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SENATE.

WEDNESDAY, March 7, 1866.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Present, Hon. Albert Voorhies, Lieutenant Governor and President of the Senate; Messrs. Anderson, Armstrong, Barrow, Berthe, Campbell, Cooley, Duvignaud, Ellis, Fellowes, Foute, Gibson, Gordon, Hough, Kavanagh, Kenner, Lapeyre, Lott, Munday, Newton of Jackson, Newton of Morehouse, Poché, Purcell, Scruggs, Taylor, and Welch—22 Senators.

The proceedings were opened with prayer offered by the Rev. Jeremiah Moynihan, of the Roman Catholic Church.

The journal of yesterday was read and approved.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATION.

The President laid before the Senate the following communication, to-wit:

STATE OF LOUISIANA, EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, New Orleans, March 7, 1866.

To the President of the Senate:

I am instructed by his Excellency the Governor to inform the Senate that he has approved and signed

An act providing for the election of district and parish officers throughout the State, on the first Monday of May, 1866;

And an act to regulate the sale of property seized under an order of seizure and sale or writ of fieri facias.

(Signed) N. C. SNETHEN, Private Secretary.

MESSAGE TO THE HOUSE.

The Secretary informed the House of the concurrence by the Senate in House bill entitled

An act to extend the limits of the town of Donaldsonville.

And he informed the House that the President of the Senate had signed the following entitled House bills and joint resolutions:

An act to incorporate the town of Monroe, in the parish of Ouachita, and to provide for the government of the same;

Joint resolution to receive papers from the late Surveyor General;

And joint resolution requesting the Governor to instruct the Attorney General to investigate certain proceedings wherein the interests of the State are involved, and report.

REPORT OF ENROLLED BILLS.

Mr. Munday, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported as correctly enrolled Senate bills of the following titles, to-wit:

An act to authorize Caroline Vanhille, wife of Lucius J. Dupré, of St. Landry, to alienate her dotal property;

An act to amend and re-enact an act entitled

An act to authorize the construction of a drawbridge across the Bayou Lafourche, approved March 9th, 1855;

An act for the relief of Louis Palms, late Register of the United States land office for the south-eastern district of Louisiana;

An act to authorized the officiating clergyman of the Catholic congregation of St. James to sign certain acts;

Joint resolution granting leave of absence to the Hon. John Henry Ilsley, Judge of the Supreme Court of the State of Louisiana;

An act authorizing the lease of the State Laboratory, at Mount Lebanon, in the parish of Bienville;

An act granting ferry privileges to C. K. Marshall, his heirs and assigns;

An act providing for the drawing of juries in the parishes of St. Martin and Vermillion;

An act for the relief of William Lockwood;

An act for the relief of the Louisiana State Seminary of Learning and Military Academy;

And the Secretary was directed to request the signature of the Speaker of the House thereto.

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES.

Mr. Berthe, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred Senate bill entitled "an act to authorize Mrs. Felicie Prevost, wife of Louis Gougis, to alienate her dotal property," submitted a favorable report.

Mr. Scruggs, from the Committee on Charitable Institutions, to whom was referred Senate bill entitled "an act to regulate the administration of the Charity Hospital of the city of New Orleans," submitted a favorable report.

Mr. Lapeyre, from the Committee on Banks and Banking, to whom was referred Senate's resolution of instruction relative to continuing the Board of Currency, reported a bill entitled "an act to abolish the Board of Currency," which was passed to a second reading.

REPORTS FROM SELECT COMMITTEES.

Mr. Duvignaud, from the select committee, to whom was referred House bill entitled "an act requiring bakers to stamp the weight on all loaves of bread offered for sale," submitted an adverse report.

Mr. Foute, from the select committee to whom was referred the petition of property owners asking that the city charter be so amended that the city shall pay one-third of the cost of paving the streets and sidewalks," reported a bill entitled "an act to amend section one hundred and nine of an act to amend an act entitled an act to consolidate the city of New Orleans and the administration of the affairs thereof," approved March 20th, 1856," which was passed to a second reading.

BILLS INTRODUCED WITHOUT NOTICE.

The hereinafter named Senators, without previous notice given, and with a suspension of the rules first granted, respectively asked and obtained leave to introduce the following entitled bills, which were disposed of as indicated below, to-wit:

Mr. Duvignaud—

An act to amend an act entitled "an act relative to the district courts for the parish and city of New Orleans," approved March 20, 1865;

Which underwent its several readings, it passed, and the Secretary was directed to request the concurrence of the House therein.

Hon. Victor Berthe in the Chair,

Mr. Scruggs—

An act for the relief of the charitable institutions of the State of Louisiana and city of New Orleans;

Which underwent its first and second readings by title, and it was ordered to be referred to the Committee on Charitable Institutions.

Mr. Ellis—

An act for the relief of Abraham Penn of the parish of St. Tammany;

An act for the relief of the sureties of the official bond of Jacob Vergnes, deceased, late State tax collector of the parish of St. Tammany;

Which also underwent their first readings by their respective titles, and they were ordered to a second reading.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE.

Mr. E. W. Burke, Assistant Clerk of the House of Representatives, requested the concurrence of the Senate to the following entitled bills of the House, to-wit:

An act to regulate the commissions of State tax collectors in certain cases;

An act to authorize the Common Council of the city of New Orleans to divide said city into urban and rural parts, and to levy a tax in said portions of the city for the purposes hereinafter set forth;

An act conferring additional powers on the clerks of the district courts, except in the parish of Orleans;

And an act fixing the terms of courts in the twelfth judicial district.

He informed the Senate that the House had concurred in the amendments in Senate bill entitled

An act to amend the first section of an act entitled an act relative to forced surrenders and the mode of making the same, approved March 14th, 1855;

That the House refused to concur in Senate's amendments to House joint resolution relative to the tax on gross sales and receipts.

And he informed the Senate that the Speaker *pro tem.* of the House had signed Senate enrolled bills and joint resolution of the following titles, to-wit:

An act providing for the drawing of juries in the parishes of St. Martin and Vermillion;

An act for the relief of the Louisiana State Seminary of Learning and Military Academy;

An act to authorize the officiating clergyman of the Catholic congregation of St. James to sign certain acts;

An act authorizing the lease of property of the State Laboratory at Mount Lebanon, in the parish of Bienville;

An act for the relief of Wm. Lockwood;

An act to authorize Caroline Vanhille, wife of Lucius J. Dupré, of St. Landry, to alienate her dotal property;

An act to amend and re-enact an act entitled an act to authorize the construction of a drawbridge across the Bayou Lafourche, approved March 9th, 1855;

An act for the relief of Louis Palms, late Register of the United States land office for the south-eastern district of Louisiana;

And joint resolution granting leave of absence to the Hon. John Henry Ilsley, Judge of the Supreme Court of the State of Louisiana;

Which bills and joint resolution thereupon received the signature of the President of the Senate, and were by Mr. Munday, on behalf of the Committee on Enrolled Bills, submitted to his Excellency the Governor for his approval and signature.

SENATE BILLS PASSED.

On motion of Mr. Duvignaud, the rules were suspended and the Senate proceeded to the consideration of Senate bill entitled

An act to authorize Mrs. Felicie Prevost, wife of Louis Gougis, to alienate her dotal property;

Which underwent its second and third readings, it passed and the Secretary was directed to request the concurrence of the House therein.

Hon. Albert Voorhies, Lieut. Governor and President of the Senate, in the Chair.

On motion of Mr. Scruggs the rules were suspended and the Senate proceeded to the consideration of Senate bill entitled

An act to regulate the administration of the Charity Hospital of the city of New Orleans;

Which underwent its second and third readings, it passed, and the Secretary was directed to request the concurrence of the House therein.

Mr. Duvignaud moved to suspend the rules, with the view of taking up Senate bill entitled "an act to provide for the collection of State taxes and licenses on professions, etc., in the city of New Orleans," and passing the same to its third reading.

On which motion Mr. Kenner called for the yeas and nays, they were ordered, and being taken, resulted as follows, to-wit:

Yeas—Messrs. Anderson, Armstrong, Barrow, Campbell, Duvignaud, Ellis, Gibson, Hough, Kavanagh, Kenner, Lapeyre, Lott, Munday, Newton of Jackson, Newton of Morehouse, Palfrey, Scruggs, Taylor and Welch—19 Senators.

Nays—Messrs. Fellowes, Gordon and Purcell—3 Senators.

So, four-fifths of the Senators present voting in the affirmative, the rules were suspended and the bill was taken up.

On motion of Mr. Duvignaud, this bill underwent its third reading, it passed, and the Secretary was directed to request the concurrence of the House therein.

On motion of Mr. Lapeyre, the rules were suspended, and the Senate proceeded to the consideration of Senate bill entitled an act to abolish the Board of Currency, which underwent its second and third readings, it passed, and the Secretary was directed to request the concurrence of the House therein.

HOUSE BILL REFERRED.

On motion of Mr. Newton of Morehouse, the Senate proceeded to the consideration of House bill entitled an act for the relief of the heirs and legal representatives of Benjamin Ray, deceased, when, on motion of Mr. Gordon, the further consideration of this bill was postponed, and it was ordered to be recommitted to the Committee on Finance.

On motion of Mr. Lott, the rules were suspended, and the Senate proceeded to the consideration of House bill entitled an act for the relief of J. D. Lott, which underwent its first and second readings by its title, and it was ordered to be referred to the Committee on Claims.

On motion of the same Senator, the rules were suspended, and the Senate proceeded to the consideration of House bill entitled an act to authorize George G. Willson, of the parish of Carroll, to make title to certain property of his minor children by notarial acts, which underwent its first and second readings by its title, and it was ordered to be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

JOINT RESOLUTIONS FIXED FOR A PARTICULAR DAY.

On motion of Mr. Lott, the rules were suspended, and the Senate proceeded to the consideration of Senate's joint resolution asking Congress to call a constitutional convention for the purpose of proposing amendments to the Constitution of the United States of America, when, on motion of the same Senator, the further consideration of these joint resolutions were postponed, and they were made the special order of the day for Monday next.

SENATE RECEDES FROM ITS AMENDMENTS TO A HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION.

On motion of Mr. Kenner, the rules were suspended, and the Senate proceeded to the consideration of Senate's amendment to House joint resolution relative to the tax on gross sales and receipts, in which the House refuses to concur; when, on motion of the same Senator, the Senate receded from its amendment, and the Secretary was directed to inform the House thereof.

HOUSE BILL CONCURRED IN.

On motion of Mr. Poché, the rules were suspended, and the Senate proceeded to the consideration of House bill entitled "an act relative to judicial advertisements;" being a substitute for Senate bill entitled an act to repeal an act, approved on the 17th of March, 1859, entitled "an act to amend an act entitled an act relative to judicial advertisements," approved on the 12th of March, 1855, and to re-enact the third section of the act entitled "an act relative to judicial advertisements;" approved on the 12th of March, 1855.

On motion of the same Senator, the above entitled Senate bill was ordered to lie on the table.

On motion of the same Senator, the House substitute was considered; it underwent its several readings; it was concurred in, and the Secretary was directed to inform the House thereof.

HOUSE AMENDMENTS CONCURRED IN.

On motion of Mr. Munday, the rules were suspended, and the Senate proceeded to the consideration of House amendments to Senate bill entitled "an act to amend the first section of an act entitled an act relative to forced surrenders and the mode of making the same," approved March 14, 1855.

The House amendment being to insert after the word "attorney," in the first section, the following words, to-wit:

And in order to ascertain who are the creditors of said debtor, the judge shall order the debtor to file a schedule of his creditors within a delay to be fixed by the judge, together with their residences and the sums due them, and in case all or part of his debts, consist of obligations in the shape of negotiable instruments, the holders of which are unknown to him, he shall give an accurate description of the same under oath; and should the debtor fail or refuse to comply with this order, he shall be proceeded against as provided for in the second section of said act for failure to make a surrender.

On motion of Mr. Munday, the above amendment was concurred in.

The House amendment being to strike out the second section of the bill,

On motion of Mr. Munday the above amendment was also concurred in.

And the Secretary was directed to inform the House thereof.

On motion of Mr. Foute, the rules were suspended and the Senate proceeded to the consideration of Senate bill, entitled an act to amend section 119 of an act to amend an act entitled an act to consolidate the city of New Orleans, and to provide for the government of the city of New Orleans and the administration of the affairs thereof, approved March 20, 1856, pending the consideration of which, on motion of Mr. Scruggs, the Senate adjourned until to-morrow at 12 o'clock M.

HENRY B. KELLY, Secretary of the Senate.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

HALL OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, Thursday, March 6, 1866.

The House met at 12 o'clock M.

Present, Hon. J. B. Elam, Speaker *pro tem.*, and Messrs. Anderson J., Anderson Samuel, Austin, Addison, Bailey, Barry, Blackman, Bonnabel, Brown, Bruton, Collins, Davenport, Duigle, Drake, Deporter, DeLabarre, Decker, Drew, Duralde, Duffel, Dugas, Eastin, Eager, Eldridge, Eustis, Edwards, Fagot, Fenner, Freret, Fishburn, Fulda, Gates, Gaisser, Gantt, Green, Gottschalk, Hanlon, Harrison, Head, Hatch, Holt, Hudspeth, Jonas, Kint, Kelly, Kle Labranche Lagroue, Leeds, Lemaric, LeBlanc, Martin, Meredith, McKelvey, McEnery, McConnell, McDonald, McCloskey, Moreland, Montgomery, Murray, Nelligan, Nutt, Peterson, Phillips James, Phillips Alf., Powell, Pujo, Regenberg, Richards, Rogers, Ryan, Sambola, Scanlan, Simonds, Snider, Smith, Stille, Solomon, Tete, Texada, Theriot, Thieneman, Tucker, Voorhies, Whittington, Waggaman, Williamson, Waddell and Weeks—88 Representatives.

Prayer was offered by the Rev. Father Chalons.

The journal of yesterday was read and approved.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

Mr. Regenberg, chairman, on behalf of the Committee on Public Education, reported favorably on bills Nos. 232 and 235.

An act authorizing the lease of property of the State Laboratory at Mount Lebanon in the parish of Bienville.

An act to amend the second section of an act to amend the act entitled an act for the organization and government of the State Seminary of Learning, established near Alexandria, approved March 18th, 1858, and making an appropriation for the same, approved March 7, 1860.

Mr. Gates, chairman, on behalf of the Committee on Claims, reported favorably on bill 230.

An act for the relief of W. H. C. King & Co.;

And unfavorably, for want of evidence, on

No. 136—An act for the relief of the sureties of Louis L. Morgan, deceased, late State Tax Collector of the parish of St. Tammany, Louisiana;

And No. 202—An act to provide for the relief of A. N. Ogden, of the parish of Rapides;

And on 226—An act for the relief of W. T. Hall;

Favorably, with an amendment, changing the sum appropriated from $300 to $250.

And on 173—An act for the relief of S. L. Slack;

Favorably, with an amendment, changing the appropriation from $300 to $150.

Mr. Stille, according to previous notice given, moved that the vote by which House bill 112,

An act for the relief of James M. Pinnegar and John McLean,

Was lost on its second reading; and the vote was reconsidered, and the bill was again placed upon the private calendar.

Mr. S. P. DeLabarre, chairman Enrolling Committee, on behalf of the Committee on Enrollment, has the honor to report as correctly enrolled the following, to-wit:

Joint resolution requesting the Governor to instruct the Attorney General to investigate certain proceedings wherein the interests of the State are involved, and report;

Joint resolution to receive papers from late Surveyor General.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION.

Mr. Smith offered the following concurrent resolution:

WHEREAS, Information has been given to members of this House that a secret association, composed of the police of this city, has been formed for the purpose of controlling and influencing the elections in this city; and, whereas, such associations are illegal and inimical, and in violation of the peace and dignity of the State; be it

Resolved, That a committee of ten members of this House and —— members of the Senate be appointed by the Speaker of the House and by the President of the Senate, to wait upon the Governor and co-operate with him in proper measures to suppress such associations, and enforce against such offenders the penalties of the law, with authority to summon witnesses and procure the necessary evidence in regard to such transactions.

The resolution was adopted, and Messrs. Smith, Leeds, Jonas, Scanlan, McConnell, Fulda, McEnery, Williamson, Eldridge and Tucker were appointed as members of the said joint committee on the part of the House.

BILLS INTRODUCED.

Mr. Whittington introduced the following entitled bills, which, under a suspension of the rules, were read a second time and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary:

298—An act to provide for the taking of testimony of witnesses by commission in other cases than those enumerated in articles 430 and 440 of the Code of Practice of the State of Louisiana.

299—An act to provide for summary proceedings in cases of trespasses;

300—An act to provide a mode of making amicable demand upon third possessors of hypothecated property, and establishing proof of the same;

301—An act to amend and re-enact section seven of an act entitled an act to regulate and define costs and fees generally, approved March 14, 1855;

And 302—An act to punish persons practicing as attorneys-at-law, who, having been entrusted with papers and documents by their clients, shall, upon demand, and without legal authority, refuse to return, or shall destroy the same.

Mr. McEnery introduced bill No. 297;

An act fixing the terms of court for the twelfth judicial district;

Which was, under a suspension of the rules, read a second and third time and passed.

SPECIAL ORDER OF THE DAY.

House bill No. 285, an act making appropriations for the general expenses of the State for the year ending the thirty-first day of December, eighteen hundred and sixty-six, being the special order of the day, was taken up.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House for the consideration of the above bill, Mr. Head in the Chair.

Upon rising, the committee reported through Mr. Head, its chairman, that the committee had considered the items of the bill *seriatim*, and had agreed to the following amendments, which it recommends be adopted, and the bill be passed.

Amendments proposed by the committee of the whole: In the two hundred and eleventh line insert the words "New Orleans," after the word "Asylum;" in the two hundred and fourteenth line insert the same words after the words "Fourth District;" in the two hundred and seventeenth line after the word "orphans;" in the two hundred and twentieth line after the word "district;" in the two hundred and twenty-third line after the word "streets;" in the two hundred and twenty-sixth line after the word "district;" in the two hundred and twenty-ninth line after the word "Paul;" in the two hundred and thirty-fifth line after the word "association;" in the two hundred and forty-eighth line after the word "streets," and in the two hundred sixty-third line after the word "streets."

The appropriation for the Home of Jewish Widows and Orphans was increased from $1000 to $1500. The words "St. Joseph of" were inserted in the two hundred and twenty-eighth line after the word "of."

The appropriation for the relief of the Society of Destitute Orphan Boys, Jefferson, was increased from two to three thousand dollars, and the words "for the relief" were inserted after the word "society," in the two hundred and fifty-sixth line. In the two hundred and sixty-second line the word "Poydras" was changed to "Dryades."

The report of the committee was adopted, and the bill, under a further suspension of the rules, was adopted on its second reading as amended, was ordered to be engrossed, was read a third time, passed and ordered to be sent to the Senate as follows:

AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE GENERAL EXPENSES OF THE STATE, FOR THE YEAR ENDING THE THIRTY-FIRST DAY OF DECEMBER, EIGHTEEN HUNDRED AND SIXTY-SIX.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana in General Assembly convened*, That the following sums be, and they are hereby appropriated for the following purposes, for the year ending the thirty-first day of December, eighteen hundred and sixty-six:

For the salary of the Governor, eight thousand dollars.

For the salary of the Lieutenant Governor, five thousand dollars.

For the salary of the Secretary of State, five thousand dollars.

For the salary of the State Treasurer, five thousand dollars.

For the salary of the Auditor of Public Accounts, five thousand dollars.

For the salary of the Attorney General, five thousand dollars.

For the salary of the State Superintendent of Public Education, three thousand dollars.

For the salary of the Governor's Private Secretary, twenty-five hundred dollars.

For the salary of the Governor's Messenger, three hundred and sixty dollars.

For the salary of the Clerk of the Secretary of State's office, fifteen hundred dollars.

For the salary of the Chief Clerk of the Treasurer's office, two thousand dollars.

For the salary of the Assistant Clerk of the Treasurer's office, twelve hundred dollars.

For the salary of the Chief Clerk of the Auditor's office, two thousand dollars.

For the salary of Assistant Clerk of the Auditor's office, twelve hundred dollars.

For the salary of the State Librarian, twelve hundred dollars.

For the salary of the Judges of the Supreme Court, thirty-five thousand five hundred dollars; and for arrearages of the year eighteen hundred and sixty-five, two hundred and thirteen dollars and eighty-six cents.

For the salary of the judges of the District Courts, ninety-five thousand dollars; and for arrearages of the year eighteen hundred and sixty-five, twenty-three thousand seven hundred and fifty dollars. For the salary of the district attorneys, fifteen thousand seven hundred and fifty dollars; and for the arrearages of the year eighteen hundred and sixty-five, three thousand nine hundred and twenty-five dollars.

For the salary of the clerk of the First District Court, six thousand dollars.

For the salary of the reporter of the Supreme Court, twenty-five hundred dollars; and for arrearages of the year eighteen hundred and sixty-five, four hundred and sixteen dollars and sixty-five cents.

For the salary of the Register of the State Land Office, and contingent expenses of said office, six thousand dollars.

For the salary of the clerk of the State Land Office, two thousand dollars.

For the salary of State Engineer, five thousand dollars; and for arrearages of the year eighteen hundred and sixty-five, eight hundred and thirty-three dollars and thirty-three cents.

For the salary of the interpreter of the First District Court of New Orleans, one thousand dollars.

For the salary of the sergeant-at-arms of the Senate, fifteen hundred dollars.

For the salary of the sergeant-at-arms of the House of Representatives, fifteen hundred dollars.

For the salary of the watchman of the State buildings, six hundred dollars.

Contingent expenses of the Executive, five thousand dollars; and for arrearages of the year eighteen hundred and sixty-five, twenty-five hundred dollars.

Contingent expenses, and expenses incident to the distribution of the laws by the Secretary of State, five hundred dollars.

Contingent expenses of the State Treasurer, five hundred dollars.

Contingent expenses of the Auditor of Public Accounts, one thousand dollars.

Contingent expenses of the State Superintendent of Public Education, three hundred dollars.

Contingent expenses of the Attorney General, two hundred dollars.

Contingent expenses of the State library, three hundred dollars.

Compensation to assessors out of general fund, current school fund and internal improvements tax fund, twenty-five thousand dollars.

Commissions to tax collectors out of general fund, current school fund and internal improvements tax fund, twenty-five thousand dollars.

Commissions to district attorneys, for collecting bonds of defaulting tax collectors, five hundred dollars.

Deductions to tax collectors out of general fund, current school fund and internal improvements tax fund, seventy-five thousand dollars.

Interest on bonds issued to New Orleans and Nashville Railroad Company, for the year eighteen hundred and sixty-six, twenty-eight thousand nine hundred and eighty dollars.

Interest on bonds issued to Charity Hospital, for the year eighteen hundred and sixty-six, four thousand six hundred and fifty dollars.

Interest on bonds issued to Mexican Gulf Railroad Company, for the year eighteen hundred and sixty-six, six thousand dollars.

Interest on bonds issued for relief of State treasury, for the year eighteen hundred and sixty-six, forty-five thousand dollars.

Interest on bonds issued to New Orleans, Jackson and Great Northern Railroad Company, for the year eighteen hundred and sixty-six, fifty-three thousand and forty dollars.

Interest on bonds issued to New Orleans, Opelousas and Great Western Railroad Company, for the year eighteen hundred and sixty-six, thirty-nine thousand dollars.

Interest on bonds issued to Vicksburg, Shreveport and Texas Railroad Company, for the year eighteen hundred and sixty-six, seventeen thousand eight hundred and eighty dollars.

Interest on bonds issued to Baton Rouge, Grosse Tete and Opelousas Railroad Company, for the year eighteen hundred and sixty-six, four thousand five hundred and sixty dollars.

Reimbursement of swamp lands, erroneously sold, five thousand dollars.

Reimbursement of school lands, erroneously sold, two thousand dollars.

Reimbursement of internal improvement lands, erroneously sold, one thousand dollars.

Publishing decisions of the Supreme Court, five thousand dollars.

Pensions for life, one thousand five hundred dollars.

Maintenance of State convicts, fifteen thousand dollars, and arrearages for the year eighteen hundred and sixty-five, four thousand two hundred and seventy-nine dollars.

Indexing and binding notarial records, two hundred and fifty dollars.

Printing and advertising, fifty thousand dollars.

Support of free public schools, two hundred and fifty thousand dollars, or so much as may be raised from the mill and poll tax.

Recording lists of forfeited lands, five hundred dollars.

Recorder of Conveyances, for furnishing certificates to Board of Assessors of New Orleans, one thousand dollars.

Rent of State building, No. 58 Carondelet street, from the 1st of January to 31st of August, eighteen hundred and sixty-six, (at two hundred dollars per month) sixteen hundred dollars.

Support of Insane Asylum at Jackson, Louisiana, twenty-five thousand dollars, for current expenses for the year eighteen hundred and sixty-six, and two thousand five hundred dollars for repairs.

Support of Deaf, Dumb and Blind Asylum at Baton Rouge, ten thousand dollars.

Support of the Charity Hospital of New Orleans, ten thousand dollars, the same to be refunded from the proceeds of the receipts from the sale of lottery tickets.

APPROPRIATIONS.

Appropriation to Firemen's Charitable Association of New Orleans, four thousand dollars.

Appropriation to Camp Street Female Orphan Asylum, of New Orleans, three thousand dollars.

Appropriation to St. Joseph's Orphan Asylum, Fourth District, New Orleans, two thousand five hundred dollars.

Appropriation to Home of Jewish Widows and Orphans, New Orleans, one thousand five hundred dollars.

Appropriation to Widows' Home, Third District, New Orleans, one thousand dollars.

Appropriation to Orphan Girls' Asylum of the Immaculate Conception, corner of Love and Elmira streets, New Orleans, three thousand dollars.

Appropriation to St. Anne's Asylum, Fourth District, New Orleans, two thousand dollars.

Appropriation to Conference of St. Joseph of St. St. Vincent de Paul, Common street, two thousand dollars.

Appropriation to St. Mary's Catholic Orphan Boys' Asylum, Third District, New Orleans, four thousand dollars.

Appropriation to Ladies' Benevolent Association, New Orleans, fifteen hundred dollars.

Appropriation to St. Vincent's Infant Orphan Asylum, New Orleans, two thousand dollars.

Appropriation to St. Elizabeth's Asylum, Magazine street, New Orleans, three thousand dollars.

Appropriation to Ladies of Providence, corner of Laharpe and Johnson streets, Third District, New Orleans, fifteen hundred dollars.

Appropriation to Mrs. Richardson's Home for Aged and Infirm, corner of Second and New Levee streets, New Orleans, two thousand five hundred dollars.

Appropriation to Orphans Asylum, Seventh street, New Orleans, three thousand dollars.

Appropriation to House of the Good Shepherd, New Orleans, fifteen hundred dollars.

Appropriation for the Society for the relief of Destitute Orphans Boys, Jefferson, three thousand dollars.

Appropriation to Louisiana Retreat, Jefferson, five hundred dollars.

Appropriation to St. Dominican's Convent, corner of Dryades and Calliope streets, New Orleans, two hundred and fifty dollars.

Appropriation to Female Orphan Asylum, Carrollton, one thousand dollars.

Appropriation to Children's Home, No. 345 Chartres street, New Orleans, twenty-five hundred dollars.

Appropriation to Female Orphan Asylum, Baton Rouge, two thousand dollars.

Appropriation to St. Vincent's Orphan Asylum, Donaldsonville, three thousand dollars.

Appropriation to Benevolent Association of Catholic Ladies, Baton Rouge, one thousand dollars.

Appropriation for translating the laws of eighteen hundred and sixty-six, fifteen hundred dollars.

Appropriation for the expenses of the State Engineer's Department, one thousand dollars.

Appropriation for two additional clerks in Treasurer's Office, during the year eighteen hundred and sixty-six, twelve hundred dollars each.

House bill No. 264, an act to authorize the common council of the city of New Orleans to divide the said city into urban and rural parts, and to levy a tax in said portions of the city for the purposes hereinafter set forth,

Having likewise been fixed as the special order for to-day, was taken up on its second reading and amended as follows: Change the word "thirty," in the eighteenth line, fifth section, to "ten."

Mr. McConnell moved to commit the bill to the Committee on Amendments to the City Charter.

Lost.

Mr. Solomon moved the previous question, which being seconded by the House; the bill was read a second time and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Solomon moved a reconsideration of the engrossment and second reading.

Carried.

And on his motion, the blank in the third line, sixth section, was filled with, the words "second Monday after their first regular meeting."

The bill was then read a second time, ordered to be engrossed, was read a third time, passed as follows, and was ordered to be sent to the Senate:

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW ORLEANS TO DIVIDE SAID CITY IN URBAN AND RURAL PARTS, AND TO LEVY A TAX IN SAID PORTIONS OF THE CITY, FOR THE PURPOSES HEREINAFTER SET FORTH.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana in General Assembly convened*, That the common council shall, every year, before imposing any tax, fix and determine by ordinance a division line between the rural and urban parts of the city, in conformity with the following provisions:

SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted, etc.*, By the urban is meant that portion of territory within the general limits which is not only divided in streets, but in which the public works, and certain other acts of municipal government, exclusively concerning that portion, are executed at public expense. By rural part is meant all that territory divided or not divided in streets, cultivated or waste, which is not embraced within the above described limits.

SEC. 3. *Be it further enacted, etc.*, That when the neglect of any proprietor in the rural parts shall make it necessary for the city to execute therein such public works as are to be made by and at the cost of said proprietor, by virtue of any laws or ordinances, [then, and in that case, the city shall have the right to recover, before any competent tribunal, in addition to the expenses thereby incurred, twenty-five per cent. on the amount of said expenses, with preference and privilege upon the said property.

SEC. 4. *Be it further enacted, etc.*, The rural parts shall not be made to contribute by taxation to the payment of expenditures incurred for the exclusive benefit of the urban parts.

SEC. 5. *Be it further enacted, etc.*, That the common council, before they shall fix and decide on the amount of taxes to be assessed for the urban and rural parts of the city, shall cause to be made out a budget or estimate, exhibiting the various items of expenditure, including also the necessary amount for contingent expenses required to be incurred during the current year for the urban part, and another budget or estimate exhibiting the various items of expenditure, including also the necessary amount for contingent expenses to be incurred during the current year for the rural part. These budgets or estimates shall be published in French and English in the official paper, during at least ten days before the meeting, when the council shall fix and decide on the amount of taxes to be assessed; and such rate of taxation shall then be fixed and assessed respectively for the urban and rural parts as may be necessary to supply any deficiency in the treasury for meeting the amount of said estimates; *provided*, that the amount of taxes assessed on urban property shall not exceed one dollar and fifty cents per hundred dollars.

SEC. 6. *Be it further enacted, etc.*, That the Common Council of the city of New Orleans shall, on the ———— elect every year one or more syndics for the rural portion of the city, whose duties are defined by the ordinances of the city now in force, or may hereafter be ordained. The salary of said syndics shall not be less than eighty dollars a month, payably monthly by the city treasury.

SEC. 7. *Be it further enacted, etc.*, That this act shall take effect from and after its passage, and all laws or parts of laws inconsistent with this act, be and the same are hereby repealed.

Mr. Elam, by permission of the House, called up out of its order House bill No. 121, reported by the Committee on the Judiciary, entitled

An act conferring additional powers on the clerks of the district courts except in the parish of Orleans.

The bill being on its first reading, Mr. Whittington offered an additional section to come in as section sixth as follows:

Be it further enacted, etc., That the said clerk shall have power to receive and fill supplemental petitions and answers during vacation, and issue the necessary process thereon;

Provided, That the adverse party shall have the same right and time within which to urge any legal objections to said supplemental petitions and answers as if leave had been asked to file the same in open court.

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Elam offered an additional section, to come in as the last section, as follows:

SEC. 7. *Be it further enacted, etc.*, That this act shall take effect from and after its passage.

And the section being adopted, the bill was read a second time, engrossed and passed.

On motion of Mr. McEnery, Senate bill No. 268,

An act for the relief of the Baton Rouge, Grosse Tete and Opelousas Railroad Company,

Was taken up out of order on the first reading, and, on a suspension of the rules, was read a second and third time.

Mr. McEnery moved that the bill be put upon its final passage.

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE.

By messages sent through Assistant Secretary O. Arroyo, Esq., the Senate asked the concurrence of the House in a bill entitled

An act for the relief of State tax collectors.

And announced that the Senate had concurred in three House bills:

No. 114—An act to provide for the election and commission by the Governor of a justice of the peace for the town of Monroe, in the parish of Ouachita, and to define his powers.

No. 122—An act to establish a ferry across the Atchafalaya river at Simmsport;

No. 185—An act granting to L. M. Corell, of the parish of Point Coupee, and M. McDavite, of the parish of St. Landry, the right of keeping a ferry across the Atchafalaya river at Centreport;

Also announcing that the President of the Senate had signed House enrolled bill No. 254;

An act to provide for the better management of the Asylum for the Deaf, Dumb and Blind at Baton Rouge;

And that the Senate had concurred in House amendments to Senate bill entitled an act for the relief of the Louisiana State Seminary of Learning and Military Academy.

And, pending the motion of Mr. McEnery, to put the Baton Rouge and Grosse Tete Railroad bill upon its final passage, on motion of Mr. Elam, the House adjourned.

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