laborer employed under a written contract after January 1, 1881, during the term for which they may be engaged, the person so offending knowing that such laborer or employee was employed at the time of such enticement or persuasion.

A SUNDAY LAW.

House bill No. 97, introduced by Mr. Hathaway, requires all stores, shops, groceries, saloons, and all places of public business, licensed under law, except drug stores, apothecary shops, public and private markets, bakeries, livery stables, railroads, hotels, boarding houses, steamboats and other vessels, warehouses for receiving and forwarding freight, restaurants, barber-shops and telegraph offices, to be closed on Sundays, and forbids all giving, trading, bartering and selling on said days. The penalty for violation of the provisions of this act is a fine of not less than \$50 nor more than \$500 or imprisonment for not less than ten nor more than thirty days, or both fine and imprisonment at the discretion of the court.

AGENTS are wanted everywhere every day, but no better cause ever enlisted the services of any one than is advertised in our columns asking for volunteers to aid in the sale of the book, that took over four years to prepare, and which was all ready for the publisher when that stern Commander grim Death, called General John Bell Hood from the field of his usefulness amid his happy family circle. He left ten little babes, twins chiefly, and General Beauregard has assumed the duty of giving to the world, without any additional note or comment, the work called "Advance and Retreat. Personal Experiences in the United States and Confederate States Armies." The book is beautifully gotten up and sold at a low price, \$3. The entire proceeds are devoted to "The Hood Orphan Memorial Fund" invested in the Registered Loan of the United States, for the support, nurture, care and education of these helpless innocents whose deplorable condition appeals to the sympathies of every one.

Juries for the District Courts.

In the Democrat of February 21, 1880, was promulgated Act No. 7 of 1880, entitled "An act to fix the first terms of the District Courts under the Constitution of 1879, and to regulate the fixing by the District Judges of subsequent terms."

This act takes effect twenty days after publication, under article 40 of the Constitution, and will become operative March 13, 1880. The act provides:—

Sec. 5. Be it further enacted, etc., That the first term of the District Court in each Parish, and each alternate term therein, shall be a jury term, at which grand and petit juries shall be drawn, summoned and impaneled in the manner provided by law on that subject.

Under this section the proper officers should proceed on the thirteenth of March to draw a jury for the first Monday in April in each Parish in which the District Courts meet that day. The repealing clause of the act repeals all laws in conflict with the act, and consequently repeals so much of the present jury law as directs juries to be drawn fifty days before the first day of the jury term.

Section 5 provides that juries shall be drawn for the first term of each District Court, in the manner provided by law on that subject, but not at the time provided by such law. The act would be inoperative if it required juries to be drawn fifty days before the fifth day of April, when the act was not passed until the middle of February and was approved by the Governor on the twentieth of February.—If this were a doubtful question it would still be the duty of the proper officers to draw the juries as above, and let the array be challenged when the courts meet, so that the judges could pass upon the question and, if they set aside the juries, could order new juries to be drawn for immediate attendance.

As soon as the Judges fix the subsequent terms by their orders in open court, as required by section 2 of the act, the proper officers should proceed to draw the juries for those terms within the fifty days interim or not.

The above views of this law are endorsed by Judge Farmer, of Ouachita, who wrote the bill and assisted in passing it through the Legislature. —[N. O. Democrat.

Our New Orleans Mail.

A large number of the principal business men of New Orleans have taken the matter of the mails into their hands, have concluded to use the words of the N. O. Times, "that the present mail line of boats is worse than nothing," and have sent the following petition to our Congress on the subject: To the Hon. D. M. Key, Postmaster General, Washington, D. C.

Sir:—The importance of New Orleans as a regular mail communication with Red River, is doubtless appreciated by the Post Office Department, as evidenced by the oft-repeated efforts to make it efficient. The several routes by Mississippi River to Red River Landing, and thence by stage to Alexandria, have been frequently changed and modified without improvement to service. The completion of Morgan's Louisiana and Texas railroad to Vermillionville, and the near approach to completion of the Western Louisiana, from Vermillionville to Orange, Texas, opens a new and shorter route to the Red River Valley, and the contrast of distances and time is as follows:

Table with 3 columns: PRESENT ROUTE, MILES, TIME. Rows include New Orleans to Red River Landing (200 miles, 20 hrs) and Red River Landing to Alexandria (85 miles, 14 hrs).

Showing a saving of forty five miles in distance and eleven hours in time. Your memorialists, therefore, respectfully petition that a rapid daily mail route be at once established, from Alexandria, on Red River, to the nearest railway station between Lake Charles and Vermillionville, as the best means of affording regular and reliable mail communication between New Orleans and the fertile Valley of the Red River.

WHEN YOU MARRY A MILLIONAIRE.—Girls, when you marry a millionaire, as many of you no doubt expect to do, you will want to know how to dress. Here is the outline for you—the one worn by Mrs. Astor at the Mexican Minister's entertainment in Washington last week.

"From the top of her head to her waist was valued last night at \$2,000,000, and I was told was guarded to the White House, by two policemen, armed to the teeth. She wore a breast-plate of diamonds as large as silberts; strands of large stones went entirely around the square necked pearl satin brocade corsage; clusters of red topaz on the left side brought out the scintillations and prismatic colors. Five rows of large black pearls, with an immense clasp of diamonds, fell on her neck, above which was a black velvet ribbon studded with diamonds, each one culled to make the collection the finest in this country. Her hair was clasped at the back with a band of diamonds, and two stars were fastened—one in front of the other—on her head. Her earrings were so long that they reached her neck, and her arms and fingers were encircled with diamonds as splendid as those mentioned. At the Mexican legation Mrs. Astor wore her diamonds with three rows of large white pearls, and the pendants of her earrings were pear-shaped pearls."

"'Tis by the wave of the hand that the orator calls the attention of his audience; 'tis by the wave of the hand that the conductor signals his engineer and the train goes rumbling on; 'tis by a wave of the hand that the general commands an army; 'tis by a wave of the hand that the mother strikes the tender feelings of her recalcitrant son where it will do the most good."

"'Tis the moustache is a great epicture. It is bound to get the first taste of anything."

THE GEM DRINKS AT FRONT STREET, OPPOSITE FERRY L'DG. FINEST WINES, LIQUORS, CIGARS! ALWAYS ON HAND. GIVE ME A CALL HELP ME THROUGH THE WORLD PRIVATE ROOMS for Card Parties. E. VALLERY, PROPRIETOR.

THE MARKETS. NEW ORLEANS, LA., Feb. 27, 1880. COTTON. Quiet sales. 4900 bales. Ordinary 11 1/2, Good Ordinary 11 1/4, Low Middling 12 1/2, Middling 12 1/2, Good Middling 13, Middling Fair 13 1/2.

PROVISIONS. FLOUR. Superfine \$5 @ 5.25, XXX 5.75 @ 8, High grade 6.25 @ 8, Corn active and firm 30 @ 30, Cornmeal 2.60, Hay—Ordinary \$23 @ 24, Prime 25, Choice 27, Pork—old 12 1/2, new 13, Lard—herce 7 @ 7 1/2, keg 8 1/2, Shoulders—loose 4-10, packed 4-10, Clear ribs 4.65 @ 4.65, Clear sides 4 1/2 @ 4 1/2, Bacon—shoulders 5 1/2, 5 1/2, Clear ribs 7 1/2, 7 1/2, Clear sides 8 1/2, 8 1/2, Ham—sugar-cured canvassed 9 @ 10, Sugar—inferior 5, 5 1/2, Common to good common 6 1/2 @ 6 1/2, Fair to fully fair 6 1/2 @ 6 1/2, Prime to choice 7 1/2 @ 7 1/2, Yellow clarified 8 1/2 @ 8 1/2, Molasses—common 30 @ 30, Fair 36, 38.

NEW THIS DAY. BOOTS, BOOTS, BOOTS, BOOTS. SHOES, BUY SHOES. BOOTS, BOOTS, BOOTS, BOOTS. SHOES, FROM SHOES. BOOTS, HATS & CAPS, BOOTS. WM. HUSTMYRE SHOES, HATS & CAPS, SHOES.

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OH, BLOSSAT, can you see what time just now it ought to be? Oh, yes, I can, and tell you true. If you'll let me send you WATCH for you.

STOLEN ON OR ABOUT THE 26th JANUARY, 1880, from H. Brisco, ONE DARK IRON GRAY MARE MULE, eight years old, her head lighter than body; long hair, quick steps, little pig-toed; gear marks on right hip, and slightly galled on shoulders. A reward of fifty dollars will be paid for the delivery of the mule to the owner. Feb 3, 1880.

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DR. D. DUPRE, PHYSICIAN & SURGEON. OFFICE & RESIDENCE: METHODIST EPISCOPAL PARSONAGE, ALEXANDRIA, LA. Feb. 11, 1880.

NOTICE. DR. A. COCKERILLE HAS ASSOCIATED Dr. Ratcliffe with him in the practice of his profession in its various branches. He takes this opportunity to thank the citizens of Alexandria and vicinity for their past liberal patronage, and hopes to have a continuance of the same to the new firm of COCKERILLE & RATCLIFFE. Feb. 11-80.

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