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Council of Municipality No Two.

TUESDAY, March 11, 1851.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Present, the Hon. James H. Caldwell, President; Aldermen Beard, Brother, Etter, Hooper, Johnson, Marks, Montanye, McCormick, Pride, Renshaw, Sewell, Shields, Sykes, Stewart and Yancey.

The Journal was read and approved.

The following communication from the Mayor was read and referred to the Committee on Streets and Landings:

MAYORALTY OF NEW ORLEANS,
March 11, 1851.

To the Honorable President and Members of the Council of Municipality No. Two:

GENTLEMEN—In consequence of the rapid rising of the River Mississippi, I instructed Mr. Grant, Surveyor of Municipality No. Two, to proceed as far up as Mr Sauvé's plantation and examine the line of levee, and report to me the result. Mr. Grant has made the reconnoissance, and I now have the honor of transmitting herewith a copy of his report, which is quite gratifying, and holds out the assurance that, with ordinary care and attention, the city need not apprehend any overflow. Mr. Grant's suggestions are deserving of consideration, and, if properly carried out, will have the advantage of giving him a very trifling outlay and covering the safety of the inhabitants from any danger of a crevasse.

I have personally examined the line of Levee for some distance above Carrollton, and fully concur with the report of Mr. Grant; at the same time, we cannot be too vigilant in watching our Levees, so as to prevent the disaster of an inundation.

With great respect,
I am, gentlemen, your ob't serv't,
A. D. CROSSMAN, Mayor.

SECOND MUNICIPALITY, March 9, 1851.

To the Honorable A. D. Crossman, Mayor:

SIR—I have made the reconnoissance requested by your communication of the 7th, received late on the evening of that day.

The Parish Syndic was occupied in strengthening and raising in height the Levee in front of the School-house below Diamond's residence. The part in front of Mr. Charles Dumond's is in good condition, but the New Levee of Henryville, on the field side, is wet and slipping, by reason of sufficient water passing through to saturate it. The Syndic's attention has been particularly directed to the subject. The main body of the Levee is of ample strength. Portions of the Old Levee on the outside (yet in existence) have the effect of breaking the current, so that comparatively still water adjoins the bank, and a deposit of Batture is making at present in the basin between the Old and New Levee.

Proceeding, I found in front of Mr. Mason's and that of others the plantation negroes occupied in making the outer edge of the top Levee and backing it with bagasse. This bagasse ought to be made fast to the Levee, and placed higher behind the bagasse with good earth or Batture sand.

Opposite Charles Fortier's plantation, at the lower boundary, his negroes are busy, under his overseer's direction, in strengthening the Levee on the field or roadway side for three hundred feet in length, and in driving stakes on the top Levee, bound with the vegetable of the sugar stalks. I pointed out to the overseer a place four hundred feet long, in most needy of the upper limit of the same portion, having a nine-rooted tree at least 40 feet on the roadside of the Levee, by reason of crawfish holes, which have not been seen before; so that I think the water cannot have been passing there many hours, and by this time he must have succeeded in stopping it.

At Mr Edward Guillotte's, I observed similar and some larger holes, but apprehend no danger from them, because there is a high, dense Batture outside, with the main current of the river flood quite distant.

In front of a plantation, nearly opposite to the site of Forest Place, reverse—my Bouldiane's—the plantation negroes are raking the Levee, backed with bagasse, to prevent any wash of its outer top verge. The main body of this Levee is strong.

The Levee approaching Sauvé's plantation becomes high, because of the low level of the ground common to the bends of the Mississippi, but is entirely free from any crevasse, and a little leakage apparent in places on the field side is not of a dangerous nature. In front of Sauvé's, the whole line, from top of the New Levee to the side of the old one, is in good order. I would recommend, however, that the bend at lower end of the New Levee, and one a little lower down, be strengthened by thickening the back or field slope, and that the sinking and bagasse lining be continued to a junction between them. A portion of the crevasse piling is yet in existence in Sauvé's, and note was taken of the surface current—so that the water is kept comparatively smooth and still alongside the New Levee.

Above Sauvé's plantation, at Minor Kenner's, the negroes have driven stakes, and are engaged in backing them with bagasse. Some leakage here at base of Levee, running since Monday, but no immediate danger. A broken Levee outside seems to be more in a slackwater.

On the whole, I cannot feel justified now in reporting any necessity for New Orleans to expend money in repairs above Carrollton—especially as we have our new city Levee; but deem it important to keep an eye on the works of the Syndic on the New Levee of Henryville, with a view to timely aid, should it be necessary.

The river has been within fourteen inches of the highest water. It is now within sixteen inches. The tide lowers in long part of each day. When the river becomes warmer, the reflection will be that the ice has melted above us, and a further rise will, or will not, follow, according as the melting takes place very suddenly or slowly.

It is our intention to examine thoroughly the embankments and means of protection in rear of the city. The Levee from the Shell Road of the Orleans Banking Company's Canal to the Lafayette embankment, has settled in some places lower than the level of the crevasse water mark.

I recommend the Claiborne Canal to be widened and deepened there, and, with the materials obtained, the Levee to be raised two feet above the said level. A portion of the Meipomene Canal, adjoining the Claiborne Canal, should also be deepened. Respectfully, your obedient servant,

(Signed,) HUGH GRANT,
Surveyor of the Second Municipality.

The Treasurer's report was read as follows:

WEEKLY REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

Municipality No. Two.	*Dr.*
To balance as per last report.....	$35,571 25
Amount received since, viz: on account—	
Fines	1 00
Taxes 1846.....	160 00
1847.....	180 00
1848.....	225 50
1849.....	158 87
Levee dues.....	653 24
Paving reimbursements.....	948 82
Taxes 1850.....	6579 00
Law charges.....	7 00
General rent.....	250 00
Opening Robin street.....	141 87
Merchants' exchange.....	2870 00
Coffee-houses, etc.....	450 00
Halls, etc.....	40 00
Police jail.....	954 46
Drays, carts, etc.....	360 00
	48,850 29
	$69,421 54

Disbursed this week: on account—	Cr.
Night-watch.....	5605 21
Work-house.....	1962 33
House of Refuge.....	304 22
Salaries of Municipal officers.....	3149 16
Day Police.....	440 00
Levee Police.....	459 32
Lighting the Municipality.....	100 00
Common street.....	1574 28
Public Schools.....	4831 48
Paving materials.....	1069 38
Canals.....	400 00
Paving.....	107 25
Undigested.....	357 00
Mayor, General Council, etc.....	123 54
Dryades Market.....	150 00
Inquests.....	90 00
City Prison.....	65 91
Police Jail.....	176 47
Wharves and Levees.....	171 17
Sundries.....	5817 33
Fire Companies.....	10 18
Municipal Hall.....	859 76
Gaslight.....	749 75
Notes payable.....	5213 71
Interest Coupons.....	5430 00
Sale wharves.....	204 27
Charity.....	28 00
Commissions.....	534 42
Law charges.....	11 00
Sinking Fund of Municipality No. 2.....	3285 93
	40,776 23
Balance on hand this day.....	19,645 41
	$60,421 64

New Orleans, March 11, 1851.
W. H. GARLAND, Treasurer.

The following letter was read:

To the Honorable the President and Members of Municipality Council No. Two:

I hereby tender to you my resignation, as Collector of Levee dues on sea-going vessels.
WM. H. RICE.
New Orleans, March 11, 1851.

On motion, the resignation was accepted.

PETITIONS, ETC.

Of Jean Pemère for permission to retain a shed on the corner of Circus and Poydras streets; Of Jas. Dunlap, agent of John Cassin, to have permission granted to Tancy Miles, an emancipated slave, to remain in this State; Of W. H. Track, f. m. c., for permission to remain in the State; Of Castillo & Quadras, for leave to erect a stand on the banquette in front of their premises, at the corner of Tchoupitoulas and North Market streets; And two complaints of James O'Brien and Owen Kearns, against Lieut. Hughes of the Watch; were read and referred to the Committee on Police.

Mr. Hooper offered the following resolution, which, after dispensing the rules, was adopted:

Resolved, That the Chief of Police be, and he is, instructed to suspend Lieut. Hughes, of the Night Watch, until such time as the Police Committee can investigate the charges preferred against him.

A petition from the officers of Protection Hose Company, for the renewal of their charter; of Volunteer Fire Company No. 1, for extra appropriation to pay for a Hose Carriage, were read and referred to the Committee on Fire.

Of Michael Kelly, for the release of a hack taken up for being wrongly numbered; of Patrick Kerrigan, for remission of fine for running a dray without a license, were read and referred to the Committee on Claims.

Of George Allin and James Davern, to have certain streets in the rear of the Seventh Ward surveyed and laid out, etc.; of Mrs. Widow Blois, for leave to erect at the corner of New Basin and Magnolia streets, a verandah, in front of her property; of A. Wapler, for an advance on the original terms of his contract for paving, etc.; of a number of citizens of the Seventh Ward, against the dismissal of the Commissary of the Dumping Ground, were read and referred to the Committee on Streets and Landings.

Of Michael Gallagher, Watchman of the Workhouse, asking an investigation into the cause of his suspension, was read and referred to the Committee on Workhouse and Prisons, to report at the next meeting.

A letter from Mr. E. A. Bradford, tendering his resignation as a Director of the Public Schools, was read, and, on motion, accepted.

A letter was read from Mr. J. Gleason, asking permission to withdraw a communication made by him at the last meeting to the Council, which was granted; and the Committee on Streets and Landings, to whom said communication had been referred, were relieved from the further consideration of the subject.

A petition from G. J. Adde, for leave to withdraw two petitions presented by him for the emancipation of three slaves, was read and granted.

The following communications from the Commissioners of the House of Refuge, were read and referred to the Committee on that Institution:

SITTING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS,
HOUSE OF REFUGE,
Municipality No. Two, February 6, 1851.

Resolved, That the prompt attention of the Honorable Council be respectfully requested to the Reports and Resolutions of this Board, respecting the House of Refuge, adopted by them on the 5th and 31 December, 1850, and subsequently presented to the Council.

Resolved, That the President of this Board be authorized and requested to present a copy of the foregoing resolution to the Honorable Council.

A true copy from the minutes. C. V. JOSTE, Sec'y.

SITTING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS,
HOUSE OF REFUGE,
Municipality No. Two, March 6, 1851.

Resolved, That the Commissioners most respectfully and earnestly request the Honorable Council to restore, at the expiration of the term of the present officers of the Institution, to the Commissioners the power to appoint all the officers and others connected with the House—believing that the welfare of the institution imperiously demands this course, which is in accordance with Houses of Refuge in other places, as they believe, and also with the Public Schools of this Municipality.

On motion, it was—

Resolved, That the Secretary give a copy of the foregoing resolution, together with the resolutions adopted at the last meeting of the Board, to be submitted by him to the Council at its next meeting.

A true copy from the minutes. C. V. JOSTE, Sec'y.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Mr. Brother, chairman of the Finance Committee, presented the following resolutions and report, and they were passed, after dispensing with the rules:

Resolved, That the Treasurer pay the following sums, on the warrant of the Mayor, viz:

To sundry persons for services as laborers in February, sixty-three dollars.

To sundry persons for services as laborers in February, one hundred and forty-eight dollars and fifty cents.

To sundry persons for services of carts in February, five hundred and twenty-five dollars and thirty-eight cents.

To sundry persons for services in Surveyor's department, in February, seven hundred and thirty-three dollars and thirty-three cents.

To sundry persons for services as laborers in February, seven hundred and ninety-five dollars and thirty-three cents.

To sundry persons for services on dredge boat, in February, seventy dollars.

To job boat Union, for towage of dredge boat, ten dollars.

To Newbold Hello, for towage of dredge boat and buoy, fifty-four dollars.

To Martin Cuchran, for cleaning Dryades street Market, twenty-five dollars.

To F. Holzsch, for ringing fire-bell, forty-eight dollars.

To David Moore, for carting and piling bridge-tops, seventeen dollars and fifty cents.

To Patrick Fox, for raising and relaying curb and gutter stones on St. Peter street, between Poydras and Hevia, and making side-walks, etc., two hundred and thirteen dollars and fourteen cents.

To J. B. Steel, for Stationery, etc., twelve dollars and seventy-five cents.

To Hamilton & Rub, for six cords of pine wood, thirty dollars.

To J. Maechling, for twenty-five Watchmen's caps, seventy-five dollars.

To A. M. Tee, for painting numbers and partitions in High Constable's office, twenty-five dollars.

To John H. Burroughs, for conveying sick to Charity Hospital, ninety-seven dollars and fifty cents.

To the Delta, for publishing five thousand copies of "Caution to Citizens," by order of Recorder, forty-four dollars.

To A. Duchonel, for translation, in French, of the Budget of the Municipality, ten dollars.

To Day, Kline & Co., for tax of 1850 overpaid by them on capital, in error, one hundred and fifty-four dollars and thirty-three cents.

To Asahel W. Cooper, for tax of 1849, paid by him in error, ten dollars.

The Finance Committee have duly considered the application of S. A. and J. M. Kennedy, to the Council, requesting to be put into possession of two hundred and forty feet of batture in front of the Third Ward, and now used as a portion of the landing for shipping. They base their request on the ground that they are riparian owners, and that the property claimed is susceptible of private ownership. In the opinion of your committee, the alluvial formation, or batture, outside of Front street, cannot, without serious inconvenience to commerce, be given up by the public at this time to persons claiming the same as riparian proprietors. They therefore report adversely to the request of Mr. and Mrs. Kennedy.

A. BROTHER,
HENRY RENSHAW,
C. D. YANCEY.

Resolved, That in the opinion of this Council, the alluvial formation, or batture, between Front street and the River, is not present required as a landing, and that the right of the public to use it as such, cannot, at this time, be abandoned, without serious inconvenience and injury to commerce and the public; and therefore the request of Mr. and Mrs. Kennedy to be put in possession of a portion of said batture, cannot be granted.

Resolved, That the Secretary of this Council be, and is hereby, authorized and directed to correct the clerical error in his report of the Commissioners for taking the Census, in their returns for the 6th Ward, by altering the total census of said ward to nine thousand seven hundred and sixty-three, instead of eight thousand seven and sixty-three, as erroneously returned from an error in the addition, and the total population of the Municipality to fifty-six thousand one hundred and eighty, instead of fifty-five thousand one hundred and eighty, and that their returns and report be accepted as corrected.

Be it further Resolved, That the Treasurer pay, upon the warrant of the Mayor, to Wm. Malcolm, John Taylor and J. Frohlicher, Commissioners for taking the Census of this Municipality, three hundred and fifty dollars each, as a fair and reasonable remuneration therefor.

Mr. Hooper, of the Police Committee, offered the following reports and resolutions, an f the rules being suspended, they were severally adopted:

The Police Committee, to whom was referred the complaint of the Captain of the Watch against Watchman Kearns for insolent conduct towards Lieutenant Hughes, beg to report that they have examined the same, and find the charge substantiated. The committee conceive that such conduct on the part of subordinates should not be tolerated, and that such offenders should be dealt with as stringently as possible, and it is incumbent on the Council to see that the officers of the Municipality are obeyed and properly respected by those under them. The conduct of the Watchman alluded to, meets with the strongest reprehension of the committee, and they recommend that he be suspended for ten days from date of the complaint, with a forfeiture of his pay during that period. All of which is respectfully submitted.

L. E. HOOPER,
JOSEPH ETTER.

The Police Committee, to whom was referred the complaint of Maria Griffen and T. McCarty, against Watchmen Toberer and McGoey, beg to report, That they have had the matter under consideration for some time, and have fully investigated it. They are of opinion that it is a case of which the Council can take no cognizance. If the complainants have suffered any injury, the impression of the Committee is, that redress can be had before some judicial tribunal. They therefore ask to be relieved from the subject.

L. E. HOOPER,
JOSEPH ETTER.

The Police Committee, to whom was referred the petition of C. A. Miltenberger, for permission to retain a small shed on his premises on Triton Walk, beg to report, That petitioner erected the same without having obtained the permission of the Council; whereupon, the Commissary instituted suit, according to law, but the Committee have examined said premises and find them fire-proof; they would, therefore, respectfully recommend, under the circumstances, that said suit be withdrawn upon his paying costs; and that said shed be allowed to remain during the pleasure of the Council. They ask to be discharged from further consideration of the matter.

L. E. HOOPER,
JOSEPH ETTER.

The Police Committee, to whom was referred the petition of J. M. Rand, for permission to repair a building at the corner of Apollo and Melpomene streets, damaged by fire, beg to report in favor of the same, and offer the annexed resolution.

L. E. HOOPER,
JOSEPH ETTER.

Resolved, That permission is hereby granted to J. M. Rand, to repair the building at the corner of Apollo and Melpomene streets, recently damaged by fire, in conformity with the ordinances.

Resolved, That permission is hereby granted to N. Jarvis & Co. to retain on their premises, on Melicerte street, the machinery recently used by them in the manufacture of chemicals at said place; provided said machinery be not put in operation, as is prohibited in resolution No. 3140, of this Council, of the 11th February last.

The same gentleman presented the following, which was read once:

Resolved, That permission is hereby granted to D. Mitchell to emancipate his slave Daniel Slade, a black, aged about thirty-four years; and to N. J. Saunders, f. m. c., the slave Harriet, a grifle, aged about thirty-two years, and her child Elizabeth, aged about eight years; and that said slaves be permitted to remain in the States when their owners are have given the usual bond and security to the satisfaction of the Recorder.

Mr. Stewart, Chairman of the Committee on Claims, presented the following reports and resolutions, and they were adopted after a dispensation of the rules:

The Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the petition of James Kline, for the return of ten dollars, imposed on him for running a dray without license, report in favor of the same, and offer the following resolution.

JOHN C. STEWART,
T. A. JOHNSON,
J. A. BEARD.

Resolved, That the Treasurer pay on the warrant of the Mayor, to James Kline, ten dollars, being amount of fine paid by him for running a dray without a license.

The Committee on Claims respectfully report, that on the 25th of February last, they presented a resolution, which was adopted, excusing Duncan McFarland from the payment of a fine of twenty dollars, incurred by him, for running two drays without a license. Your committee were not at the time aware that he had actually paid a fine of ten dollars on one of the drays; and as the object of the resolution was to relieve him from any payment, they offer the following resolution.

JOHN C. STEWART,
T. A. JOHNSON,
J. A. BEARD.

Resolved, That the Treasurer pay, on the warrant of the Mayor, to Duncan McFarland, ten dollars, being the amount of a fine paid by him for running a dray without a license.

Mr. Marks, Chairman of the Committee on Fire, offered the following report and resolutions, which were adopted after suspending the rules:

The Fire Committee, to whom was referred the petition of Mechanics' Fire Company, No. 6, asking an appropriation to pay for their new engine, now daily expected, beg leave to report in favor of the same, and offer the following resolution.

I. N. MARKS,
A. MONTANYE,
L. E. HOOPER.

Resolved, That the Treasurer and Comptroller be, and are hereby, authorized and instructed, to issue a note of this Municipality, at six months date, bearing seven per cent. interest, to the order of Mechanics' Fire Company, No. 6, for one thousand dollars.

Resolved, That the co-operation of the Council of the First Municipality be asked, with a view to the erection of a fire or alarm bell upon the neutral ground on Canal street.

Mr. Sewell, Chairman of the Special Committee to examine the books of the Comptroller and Treasurer, presented the following letter, accompanied by trial balances, etc., from the Accountant:

Messrs. Sewell, Hawthorn and Etter, Committee:

GENTLEMEN—I have completed the examination of the books of the Comptroller and Treasurer of the Second Municipality, from the 1st January, 1847, until the 30th April, 1850.

You have herewith Trial Balances from both sets of books, and annual statements for 1848 and 1849, and Trial Balances for the first four months of 1850. The statement and balance for 1847 cannot be made at this time.

You have also a registry of coupons, bonds, Municipal notes, Treasury notes and certificates, and mortgage notes, issued in the period I have examined.

I have carefully examined all vouchers, calculations of interest and additions, find every thing correct, and proper vouchers for all disbursements.

I think it proper to state that the manner in which the books of the Comptroller and Treasurer are kept, is most correct, clear and simple, and I do not, in my opinion, see how it can be improved.

Im ain, gentlemen,
Your obedient servant,
A. T. B. FETHERSTON'S.

New Orleans, March 8, 1851.

On motion of Mr. Sewell, the committee were discharged, the documents ordered to be filed in the archives, and Mr. Fetherston's bill for services rendered in the examinations, etc., was referred to the Committee on Finance.

The following resolution came up as the order of the day, and was adopted:

Resolved, That permission be granted to Henry B. Kelly to emancipate the slave Henrietta, aged about thirty-two years, and that said slave be permitted to remain in the State, when he shall have given the usual bond and security, to be approved by the Recorder.

Mr. Etter presented the following resolution, and it was adopted after dispensing with the rules:

Resolved, That the sum of five hundred dollars be, and is hereby, appropriated to meet the bills for provisions, etc., furnished to the Work-house during the months of January and February, 1851, to be paid by the Treasurer on the warrants of the Mayor, to the parties from whom said purchases have been made.

On motion of Mr. Renshaw, the Council proceeded to elect a Collector of Levee dues on ships, in place of Mr. W. H. Rice, resigned. Mr. Julian Neville being nominated, received the votes of Messrs. Beard, Brother, Etter, Marks, Montanye, Pride, Renshaw, Shields, Sykes, Stewart and Yancey—11.

Messrs. Hooper, Johnson, McCormick and Sewell, voted blank—4.

So Julian Neville was declared duly elected, and Messrs. George Kirk and Mortimer Turner, were accepted as his securities.

And on motion the Council adjourned to Tuesday next, the 18th inst., at five o'clock, P. M.

JOHN CALHOUN, Secretary.

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Cincinnati, February, 1851. feb 16 1m os

JAMES WHITE,
163 Gravier street, New Orleans,
Will constantly PURCHASE NEGROES; also, Board and Sell on Commission, any and all Slaves consigned to him
feb 11 ly

DEPOT OF ESSENCES.—A constant supply of Essences of Lemon, Bergamott, etc., always on hand, and will be received direct from the manufacturer. For sale by [feb10] BARELLI & CO. 61 Common st.

SALT—Just received a fine cargo of Liverpool Salt, in bleached sacks. Lots to suit purchasers, either Coarse or Fine, may be had on application to
mh10 JOHN TOOLE, 25 Bank Place.

LONDON AND DUBLIN PORTER—Just landing, pints and quarts, in packages of six dozen each, for sale by JOHN TOOLE, 25 Bank Place.

SCOTCH AND BURTON ALES—Prime quality, in pints and quarts, for sale by
mh10 JOHN TOOLE, 25 Bank Place.

NAVAL STORES—Tar, Pitch and Rosin, landing and in store, for sale by
mh6 HAYMAN & HOLMES, 96 Magazine st.

GOSHEN BUTTER—55 kegs choice Goshen Butter, landing ex ship Manchester from New York, for sale by [fe28] SAMUEL WOLFF, 85 Camp st.

OLD JAMAICA RUM—Genuine as imported, in puncheons, for sale by
mh10 JOHN TOOLE, 25 Bank Place.

CHAMPAGNE—100 baskets of Colbert & Co.'s very superior Champagne, just received and for sale by
fe26 tf SAMUEL WOLFF, 85 Camp st.

CHEESE—500 boxes prime Western Reserve in store and for sale by
ja28 A. D. GRIEFF & CO. 38, 40 and 42 Old Levee.

ORANGE COUNTY BUTTER—30 kegs of this superior Butter, just received per bark Nimrod, and for sale by [mh5] WM. J. DEWEY, 86 Gravier st.

SHERRY WINE—50 qr. and 50 eighth casks very pale Sherry, landing and for sale on reasonable terms. [fe26] SAMUEL WOLFF, 85 Camp st.

ORANGES AND LEMONS—600 boxes fresh Sicily, in store and for sale by
mh12 A. F. COCHRAN, 27 Tchoupitoulas st.

CLARET—600 boxes assorted qualities, for sale by I. W. ARTHUR & CO. 28 and 29 New Levee.

Thirty-First Congress---Adjournment Sine Die.

We have had more failures of the mails within a few days past, than we care about recording. These failures have happened at an unfortunate time for the press, when people dress in haste, every morning, with the hope to find in their newspapers interesting information to all. There has been an unusual anxiety for some days, to learn all about the close of the thirty-first Congress. The accounts of these interesting scenes that have come to hand, have been so meagre that they were scarcely worthy of publication. Having nothing better, however, we gave a skeleton sketch of the "winding up" in yesterday morning's paper. Perhaps we may do more for our readers to-morrow morning, but meanwhile content ourselves with giving two extracts from the *leading editorial* of the Washington Republic of the 4th, the whole of which will be read with interest, while a portion of it may possibly excite some surprise in this section of the Union:

At the hour (eleven o'clock) when we commence the writing of this paragraph, the Senate of the United States is the theatre of one of the most extraordinary scenes ever exhibited in a legislative body.

Mr. Clemens, of Alabama, is engaged in reading from a copy of the Congressional Globe a speech or message, no body can tell which, for the avowed purpose of occupying the time of the Senate, with a view of defeating the passage of the River and Harbor Bill. It is well ascertained that the bill will pass by a considerable majority, if the minority will suffer the Senate to come to a vote. For an hour Mr. Clemens has been thus abusing the patience of the Senate.

Mr. Soulé, of Louisiana, set him the example by calling upon the clerk to read a long report that had been made in regard to improving the mouth of the Mississippi, till this wicked waste of the public time was arrested by a vote of the Senate to dispense with its further reading.

On moving to take up this bill, at the opening of the day's session, Mr. Clay distinctly stated that if the minority would avow the determination to defeat the bill at all hazards by the interposition of parliamentary delays, he would move to lay it upon the table and proceed at once to other business. The offer was emphatically made, but no one ventured to accept it. No man in the Senate dared to make the declaration to the country that he would avail himself of these parliamentary contrivances to *defeat the will of the majority*. No man calling himself a democrat dared, at that time, to put himself on the record with such an avowal, and to take upon himself the responsibility of thus defeating a measure imperatively called for by an immense majority of the American people. But as the excitements of the struggle developed combatant propensities, towards eight o'clock in the evening the purpose of the minority was avowed, and it appeared that there was a combination among certain individuals to prevent the passage of the appropriation bills unless they could have their own way with the River and Harbor Bill.

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Two o'clock, (Morning of the 4th.)—The Senate is still engaged upon the River and Harbor Bill. It will probably not adjourn till twelve o'clock to-day, which is decided to be the constitutional termination of the Thirty-First Congress.

Every effort is making the by disorganizers to force the will of the minority upon the Senate for the law of that body. Mr. Cass has proclaimed himself a mere looker-on, as he thinks the session can stitutionally expired at twelve o'clock.

There is no more reason to believe that the appropriation bills will be passed than there is that the House has just refused to adjourn.

Here is another sketch of the last hours in the House.

Nine o'clock, (of the 4th.)—The House assembled. Every part of the hall and galleries was crowded with spectators eager to witness the last hours of the session.

Twenty or thirty of the members were generally on the floor at once, while each was trying to speak, and motions of every kind were offered, amid great confusion.

The reports of the committees of conference on various amendments of the Civil and Diplomatic, Army and Navy Bills were concurred in.

The House, by yeas 88, nays 53—not two-thirds—refused to consider the Senate's resolution creating the grade of Lieutenant-General.

Mr. Meade offered a resolution that the construction of the law relative to public printing be referred to the Attorney General for his decision, which was not agreed to.

Mr. Thompson moved that a committee be appointed to wait on the President and inform him if he had not any further communication to make, the House would adjourn *sine die*.

There was now great confusion and flustering all over the House. Members sprang to their feet, and there was a general shaking of hands, and exchanging congratulations among all on so happy a termination of the session.

The committee entered in the midst of the confusion, and reported that they had waited on the President, who informed them that he had nothing further to communicate.

Mr. Stevens, of Pa., moved that the House adjourn *sine die*. The motion was carried by acclamation.

Here there was a scene of the wildest disorder. After a time, a calm was produced to enable the Speaker to say a few parting words.

Mr. Speaker Cobb arose and made a beautiful and elegant speech. He reviewed the proceedings of the session, which has closed so harmoniously, leaving the Union still undisturbed. He tendered his heartfelt thanks to all the members for their deportment toward him during the exciting scenes of the session. He hoped the acts passed by them would redound to the credit and honor of the country.

THE COTTON CROP.—In the report of our cotton market in our last issue, we remarked that the Flint River crop was nearly all in, and instead of the crop exceeding last year's by ten or fifteen per cent., as was generally believed, until the first of December, it is found that it turns out short of the last crop. Since making up that report, our attention has been particularly called to this subject, and we have made inquiry as to the number of bales of cotton yet to be received, and the crop as compared with last year.

From the best information we can obtain, we find there is not 300 bales of cotton to be received, and not 600 bales left in all for shipment. This is unprecedented for the Flint River, for there has been no season until the present, that there has not been a large part of the crop on hand awaiting shipment after the first of March.

It is believed now that the whole Flint River crop falls short of last year fully 15 per cent., which is the shortest cotton crop that has been made for some years, notwithstanding the increase of planting. [Albany Patriot.

AGRICULTURE.—At a recent sitting of the Paris Academy of Science, M. Mene, a practical chemist and a lecturer of repute, laid before it the results of his experiments on the influence of plaster (sulphate of lime) on vegetation. He announced them thu—"Since the memorable experiment of Franklin, the world has conceded to plaster (sulphate of lime) a fecundating property and useful agency for agriculture." He concludes from the facts he addduced, 1st. That plaster possesses, of itself, no fecundating power, and singly cannot serve as manure. 2d. That it is useful for agriculture only so far as it is mixed with ammoniacal substances. 3d. That it may be replaced by any salt holding the ammoniac in compounds, not volatile, at common temperature. He adds—"I hope to cause, next year, the frequenters of the grounds of Vaugirard to admire more than one field, of which the vegetation will be active and extraordinary—thanks to each of a number of salts which I have mentioned in my memoir."

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