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The Omnibus Bill.

The following is the text of the omnibus bill as it went to the president:

An act to admit the States of North Carolina, South Carolina, Louisiana, Georgia and Florida to representation in Congress:

WHEREAS, The people of North Carolina, South Carolina, Louisiana, Georgia, Alabama and Florida have, in pursuance of the provisions of an act entitled "An act for the more efficient government of rebel States," passed March 2, 1867, and the act supplemental thereto, framed constitutions of State government which are republican, and have adopted said constitutions by large majorities of the votes cast at the elections held for the ratification or repealing of the same; therefore,

Be it enacted, That each of the States of North Carolina, South Carolina, Louisiana, Georgia, Alabama and Florida shall be entitled and admitted to representation in Congress as a State of the Union, when the legislatures of such States shall have duly ratified the amendment to the Constitution of the United States proposed by the Thirty-ninth Congress, and known as article fourteen, upon the following fundamental conditions:

SECTION 1. That the Constitution of neither of said States shall ever be amended or changed as to deprive any citizen, or class of citizens, of the United States of the right to vote in said State who are entitled to vote by the Constitution herein recognized, except as punishment of such crimes as are now felonies at common law, whereof they shall have been duly convicted, under laws equally applicable to all the inhabitants of said State; *Provided*, That any alteration of said Constitutions, prospective in its effect, may be made with regard to time and place of residence of voters. And the State of Georgia shall only be entitled and admitted to representation upon this further fundamental condition: That the first and third subdivisions of section 17 of the fifth article of the Constitution of said State, except the proviso to the first subdivision, shall be null and void; and that the general assembly of said State, by solemn public act, shall declare the assent of the State to the foregoing fundamental condition.

SEC. 2. That if the day fixed for the first meeting of the legislature of either of said States by the Constitution or ordinance thereof shall have passed, or so nearly arrived before the passage of this act that there shall not be time for the legislature to assemble at the period fixed, such legislature shall convene at the end of twenty days from the time this act shall take effect, unless the governor elect shall sooner continue the same.

SEC. 3. That the first section of this act shall take effect, as to each State except Georgia, when such State shall, by its legislature, duly ratify article 14 of the amendments to the Constitution of the United States, proposed by the Thirty-ninth Congress; and as to the State of Georgia, when it shall, in addition, give the assent of such State to the fundamental condition hereinbefore imposed upon the same. And thereupon the officers of each State duly elected and qualified under the Constitution thereof, shall be inaugurated without delay; but no person prohibited from holding office under the United States or under any State by the proposed amendment to the Constitution of the United States, known as Article 14, shall be deemed eligible to any office in either of said States unless relieved from disability as provided in said amendment; and it is hereby made the duty of the president, within ten days after receiving official information of the ratification of said amendment by the Legislature of either of said States to issue a proclamation announcing that fact.

Impracticability of Re-Opening Bayou Manchac.

[From the St. Louis Democrat, 12th.]

Through the courtesy of Mitchell, Miltenberger & Tansey, a well-known commission house of this city, and proprietors and operators of the Transfer line, we are enabled to print the following views of an old engineer upon the impracticability of re opening Bayou Manchac:

ALTON, June 5, 1868.

Editors Missouri Democrat—I have observed by the public prints that you had under consideration the opening of Bayou Manchac to our commercial enterprise, and thinking that the information I possess in relation to this matter may be of some value, make the following communication in relation thereto:

I was State engineer of Louisiana in 1837, and made a survey of Bayou Manchac, in that State, under the instructions of its Board of Public Works. The same year I made an examination or inspection of the attempted improvement of Amite river, by a corporate company, from the southern line of the State of Mississippi to its mouth at Lake Mauripas, or rather through that lake to Pass Manchac and Lake Pontchartrain.

Bayou Manchac is about twenty miles below Baton Rouge, the first five miles of which is a dry bayou, or nearly so. It commences back of the roadway or levee at its mouth, with a breadth of some fifty or sixty feet, and depth only to admit the Mississippi waters at their highest stages, and then only in quantities sufficient for light pirogue or keel-boat navigation, should the levee at the mouth be removed. The fall in this five miles is nearly twenty four feet. At the end of this distance it passes the southern terminus of the high lands on which Baton Rouge is situated, and here it is joined by a bayou coming from the south which gives back drainage for the valuable sugar estates on the east side of the river, reaching from Bayou Manchac as far down as Plaquemine, if not to Donaldsonville, some twenty-five or thirty miles, or more. From this junction to the Amite river is a distance of above seven miles. The bayou is somewhat enlarged, but ordinarily is but a shallow, fordable stream.

The Amite river, from its crossing of the Mississippi line into the State of Louisiana to its meeting with its affluent, the Comite river, some six or eight miles south of Clinton, La., has its channel through a flat pine woods country, and if cleaned one season, may cut a new side track by the time another comes round, entirely obstructed by falling trees. Through the Amite to Bayou Manchac, where in former times there was a town called Galveston, the river is shallow and susceptible only of light navigation. From Bayou Manchac to Lake Mauripas the Amite is a handsome stream of some four or five hundred yards in breadth and four feet in depth. Lake Mauripas is about six miles across to Pass Manchac, which is its outlet into Lake Pontchartrain. This is a shallow lake with a muddy bottom, through which into the latter it is difficult to find above two and a half feet of water.

It is evident that this never could have been a route to satisfy the trade between the Mississippi river and the gulf coast of Mississippi, Alabama and Florida, for any great length of time after their earliest European settlements; and it seems to me upon the above descriptions, which are correct, it will require but little reflection to show the impracticability to undertake to make it answer for such at its present and future unmeasured magnitude. Besides, to admit a great volume of water through the bayou, the plantations which are drained by it as above described would be nearly or quite ruined. Respectfully submitted. GEO. W. LONG.

Sam Ward, who is prominent in the Butler report, is a good deal of a bird by all accounts, and a type of the generic Washington speculator. He has been all over the world, speaks German, Spanish, Italian and French; has visited Mexico and the Pacific coast, studied and become perfect in several Indian dialects, published a volume of poems, shipped before the mast, and knows every considerable public man in the country. He drinks only champagne, buys gold at the rate of fifty thousand at a stroke, wears good clothes, is never moody, takes life like a Dutch canal in Easter week and looks upon Congress as a sort of third house to himself. Such a genius has no dislike of Gen. Butler. He recognizes in the general a thorough man of the world, and attributes all his idiosyncracies to the slight accident of his New England birthplace. The more points Gen. Butler can make on Sam Ward, the more Sam Ward admires Gen. Butler. They match like an educated mule and Dan Rice's learned stallion. The admiration that is lost between them is unfathomable.—[Letter to Chicago Tribune.

WHY AMERICAN GIRLS STAY IN PARIS.—La Vie Parisienne contains a spicy article, entitled "American Ladies in Paris." Here is an extract from it, which explains one of the reasons why so many wealthy American ladies like to reside permanently in Europe: "Why is it," asks the paper, "that so many of these fair Americans prefer staying permanently in Europe? We know one of the reasons. Look at that charming brunette from New York. She is only twenty-two years old, though she looks a good deal older. Let her go back to New York, and in five or six years she will look like a European woman of forty-five; let her remain in Europe, and at the age of thirty-five she will be just as fresh and attractive as she is now. The American ladies know this full well. They are struck with the rosy looks of our women of thirty-five and forty, and they compare their appearance with that of their fair acquaintances of the same age in America." The Vie Parisienne thinks, however, that American women, desirous of preserving their charms as long as possible, should settle in Scandinavia. Scandinavian climate is a regular "beauty-preserver."

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THE R. W. GRAND LODGE OF LOUISIANA, I. O. O. F.

Meets semi-annually on the fourth Tuesday in January and July, in New Orleans. Officers for the present year 1868—R. M. Rusha, of No. 9, M. W. Grand Master; J. F. Huff, of No. 39—R. W. D. Grand Master; E. H. Fairchild, of No. 12, R. W. Grand Warden; Josiah Folger, of No. 6, R. W. Grand Secretary; F. W. Delsedenier, of No. 40, R. W. Grand Treasurer; Luther Homes, of No. 15, and J. G. Dunlap, of No. 13, R. W. G. Representatives G. L. U. S.; Rev. G. L. Moore, of No. 13, W. Grand Chaplain; John B. Heno, of No. 6, W. Grand Marshal; A. Mazureau, of No. 40, W. Grand Conductor; J. Reimer, of No. 10, Grand Guardian; P. G. J. N. Littlejohn, of No. 15, W. Grand Herald.

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All communications to the M. W. Grand Master or Grand Secretary should be forwarded to the office of the Grand Secretary, over the Crescent Mutual Insurance Company, corner of Camp street and Commercial Place.

JOSIAH FOLGER, Grand Secretary.

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LOUISIANA LODGE NO. 1.

Meets every Friday evening, in Lodge Room No. 1, over the Crescent Mutual Insurance Company. Officers—J. R. Lockwood, N. G.; C. A. Barnes, V. G.; M. Dusan, Secretary.

WASHINGTON LODGE NO. 3.

Meets every Thursday evening, in Marigny Buildings, Third District. Officers—Peter Richter, N. G.; John M. Coos, V. G.; Wm. Walsace, Secretary.

UNION LODGE NO. 5.

Meets every Monday evening, in Lodge Room No. 2, No. 82 Camp street, over the Chamber of Commerce. Officers—Wm. Hyland, N. G.; Wm. Hodgins, V. G.; Eugene Morris, Secretary.

CRESCENT LODGE NO. 8.

Meets every Thursday evening, in Lodge Room No. 3, over the Home Mutual Insurance Company, corner of Camp and Natchez streets. Officers—G. R. Cushing, N. G.; Jno. Quillan, V. G.; Henry Dart, Secretary.

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Meets every Thursday evening, in Jefferson Hall, corner of Magazine and Phillip streets, Fourth District. Officers—J. E. Randolph, N. G.; J. C. Golding, V. G.; A. Leidenheimer, Secretary.

TEUTONIA LODGE NO. 10.

Meets every Tuesday evening in Lodge Room corner of Customhouse street and Exchange Alley. Officers—F. Stahl, N. G.; G. Eckert, V. G.; Wm. Pfaff, Secretary.

ORLEANS LODGE NO. 11.

Meets every Tuesday evening in Lodge Room No. 1, over the Crescent Mutual Insurance Company. Officers—H. R. McVoy, N. G.; H. Paland, V. G.; S. R. Dickenson, Secretary.

COMMERCIAL LODGE NO. 12.

Meets every Wednesday evening in Lodge Room No. 2, No. 82 Camp street, over the Chamber of Commerce. Officers—Wm. J. Andrews, N. G.; Wm. C. Anderson, V. G.; Paul Haller, Secretary.

HOWARD LODGE NO. 13.

Meets every Thursday evening in Lodge Room No. 1, over the Crescent Mutual Insurance Company. Officers—James Trudeau, N. G.; J. M. Morris, V. G.; Henry Fisk, Secretary.

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Meets every Wednesday evening in Lodge Room No. 1, over the Crescent Mutual Insurance Company. Officers—J. P. Todd, N. G.; John L. Lewis, V. G.; Wm. F. Sylvester, Secretary.

DELTA LODGE NO. 15.

Meets every Monday evening in Lodge Room No. 1, over the Crescent Mutual Insurance Company. Officers—E. K. Boyd, N. G.; W. H. Wright, V. G.; J. H. Burk, Secretary.

TEMPLAR LODGE NO. 16.

Meets every Friday evening, in Lodge Room No. 3, over the Home Mutual Insurance Company, corner of Camp and Natchez streets. Officers—John H. Keep, N. G.; John E. Carlin, V. G.; A. Wallace Hunter, Secretary.

COVENANT LODGE NO. 17.

Meets every Tuesday evening, in the Marigny Buildings, Third District. Officers—John Grayer, N. G.; Chas. Adams, V. G.; Fred. Holyland, Secretary.

POLAR STAR LODGE NO. 19.

Meets every Wednesday evening, in Polar Star Room St. Louis street. Officers—A. Demares, N. G.; A. Meynier, V. G.; Ernest R. Wenck, Secretary.

MAGNOLIA LODGE NO. 22.

Meets every Tuesday evening, in Lodge Room No. 2, No. 82 Camp street, over the Chamber of Commerce. Officers—J. W. Frost, N. G.; J. T. McCormack, V. G.; Chas. Broker, Secretary.

INDEPENDENCE LODGE NO. 23.

Meets every Thursday evening, in Polar Star Room, St. Louis street. Officers—J. Frans, N. G.; J. L. Baltz, V. G.; G. Ritter, Secretary.

COLUMBUS LODGE NO. 24.

Meets every Friday evening, in their new Hall, Algiers. Officers—John M. Mead, N. G.; Liborio C. Duran, V. G.; Thos. P. Shaeburne Secretary.

GERMANIA LODGE NO. 29.

Meets every Tuesday evening, No. — Tchoupitoulas street, between Jackson and Phillip street, Fourth District. Officers—Chas. C. Neis, N. G.; D. Simon, V. G.; A. Gerstner Secretary.

PACIFIC LODGE NO. 33.

Meets every Wednesday evening in Pacific Hall, Jefferson City. Officers—James Wright, N. G.; H. C. Brown, V. G.; E. Bell, Secretary.

HERMAN LODGE NO. 39.

Meets every Wednesday evening in Marigny Buildings, Third District. Officers—H. Nolting, N. G.; L. Schmidt, V. G.; A. Roth, Secretary.

SOUTHWESTERN LODGE NO 40.

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Meets every Monday evening, in Room No. 3, over the Home Mutual Insurance Company, corner of Camp and Natchez streets. Officers—J. R. Walker, N. G.; R. G. Eyrich, V. G.; H. S. Bell, Secretary.

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