INSURANCE.

LOUISIANA MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY.

FOURTEENTH ANNUAL STATEMENT.

In conformity with the requirements of their Charter the Company publish the following statement:

Total Premiums for the year ending 29th February, 1868		$548,523 42
Viz—Fire Premiums	$266,272 87	
Marine Premiums	189,153 70	
River Premiums	103,097 15	$548,523 42
Less Return Premiums	$5,859 75	
Less Unearned Premiums	60,145 00	$66,004 75
Net Earned Premiums		$482,518 67
Losses Paid:		
Fire Losses	$62,597 26	
Marine Losses	184,872 79	
River Losses	94,592 09	
	$342,062 14	
Discount in lieu of Scrip	54,348 68	
Taxes and Internal Revenue	24,741 36	
Expenses, Rent, etc., less Discount Account	32,310 83	
Six per cent. Interest on outstanding Scrip to 1st March, 1868	37,777 80	$491,340 75
Reserved for Unadjusted Losses		$11,277 89

The Company have the following Assets, which in the Report of the Finance Committee of the Company, unanimously dopted by the Board of Trustees, are declared, after ample allowances and deductions are made, to be equivalent to a Cash Capital of $600,000, viz:

Invested in Real Estate	$48,998 11
Invested in Mortgage on Real Estate	79,019 30
Invested in City and other Bonds	89,220 00
Invested in Bank and other Stocks	123,585 00
Invested in Scrip of Insurance Companies	135,302 00
Loaned on Pledges	15,300 00
Bills Receivable	5,898 88
Premiums in course of Collection	7,362
Cash on hand	111,513 49
	$737,899 49

The above statement is a just, true and correct transcrip from the books of the Company.

CHAS. BRIGGS, President.
J. P. Roux, Secretary.

STATE OF LOUISIANA, Parish of Orleans, City of New Orleans.
Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 23d day of March, 1868.
PAUL W. COLLENS, Third Justice of the Peace.

Six per cent. interest on all outstanding Scrip will be paid the legal holders thereof on the second Monday of May next.

CHAS. BRIGGS, President.
ANT. CARRERE, Vice President.

TRUSTEES:

Charles Briggs,	A. R. Montgomery
Ant. Carrere,	A. Lecourt,
Geo. A. Fosdick,	Frank Williams,
R. Ernster,	Thomas Byrne,
Chas. Lafitte,	John Thornhill,
John S. Mackrell,	W. A. Violett,
P. Anderson,	Hugh Macdonald,
Alfred Kearny,	Wm. M. Pinckard,
A. Fredicks,	John S. Wallis,
Geo. W. Dunbar,	George Foster,
E. F. Stockmeyer,	Andrew Stewart,
Geo. W. Hynson,	L. B. Pothier,
Arch'd Montgomery	John Nixon, Jr.,
Henry J. Yoe,	E. Piaggio,
E. Marquess,	James Gallier,
Chas. Weissinger,	Rudolph Sieg,

H. F. Green.

NINETEENTH ANNUAL STATEMENT

—OF THE—

CRESCENT MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY.

New Orleans, May 23, 1868.

The Trustees, in conformity to the charter, submit the following statement of the affairs of the company on the 30th day of April, 1868:

Fire Premiums for year	$235,132 83	
Marine Premiums for year	94,062 83	
River Premiums for year	177,584 83	$507,779 23
Total net earned Premiums		$447,854 23
Fire losses paid and estimated	$39,509 63	
Marine	67,074 08	
River	85,572 47	
Paid Taxes	26,019 54	
Paid reinsurances and discount in lieu of scrip	60,103 30	
Paid interest, return premiums, general expenses less discount, etc.	67,649 03	395,919 13
Net profits		$51,935 10

The Company have the following Assets:

Bills Receivable	$37,494 38	
Loans on bonds and Mortgage	69,343 33	$106,837 69
Cash on hand	$104,577 34	
Loans on pledge of stocks on call	63,400 00	167,977 34
Loans on pledge of stocks on time	11,290 00	
Real Estate	75,000 00	
Scrips of other Companies and scrip account	45,082 48	131,372 48
Consolidated City Bonds	80,000 00	
City Bonds	96,580 00	
Bank and other stocks	196,937 17	323,517 17
Coupons for City Bonds past due		8,490 00
Due for Premiums in course of collection		41,620 00
		$779,814 68

The Company have also:

Suspended Notes, Stocks and Bonds		$435,365 21
Forfeited Scrip account		7,809 34
Interest uncalled for	$7,800 38	

The above statement is a true and correct transcript from the books of the Company.

THOS. A. ADAMS, President.
HENRY V. OGDEN, Secretary.

PARISH OF ORLEANS, City of New Orleans.
Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 23d day of May, 1868.
PARIS CHILDRESS, Second Justice of the Peace, Parish of Orleans.

The Company will pay interest at 6 per cent. in cash on all its Outstanding Certificates of Scrip to the legal holders thereof, on and after the second Monday in June next.

The Board of Trustees have also declared a Scrip Dividend of THIRTY-THREE AND ONE-THIRD per cent. on the earned premiums entitled to participation for the year ending April 30, 1868; for which certificates will be issued on and after the first Monday in August next, free of Government tax.

THOMAS A. ADAMS, President.
SAMUEL H. KENNEDY, Vice President.
HENRY V. OGDEN Secretary.

—TRUSTEES—

Thomas A. Adams,	Samuel H. Kennedy,
C. T. Boudecke,	Samuel B. Newman,
P. M. Foley,	Wm. Edwards,
A. G. Ober,	A. Thompson,
P. Simms,	John Phelps.
A. Baker Bader,	E. H. Summers.

COMMERCIAL INSURANCE COMPANY

SECOND ANNUAL STATEMENT.

In conformity with the requirements of their charter the COMMERCIAL INSURANCE COMPANY publish the following statement:

Amount of Premiums for the year ending 31st March, 1868

Fire Premiums	$42,526 44	
River Premiums	79,028 20	
Marine Premiums	39,608 11	$161,662 75

LOSSES PAID.

Fire losses	$13,599 29	
River Losses	84,244 73	
Marine Losses	24,373 70	
	$122,277 42	
Rebate	30,980 97	
Taxes	4,799 01	
Reinsurance	8,892 26	
Return Premiums	419 00	
Expenses, Profit and Loss, etc., less Interest	29,320 66	$197,189 32
		$35,526 36

ASSETS.

Cash on hand	$22,904 11	
Bills receivable	5,083 98	
Furniture	3,673 95	
Premiums due	24,066 45	
Stock Notes	854,225 00	$909,973 44

The above Statement is a just, true and correct transcript from the books of the company.

S. S. BUCKNER, President.
GEO. O. SWONY, Secretary.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this first day of April, 1868.
PARIS CHILDRESS, Second Justice Peace, Parish of Orleans.

INSURANCE.

MUTUAL AID AND BENEVOLENT LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

—OF—

Louisiana.

DIRECTORS:

J. M. LAPEYRE,	W. S. MOUNT.
JOHN DAVIDSON,	L. B. POTHIER.
H. ZUBERBIER,	WM. McCULLOCH,
I. N. MARKS,	C. CAVAROC,
E. F. SCHMIDT,	WM. CREEVY,
W. COOPER,	THOS K. FINLAY,
W. S. PIKE,	ANTHONY SAMBOLA,
DAVID McCOARD,	PATRICK IRWIN,
I. CAULFIELD,	JNO. C. SINNOTT,
GERARD STITH,	W. C. NICHOLS.

OFFICERS:

JNO. DAVIDSON, President;
W. S. PIKE, Vice President;
R. W. YOUNG, Secretary;
L. A. FOURNIER, Treasurer

W. B. ROONTZ, Attorney.
W. C. NICHOLS, M. D., Physician.
N. C. FOLGER, Agent,
Office No. 128 Carondelet street, Davidson's Row.

PIEDMOND REAL ESTATE MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

OF VIRGINIA

Authorized Capital $1,000,000.

All Loans made by this Company are Secured on Real Estate, first lien. No Loan permitted to exceed half the value of the property on which it is secured, and in case of Country Property, But things excluded from assessment.

87½ per cent. of profits paid to Policy Holders.

Dividends declared annually and transferred at end of every year to those who insure.

Policies issued on all the most approved plans.

Policies non-forfeitable. Rates of insurance low.

Premiums received in half cash, half note.

The officers and directors of this company include some of the ablest and most responsible gentlemen in the South.

W. C. CARRINGTON, President.
J. J. HOPKINS, Secretary.
C. H. PERROW, M. D., Medical Advisor.

DIRECTORS:

W. D. Cahill,	E. G. Thurmond,	J. R. Peebles,
Hudson Martin,	T. P. Fitzpatrick,	Wm. Gordon,
C. A. Shafter,	Wm. P. Shepherd,	D. D. Hartsook.

Liberal commissions will be paid to good agents in Texas, Arkansas and Louisiana.

D. H. MAURY, General Agent, 24 Union street, New Orleans.

FIREMENS' INSURANCE COMPANY OF NEW ORLEANS.

Capital Stock $500,000

With privilege to increase to $3,000,000.

Office No. 26 Camp street, Story Building, corner of Camp and Common streets.

B. L. MILLAUDON, President; J. M. LAPEYRE, Vice-President; E. N. GANUCHEAU, Secretary.

This Company offers to the insured the option of a rebate of 15 per cent., or a participation in the net profits, payable at the end of each year in case

SUN MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY OF NEW ORLEANS,

Office. No. 61 Camp Street.

Amount of premiums received during the year ending December 31st, 1867	$384,689 71
Assets on 31st December, 1867, valued at	767,763 31

NEW ORLEANS, January 23d, 1868.—The Board of Directors resolved to pay 6 per cent. interest on all outstanding Scrip; and further declared a Scrip Dividend of 35 per cent. on the net earned participating Premiums for the year ending December 31st, 1867. THOS. SLOO, Pres't. THOS. ANDERSON, Secretary. JNO. G. GAINES, V. P.

Directors for the year 1868—John G. Gaines, Henry Renshaw, H. T. Lonsdale, B. Biscoe, J. C. Barelli, Hugh Wilson, E. J. Hart, John C. Ricks, J. H. Stauffer, J. B. Bres, Thos. Sloo, I. N. Marks.

HOME MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY OF NEW ORLEANS.

Office, No. 78 Camp st., corner of Natchez street.

SIXTEENTH YEAR.

Premiums received during the year ending December 31, 1867	$321,590 06
Losses, taxes, expenses, re-insurance, etc., paid during same period	317,740 78
Assets on the 31st December, 1867	876 734 03

This Company continues to insure against the perils of the Seas, Rivers, and loss or damage by Fire, at the current rates of premium.

ALFRED MOULTON, President.
WM. M. PERKINS, Vice President.
A. W. HUNTER, Secretary.

TRUSTEES:

J. M. Allen,	J. H. Ludwigsen,	E. K. Converse,
A. Moulton,	Wm. Chambers,	A. H. May,
E. P. Kibell,	John T. Moore,	Robert Hare,
Wm. M. Perkins,	J. E. Isenhour,	John C. Rogers.

LOUISIANA EQUITABLE LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY.

Capital $500,000,

OFFICE, 143 CANAL STREET, NEW ORLEANS.

DIRECTORS:

John Pemberton,	W. S. Pike,	Edward Rigney,
E. A. Tyler,	J. W. Stone,	W B. Schmidt,
C. H. Slocomb,	A. Thompson,	Alexander Marks,
F. Delbondio,	Philip Meyer,	C. E. Girardey,
George A. Fosdick,	Edward Barnett,	Marshall J. Smith.

JOSEPH ELLISON, President, W. S. PIKE, Vice-President, ST. CLAIR DEARING, Gen. Agent, W. P. HARPER, Secretary.

MEDICAL EXAMINERS.

Dr. B. H. Moss, Dr. Sam'l Choppin, Dr. Y R. LeMonier, Dr. Henry smith, Dr. J. H. Lewis, Dr. W. C. Nicholls.

G. A. Breaux, Attorney.

ALL KINDS OF LIFE RISKS TAKEN—Ordinary Life and Annual Endowment; Ten Annual Endowment and Five Annual Endowment; Single Payment; Participating and Non-Participating, issued by this Company as low as any other Company.

ALL PAYMENTS NON-FORFEITABLE.

STAR MUTUAL INSURANCE CO.,

—OF—

NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA,

Continues to Take

Fire, River and Marine Risks at Tariff Rates.

—OFFICE—

NO. 14....CARONDELET STREET....NO. 14

CHAS. ENGSTFELD, Secretary.
LLOYD R. COLEMAN, President.

DIRECTORS:

Col. W. C. C. CLAIBORNE, No. 434 Dauphin street.
ADOLPH SCHREIBER, Esq., of E. J. Forstall & Sons.
FORRESTER DOLHONDE, Esq., of Cobb, Dolhonde & Co.
CHAS. G JOHNSEN, Esq., Cotton Factor.
J. P. TODD, Esq., of DeVan & Mason.
R. L. BRUCE, Esq., of Hill & Bruce.
ARTHUR FORSTALL, Esq., of J. G. Lingham & Co.
R. LAPLACE, Esq., No. 381 Old Levee street.
J. A. BRASELMAN, Esq., of J. A. Braselman & Co.
JOHN D. SPRITTON, Esq., of Britton & Moore.
B GERSON, Esq., Cotton Factor.
EDWARD COCHRAN, Esq., No. 163 Spain street.

FACTORS' AND TRADERS' INSURANCE COMPANY,

69 Carondelet Street 39

NEW ORLEANS, LA.

SECOND ANNUAL STATEMENT, YEAR ENDING 30TH APRIL, 1868.

Premiums for the year	$326 255 70
Losses Paid	122,710 66
Assets, 30th April, 1868	605,984 13

CASH DIVIDENDS DECLARED TO STOCKHOLDERS.

In Capital Stock Department.....TEN PER CENT.
In Premium Department....FIFTEEN PER CENT.

This Company continues to issue Policies on FIRE, RIVER and MARINE RISKS at the current rates of Premium.

All Dividends of the Company are payable in CASH, without discount.

MICHEL MUSSON, President.
HARMON DOANE, Vice President.
ED. A. PALFREY, Secretary.

TRUSTEES.

Moses Greenwood.	Richard Milliken.
J. W. Burbridge.	Samuel E. Moore.
W. A. Johnson.	W. H. Hennig.
John L Noble.	J. J. Warren.
John Chaffe,	Simon Bloch.
Hugh McCall.	R. T. Buckner.
Marshall J. Smith.	Samuel Friedlander.
I. Caulfield.	H. Prellsen.
Alfred S. Hunnington.	Wm. Creery.
L. H. Perry.	E. W. Rodd.
J. D. Bistr.	Joseph Hoy.
Robert Pitkin.	Perry Nugent.
	S. Cambon.

INSURANCE.

MERCHANTS' MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY OF NEW ORLEANS.

FOURTEENTH ANNUAL STATEMENT

In conformity with the requirements of their Charter, the Company publish the following

STATEMENT:

Premiums received during the year ending 31st May, 1868, including unearned premiums of the previous year:		
On Fire Risks		$813,684 43
On Marine Risks		238,734 17
On River Risks		99,543 62
Total Premiums		$1,151,962 22
Less Premiums Unearned 31st May, 1868	$226,847 00	
Return Premiums	23,471 07	$250,318 07
Net Earned Premiums 31st May, 1868		$901,644 15
Losses paid:		
On Fire Risks	$271,226 37	
On Marine Risks	173,940 58	
On River Risks	45,929 96	
	$491,096 91	
Taxes	28,015 61	
Reinsurance, Expenses, Profit and Loss, less interest	105,202 04	624,314 56
Net Profit		$277,329 59
The Company have the following assets:		
Real Estate		$159,617 87
Notes Secured by Mortgage		675,807 38
Notes Secured by Pledge		89 147 23
Cash on hand		128,478 24
Premiums in course of Collection		80,753 65
City Bonds		53,000 00
Bank and Railroad Stocks		104,200 00
Bills Receivable		127,154 72
Scrips of various Insurance Companies		40 805 00
Stock of Vallette Dry Dock Company		15,000 00
" Levee Steam Cotton Press		5,000 00
" Marine Dry Dock		3,700 00
" Merchants' Exchange		1,000 00
" Lightering and Wrecking Co		1,000 00
" Louisiana Equitable Life Ins. Co.		250 00
State Bonds		1,500 00
Total		$1,455,414 15
Less:		
Unclaimed interest and interest payable in July next on all outstanding Scrips of the Company	$101,246 15	
Thirty-five per cent. of Scrip issue of 1869, payable in July	70,675 75	
Unearned Premiums 31st May, 1868	226,847 00	$398,768 90
		$1,057,645 26

The above Statement is a just, true and correct transcript from the books of the Company.

JOHN PEMBERTON, President.
PAUL FOURCHY, Secretary.

STATE OF LOUISIANA, Parish of Orleans, City of New Orleans.
Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 9th day of June, 1868.
PAUL W. COLLENS, Third Justice of the Peace.

At a meeting of the Board of Directors, held on the 9th day of June, 1868, it was resolved to declare a Scrip Dividend of THIRTY PER CENT. on the Net Earned Participating Premiums for the year ending 30th May, 1868, for which certificates will be issued on and after the first day of August next. Also to pay on and after the second Monday in July next THIRTY-FIVE PER CENT. ON THE SCRIP ISSUE OF 1859, and six per cent. interest on all outstanding Scrips of the Company.

DIRECTORS:

John Pemberton,	P. Maspero,	David McCord,
M. Puig,	L. F. Generes,	Pierre Fouta,
Chas. Sagory,	John Morgan Hall	S. Z. Relf,
P. S Wilts,	J. J. Fernandez.	

MARINE LOSSES PAYABLE IN NEW YORK OR EUROPE.

The Louisiana Mutual Insurance Company,

OFFICE NO. 120 COMMON STREET,

Notify their friends and the public that they have made arrangements for the payment of losses on their Marine Risks, when so required, in New York, Liverpool, London and Havre without additional charge beyond the regular rates of premium established by the tariff of the New Orleans Board of Underwriters.

New Orleans, Oct. 16, 1868.

NEW ORLEANS MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY,

Office, Corner of Camp and Canal Streets.

EIGHTH YEAR.

Premiums received during the year ending December 31st, 1867	$411,205 41
Losses, Taxes, Expenses, Reinsurance, etc., paid during same period	$194,078 84
Assets on the 31st December, 1867	$526,564 89

NEW ORLEANS, January 11, 1868.

The Board of Directors have resolved to declare a scrip dividend of THIRTY PER CENT. on the net earned participating premiums for the year ending December 31, 1867; and have further resolved to pay Six Per Cent. interest on all outstanding certificates of Scrip, on and after the second Monday of March, 1868. J. TUYES, President.
J. W. HINCKS, Secretary.

DIRECTORS.

Geo. Urquhart,	T. B. Blanchard Jr.,	Chs. Lafitte,
A. Rocheteau,	Wm. Stevens,	J. M. Lapeyre,
G. W. Babcock,	J. A. White,	A. Schreiber,
Jno. Gaoche,	W. F. Williams,	J. Tuyes.

FINANCIAL.

JOHN A. WATKINS,

GENERAL BROKER,

And agent for the Sale, Purchase and Rent of Real Estate. Willing to pay State, City and United States Taxes and attend to the Assessment of the same. Office—No 8 Commercial Place.

PIKE, LAPEYRE & BROTHER—

(W. S. PIKE, J. M. LAPEYRE, ALEX. BROTHER,)

Bankers,

NEW ORLEANS LA.

J. HERNANDEZ,

BROKER,

No. 11 Carondelet Street.

Always on hand State and City Notes, Warrants, etc.

MACHINERY, HARDWARE.

SHAKESPEARE FOUNDRY,

NO. 208 GIROD STREET, BETWEEN BARONNE AND DRYADES STREETS,

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John Geddes. Jos. A. Shakespeare. S. Swoop.

GEDDES, SHAKESPEARE & CO.,

Iron and Brass Founders and Manufacturers. Manufacture every variety of Steam Engines, Sugar Mills, Saw Mills, Draining Machines, Mill and Gin Gearing and Grate Bars, Store Fronts, Columns, Ventilators and Sash Weights. Blacksmith Work of all kinds

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CRESCENT IRON WORKS,

Nos. 223 and 225 FRONT STREET, NEW ORLEANS

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Manufacturer of Crescent Brand HORSE SHOES.

Also, of Cary's PATENT EARTH BORER.

Orders left at Box 190 Mechanics' Exchange, or 1690 Post-office, will receive Prompt Attention.

LEEDS' FOUNDRY—

(ESTABLISHED IN 1836.)

Corner of Poland and Fourcher streets.

We beg leave to inform our friends and the public generally that we are prepared, as formerly, to manufacture Steam Engines, Boilers, Sugar Mills, Sugar Kettles, Draining Machines, Saw Mills, Cotton Presses, Screw Screws, Gin Gearing, Furnace Mouths, Grate Bars, all kinds of Plantation and Steamboat Works, and every description of Machinery in the South. LEEDS & CO.

Orders left at Box 73, Mechanics' and Dealers' Exchange, will receive prompt attention.

PROPOSALS.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS—SEALED Proposals for constructing the port on of the New Orleans, Mobile and Chattanooga Railroad between the cities of New Orleans and Mobile, embracing about 2,500,000 cubic yards of earthwork, the delivery of materials for and construction of 450 lineal feet of Truss Bridging, 25,000 lineal feet of Pile and Trestle Bridging, and for delivery of 400 000 Cross Ties, and other materials, will be received at the Company's office, in the city of New Orleans, up to 10 o'clock A. M., WEDNESDAY January 20, 1869.

Maps and profiles of the line, plans of structure, and approximate amounts of work to be done will be exhibited at the same office on and after December 10 1868, and blank forms furnished for contracts, specifications, propositions, etc., etc.

All proposals to be addressed to Henry Van Vleck, Chief Engineer, for the New Orleans Mobile and Chattanooga Railroad Company, New Orleans, La.

The Company reserves the right to reject any proposal which for any reason may be deemed unsatisfactory.

JAMES A. SAYSOR, President N. O., M. & C. R. R. Co.

Office, Gallier Court.

PROPOSALS.....PROPOSALS.

STATE OF LOUISIANA, OFFICE OF BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS, NEW ORLEANS, Nov. 20 1868.

Sealed Proposals will be received at this office until 12 M. SATURDAY, December 12 1868, for the building of "Morancy" Levee, in the parish of Madison.

Said Levee to be constructed in accordance with plan and specifications to be seen in this office, the same to be added to or decreased at the option of the Board. The proposed terms of payment will be explained, as it differs from other cases.

The amount of bonds required will be the estimated amount of the proposed work, with fifty per cent. additional, and twenty per cent. of each and every estimate to be retained until the completion of the work to the satisfaction of the Board. Said bond to be secured by two responsible persons, residents of the State, whose signatures must be appended to each bid, guaranteeing the ability of the bidder to fulfil his agreement, and that in case the contract is awarded it will be accepted and entered into in accordance with requirements.

No bids will be entertained from any party who has heretofore failed to fulfil his agreement for the building of levees with any former Board.

The Board reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids that may be offered.

By order of the Board. R. D MITCHELL, Secretary.

PROPOSALS.....PROPOSALS.

STATE OF LOUISIANA, OFFICE OF BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS, New Orleans, Nov. 20, 1868.

SEALED PROPOSALS will be received at this office until 12 M., FRIDAY, December 11, 1868, for the building of the following named Levees, to-wit:

BASS LEVEE, parish of Carroll.
SAVAGE LEVEE, parish of Carroll.
DUCKPORT LEVEE, parish of Madison.
DELTA LEVEE, parish of Madison.
GILLESPIE LEVEE, parish of Tensas.
ST. JOSEPH LEVEE, parish of Tensas.
MARENGO LEVEE, parish of Concordia.
GLASSCOCK'S BEND LEVEE, parish of Concordia.

Said Levees to be constructed in accordance with plans and specifications to be seen in this office, the same to be added to, or decreased, at the option of the Board

The amount of bonds required will be the estimated amount of the proposed work with fifty per cent. additional, and twenty per cent. of each and every estimate to be retained until the completion of the work to the satisfaction of the Board. Said bonds to be secured by two responsible persons, residents of the State, whose signatures must be appended to each bid, guaranteeing the ability of the bidder to fulfil his agreement, and that in case the contract is awarded, it will be accepted and entered into in accordance with requirements.

Bids will be indorsed "Proposals for building —— Levee."

No bid will be entertained from any party who has heretofore failed to fulfill his agreement for the building of Levees with any former Board.

The Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids that may be offered

By order of the Board. R. D. MITCHELL, Secretary.

PROPOSALS FOR BUILDING "GRAND LEVEE."

STATE OF LOUISIANA, OFFICE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS, NEW ORLEANS, LA., November 16, 1868.

Sealed Proposals will be received at this office until the 6th of December next at 12 o'clock M., for the building of GRAND LEVEE, in the parish of Pointe Coupee, in accordance with plans and specifications on file in this office.

Satisfactory evidence of the solvency of each bidder and of persons offered as security will be required.

The Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids that may be offered.

By order of the Board, R. D. MITCHELL, Secretary.

HOTELS AND RESTAURANTS

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BOWLING SALOON—With six new Ten-pin Alleys—healthful amusement.

RESTAURANT—With all the delicacies in season, served with dispatch and at moderate prices.

OYSTER SALOON—In every style from the most famed beds in the South. Raw at the counter or in a loaf for home service.

CIGAR STAND—With imported Cigars of every flavor to suit the most fastidious taste.

Come Early and Often.

THE ST. CHARLES HOTEL

WILL OPEN FOR VISITORS ON

Wednesday, Nov. 4th, 1868.

The ST. LOUIS HOTEL will be opened in its usual style on TUESDAY, Dec. 1st, 1868. Maj. W. A. HURD, Manager. O. E. HALL.

CAFE IMPERIAL,

CORNER OF CARONDELET AND GRAVIER STS.

This popular and favorite Saloon has been thoroughly renovated and the Bar filled with the choicest Wines, Liquors, Premium Lager Beer, etc. A splendid Lunch always on hand, consisting of the choicest viands that the market affords.

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(Between Canal and Customhouse streets,)

Louis Chaplain.....Proprietor

All the Delicacies of the Season are to be found here, as also, Choice WINES of all kinds.

Parties, Weddings, etc., etc., supplied at short notice.

Private Saloons up stairs.

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GENERAL ITEMS.

The Cleveland Plaindealer says: "A buggy was returned to one of our prominent livery stables with a parasol in it. The livery man sent it to the residence of the person who hired the buggy. The lady of the mansion said it did not belong to her, but would keep it and ask Mr. —— how it got in the buggy. Imagine Mr. Blank's surprise."

At a recent meeting of the French academy of sciences, there was exhibited a mass of ice, eight inches thick, and twenty long and broad, frozen artificially, in a few moments, by a new process, and one capable of supplying blocks three feet in thickness equally well. The refrigerative salt was the nitrate of ammonia, and the method consisted in freezing the water into the shape of hollow cylinders, with walls about four tenths of an inch thick, and of varying diameter, so that one could be slipped inside the other up to almost any desired extent. When thus brought into opposition they readily freeze together, especially with the addition of some water, and produce a solid mass.

In England a factory, according to the meaning given by the laws on the subject, is a place of manufacture or industry where not less than fifty work people are employed, or where machinery is in operation. All such places are subject to government supervision under the factory extension acts. Other places of manufacture are under the regulation of the workshop acts. Complaints are very prevalent in England of the way in which the two laws are carried out. The factories are fined heavily for the breach of the law, while the workshops inspected by the local authorities are allowed to violate the provisions of the law with impunity. There are, it is stated, over a thousand nail smithies in East Worcestershire where the children are overworked and maltreated. Parents remove their children from "inspected" factories and place them in workshops where no regard is paid to the law.

The New York Times calls attention to the recent formation in Denmark of maiden assurance companies, a new idea, the object of which is to provide a competency for unmarried daughters. This is how it works in practice: "A Danish gentleman, who should wish to secure his daughter against the contingencies of fortune, deposits at her birth, we will suppose, $2000 in one of these companies. The child receives during her minority four per cent. interest annually; at eighteen she comes into a higher income, regulated according to the property of the company; at twenty-five she receives a still higher premium, and rooms and appointments in the buildings of the cloister, if she desire, and again at thirty-five a still more liberal income, based again on profits. If she die or marry the deposit reverts to the funds of the association. In certain cases, however, if she marry and become a widow she receives an annual stipend." The question is asked why some similar assurance to these Danish companies might not be started in this country.

Cleveland has a bird that sings by machinery. It cost $200, and there is but one more like it in the United States. This one came from the Paris Exposition. Its plumage is so perfect and beautiful that persons are frequently deceived in supposing the bird is alive. When the chirping, warbling and whistling is started by machinery, that causes the bird to open and close its mouth between every note, and turn its head from side to side, the effect upon the spectator is perfect astonishment. The bird is perched upon the limb of a large artificial flower that rests in a handsomely painted china flower pot, which contains the machinery. The machinery connects with the bird through a delicate looking limb of the flower. It is concealed entirely from the view, and works so smoothly that one can not detect the sound occasioned by its movements unless quite close to the casket, and then only for an instant after the bird concludes a warble.

It may be of interest to know how they arranged marriages a hundred years ago. An old paper has the following description bearing upon the subject: "Married in June, 1760, Mr. William Doukin, a considerable farmer, of Great Lassia, (near Roxbury,) in the county of Cumberland, to Miss Elnora Stotton, an agreeable gentlewoman of the same place. The entertainment on this occasion was very grand, there being no less than one hundred and twenty quarters of lamb, forty-four quarters of veal, twenty quarters of mutton, and a great quantity of beef, twelve hams, with a suitable number of chickens, etc., which was concluded with hampers of brandy made into punch, twelve dozen of cider, a great many gallons of wine, and ninety bushels of malt made into beer. The company consisted of five hundred ladies and gentlemen, who concluded with the music of twenty-five fiddlers and pipers, and the whole was conducted with the utmost order and unanimity."

Henry Ward Beecher says that the best time for family prayers is immediately after breakfast and immediately after supper, for then the children will be most likely to be quiet, and to feel that they have something to be thankful for. No one will be hungry; no one will be sleepy.

One time, while enjoying a visit from an Englishman, hickory nuts were served in the evening, when my English friend called for salt, saying that he knew a case of a woman eating heartily of nuts in the evening who was taken violently ill. The celebrated Dr. Abernethy was sent for, but it was after he had become too fond of his cup, and was not in a condition to go. He muttered, "Salt! salt!" of which no notice was taken. Next morning he went to the place, and she was a corpse. He said that had they given her salt it would have relieved her; if they would allow him to make an examination, he would convince them. On opening the stomach the nuts were found in a mass. He sprinkled salt on this, and it immediately dissolved. I have known of a sudden death myself which appeared to have been the effect of the same cause. I generally eat salt with nuts, and I consider it improves them.

In his chapter on Margaret Fuller Mr. Greeley reveals one of his heresies on the woman question. He says: "Noble and great as she was, a good husband and two or three bouncing babies would have emancipated her from a deal of nonsense and cant." Now we submit to the judgment of a candid world, if there is not as much nonsense and cant about married women as old maids. Who cannot point in their circle of friends to most wise, common sense, cheerful women, who never had either a "husband or a bouncing babe," and to multitudes of miserable, mawkish women who have both. No, no, husbands of the present type of manhood, and sickly, muling babes, the sins of whose fathers are visited upon them in the form of chicken-pox, measles, scarlet fever, small-pox, scrofula, whooping cough and fits, are not the only panacea for the nonsense and cant of the womenkind. Civil and political rights, education, work and wages, freedom and independence would do far more to elevate women than husbands and babes. Margaret Fuller, as every proud woman, felt the degradation of belonging to an ostracised sex. Could she have had all the avenues to fame and wealth open to her that Horace Greeley had, her restlessness and fitfulness would have given place to energy and ambition.—[Mrs. Stanton's paper, the Revolution.

The New Stamps on Cigars and Tobacco.

The secretary of the treasury has fixed the 23d day of November, 1868, as the day when all the provisions of the law relating to the use of stamps upon tobacco, snuff and cigars shall take effect. These stamps will be as follows, viz:

1. Stamps for tobacco and