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	$ 873,094	
On Marine Risks	238,734	
On River Risks	99,543 62	
Total Premiums	$1,161,365 22	
Less Premiums Unearned 31st May, 1868	$226,847 00	
Return Premiums	23,471 07	$ 250,318 07
Net Earned Premiums 31st May, 1868		$ 901,044 15
Losses paid:		
On Fire Risks	$271,726 27	
On Marine Risks	173,949 58	
On River Risks	45,299 96	
	$491,005 91	
Taxes	26,024 31	
Reinsurance, Expenses, Profit and Loss, less Interest	105,303 34	624,314 56
Net Profit		$ 277,329 59

The Company have the following assets:

Real Estate	$ 189,617 87
Notes Secured by Mortgage	675,807 38
Note Secured by Pledge	69 147 23
Cash on hand	128,473 34
Premiums in course of Collection	80,755 65
City Bonds	85,000 00
Bank and Railroad Stocks	104,200 00
Bills Receivable	127,154 79
Scrips of Mutual Insurance Companies	40,895 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	$1,466,414 16
Less: Unclaimed Interest and Interest payable in July next on all outstanding Scrips of the Company	$181,246 15
Thirty-five per cent. of Scrip issue of 1859, payable in July	70,678 75
Unearned Premiums 31st May, 1868	226,847 00—$328,768 90
	$1,067,645 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,	F. Maspero,	David McCord,
M. Pulg,	L. F. Generes,	Pierre Pouts,
Chas. Sauvy,	John Morgan Hall	S. L. Relf,
P. S. Wills,	J. J. Fernandez.	

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 43

Fire—Fire Premiums	$256,373 57	
Marine Premiums	189,153 70	
River Premiums	103,097 15	
		$ 548,523 43
Less Return Premiums	$ 5,859 15	
Less Unearned Premiums	59,145 00	
		$ 65,004 72
Net Earned Premiums		$ 503,518 71
Losses Paid:		
Fire Losses	$ 62,597 28	
Marine Losses	156,872 79	
River Losses	94,592 09	
	$ 312,062 14	
Discount in lieu of Scrip	54,348 68	
Taxes and Internal Revenue	24,741 86	
Expenses, Rent, etc., less Discount Account	32,310 83	
Six per cent. Interest on outstanding Scrip to 1st March, 1868	37,777 80	
		$ 461,240 73
Reserved for Unadjusted Losses		$ 11,377 86

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 $620,000, viz:

Invested in Real Estate	$ 66,895 11
Invested in Mortgage on Real Estate	79,012 30
Invested in City and other Bonds	32,720 00
Invested in Bank and other Stocks	123,585 00
Invested in Scrip of Insurance Companies	155,302 00
Loaned on Pledges	18,200 00
Bill Receivable	3,398 88
Premiums in course of Collection	7,262
Cash on hand	111,513 49
	$ 737,599 49

The above statement is a just, true and correct transcript 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. CARRIERE, Vice President.

TRUSTEES:

Charles Briggs,	A. E. Montgomery
Ant. Carriere,	A. Lecoch,
Geo. A. Fosdick	Frank Williams,
E. Brugier,	Thomas Byrne,
Chas. Laffite,	John Thornhill,
John S. Maussas,	W. A. Vidalet,
P. Anderson,	Hugh Macdonald,
Alfred Kearny,	Wm. M. Pinckard,
A. Frerichs,	John S. Wallis.
Geo. W. Dunbar,	George Foster,
E. P. Stockmeyer,	Andrew Stewart,
Geo. W. Hynson,	L. S. Fenton,
Arch'd Montgomery,	John Nixon, Jr.,
Henry J. Pass,	E. Piagnio,
E. Marquezo,	James Gallier,
Chas. Weishaar,	Rudolph Blog.

H. F. Green.

MUTUAL AID AND BENEVOLENT LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY —OF— Louisiana.

DIRECTORS:

J. M. LAPEYRE,	W. S. MOUNT,
JOHN DAVIDSON,	L. B. POTHIER,
H. RUBENSTEIN,	WM. McCULLOUGH,
L. N. MARKS,	C. CAVAROC,
E. F. SCHMIDT,	WM. CREEVY,
W. COOPER,	THOS. K. FINLAY,
W. S. PIKE,	ANTHONY SAMBOLA,
DAVID McCOARD,	PATRICK IRWIN,
M. 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. C. NICHOLS, M. D., Physician.
ALEXANDER HART, Medical Examiner;
N. C. FOLGER, Agent.
Office No. 128 Carondelet street, Davidson's Row.

WILLIAM C. COOKE'S INSURANCE AGENCY,

80.....Camp Street.....80

REPRESENTING OVER $4,500,000 CASH CAPITAL.

FIRE, RIVER and MARINE RISKS written at Current Rates. All Losses Liberally Adjusted and Promptly Paid at this Office.

INSURANCE.

NEW ORLEANS MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY,

Office, Corner of Camp and Canal Streets.

INTH YEAR.

Premiums received during the year ending December 31st, 1868	$413 367 81
Losses, Taxes, Expenses, Reinsurance, etc., paid during same period	$180,175 20
Assets on the 31st December, 1868	$601,849 75

NEW ORLEANS, January 20, 1869.

At a meeting of the Board of Directors held on the 14th instant, it was resolved to declare a scrip dividend of FORTY PER CENT. on the net earned participating premiums of the year ending December 1868 for which certificates will be issued on and after are and have further resolved to pay Six Per Cent. interest on the outstanding certificates of Scrip, on and after the second Monday in March, 1869.

J. TUYES, President.
J. W. HINCKE, Secretary.

DIRECTORS.

Geo. Urquhart,	T. B. Blanchard,	Chs. Laffite,
A. Recheneau,	Wm. Steven,	M. Payre,
G. W. Babcock,	J. A. White,	E. Miltenberger,
Aug. Reichard,	W. F. Williams,	J. Tuyes.

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	$ 236,122 52	
Marine Premiums for year	94,062 88	
River Premiums for year	177,584 82	
		$507,770 23
Total net earned Premiums		$447,854 28
Fire losses paid and estimated	$ 89,500 65	
Marine	67,074 08	
River	55,572 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 08	
		366,919 13
Net profits		$ 81,935 10

The Company have the following Assets:

Bills Receivable	$ 37,494 36	
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	11,250 00	
Real Estate	75,000 00	
Scrips of other Companies and serf account	45,082 48	
		131,332 48
Consolidated City Bonds	50,000 00	
City Bonds	96,580 00	
Bank and other stocks	196,937 17	
		343,517 17
Coupons for City Bonds past due		8,480 00
Due for Premiums in course of collection		41,620 00
		$779,814 68

The Company have also:

Suspended Notes, Stocks and Bonds	$ 436,365 21	
Forfeited Scrip account	7,809 2	
Interest uncalled for	$ 7,930 29	

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 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. Buddecke,	Samuel B. Newman,
P. H. Foley,	Wm. Edwards,
A. G. Ober,	A. Thompson,
P. Simms,	John Phelps,
A. Rimer Bader,	E. H. Summers.

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, Buildings excluded from assessment.
8½ 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. DARRINGTON, President.
J. J. HOPKINS, Secretary.
G. 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.
74 Union street, New Orleans.

LOUISIANA EQUITABLE LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY.

Capital.....$500,000

OFFICE, 142 CANAL STREET, NEW ORLEANS.

DIRECTORS:

C. Cavaroc,	W. S. Pike,	Edward Rigney,
E. A. Fyfe,	J. W. Stone,	F. S. Schmidt,
C. H. Slocomb,	A. Thompson,	Alexander Marks.
F. Delhomme,	D. B. Penn,	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. S. H. Moss,	Dr. Sam'l Choppin,	Dr. Y. S. LeMonier,
Dr. Henry Smith,	Dr. J. H. Lewis,	Dr. W. C. Nicholls.

G. A. BRESLE, 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.

FIREMENS' INSURANCE COMPANY OF NEW ORLEANS.

Capital Stock.....$500,000
With privilege to increase to $3,000,000.

Office No. 86 Camp street, Story Building, corner of Camp and Common streets.

S. L. MILLADDON, 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 cash.

ATLAS MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY, OF ST. LOUIS, MO.

LOUISANA STATE AGENCY, CORNER CAMP AND COMMON STREETS, New Orleans.

JOHN R. PURVIS.....General Agent.
F. BEAUMONT, JR.....Secretary.
E. J. BYRD.....Agent.

MEDICAL EXAMINERS:

Dr. L. T. PIM.....Dr. JOS. T. SCOTT.

The Atlas Mutual Life Insurance Company issues a World-Wide Policy. The assured by its terms shall be allowed to travel by sea and land throughout the whole world, without let, hindrance or permit, and best liberty to follow any avocation or occupation whatsoever.

INSURANCE.

GUARDIAN MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY, OF NEW YORK.

(Organized in 1859.)

ALL POLICIES NON-FORFEITABLE. HALF LOAN TAKEN; NO NOTES REQUIRED.

Last Cash Dividend Fifty (50) Per Cent

EQUAL TO FROM ONE HUNDRED TO ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY PER CENT. REVERSIONARY DIVIDEND.

—STATEMENT—

Policies in force	$25,000,000
Assets	1,500,000
Annual Income	800,000
Losses Paid	800,000

—OFFICERS—

W. H. PECKHAM	President.
H. V. GALLAGAN	Secretary.
L. MCADAM	Actuary.
G. A. FUDICKAR	Superintendent of Agencies.

—DIRECTORS—

Hon. John A. Dix, New York.
Hon. James Harper, House Harper & Bros., New York.
John J. Crane, President Bank Republic.
William T. Hooker, Wall street.
William M. Vermilye, Banker, (Vermilye & Co.)
Charles G. Rockwood, Cashier Newark Banking Co.
Hon. George Opdyke, ex-Mayor of New York.
Minot C. Morgan, Banker.
Thomas Rigney, House Thomas Rigney & Co.
Benjamin B. Sherman, N. Y. Steam Sugar Refining Co.
Aaron Arnold, House Arnold, Constable & Co.
Richard H. Browne, Westmore & Browne, Attorneys.
E. V. Haughwout, House E. V. Haughwout & Co.
William Wilkens, House W. Wilkens & Co.
Julius H. Pratt, Merchant.
William W. Wright, Merchant.
Charles J. Starr, Merchant.
William Allen, Merchant.
George W. Cuyler, Banker, Palmyra, New York.
George T. Hope, President Continental Fire Insurance Co.
John H. Sherwood, Park Place.
Walton H. Peckham, corner Fifth Avenue and 23d street.
Edward H. Wright, Newark, New Jersey.
George W. Parlee, Attorney.
W. L. Cogswell, Merchant.

JOSEPH MAGNER,
General Agent for Louisiana,
43 Union Street, New Orleans.

HOME MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY OF NEW ORLEANS.

Office, No. 78 Camp Street, Corner of Natchez street.

SEVENTEENTH YEAR.

Assets on the 31st December, 1868.....$1,143,114 57

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

This Company Continues to Issue Policies on FIRE, RIVER and MARINE risks at the current rates of premium

TRUSTEES:

E. K. Converse,	Octave Voorhies,	Archie Woods,
A. H. May,	Robert Hare,	J. M. Allen,
B. M. Morrill,	Jno. T. Moore,	Wm. Chambers,
Jno. C. Rogers,	D. A. Chaffraix,	W. M. Perkins.

FACTORS' AND TRADERS' INSURANCE COMPANY,

89.....Carondelet Street.....89

NEW ORLEANS, LA.

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

Premiums for the year	$336,255 70
Losses Paid	192,710 66
Assets, 30th April, 1868	636,984 18

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 I. Noble,	J. J. Warren,
John Chaffe,	Simon Bloch,
Hugh McColl,	R. T. Buckner,
Marshall J. Smith,	Samuel Friedlander,
I. Caulfield,	H. Prellsen,
Alfred S. Huntington,	Wm. Creevy,
L. H. Terry,	E. W. Rodd,
J. D. Blair,	Joseph Hoy,
Robert Pilkin,	Perry Nugent

S. Cambon.

LOUISIANA STATE MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY OF NEW ORLEANS.

OFFICE: COR. CARONDELET AND COMMON STS.

FIRE.....MARINE.....RIVER.

RISKS TAKEN AT THE LOWEST TARIFF RATES.

E. GANUCHEAU, President.
A. BALDWIN, Vice President.
L. W. BAQUIE, Secretary.

Directors.

A. E. Bader,	Chas. L. Leeds,	A. Baldwin,
O. Bercier,	D. Bomigny,	E. Bordelois,
E. H. Harris,	Wm. Hevi,	M. J. Hauck,
J. Lapeze,	Alex. Marks,	S. Cambon,
L. H. Gardner,	O. Hopkins,	J. Zoll y,
Thomas Biots,	F. Laborde,	A. Tertron,
A. McGregor,	W. B. Conger,	J. Jones,
J. A. Bonnafon,	C. H. Morton,	S. Hermann,
A. Palacio,	J. D. Grieff,	G. F. Stanfand,
L. B. Pothier,	E. F. Moulton,	A. Waldkirch,
D. L. Kernion,	D. P. Logan,	E. Ganucheau.

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	$ 62 526 44	
River Premiums	79 029 29	
Marine Premiums	99,936 11	
		$241,692 74
LOSSES PAID.		
Fire losses	$ 13,689 36	
River Losses	84,244 73	
Marine Losses	24,323 70	
	$122,277 42	
Rebate	31,980 97	
Taxes	4,799 01	
Reinsurance	8 892 35	
Return Premiums	158 00	
Expenses, Profit and Loss, etc., less Interest	29,829 66—$197,189 57	
		$35,526 56
ASSETS.		
Cash on hand	$ 23,948 11	
Bills receivable	8,053 97	
Furniture	3,673 85	
Premiums due	24,286 45	
Stock Notes	$34,228 00—$92,973 38	

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

S. S. BUCKNER, President.
GEO. O. SUMRY, Secretary.
Sworn to and subscribed before me this 31st day of April, 1868.
PARIS CHILDRESS, Second Justice Peace, Parish of Orleans.

LUMBER, COAL, WOOD.

PETER ROSS, BUILDER,

Returns thanks to the citizens of New Orleans for their patronage for the last twenty years. He has now made extensive additions to his Workshops, and introduced several wood-working machines, which will enable him to attend promptly to any business in his line. Shop and office corner of Prytania and Washington streets, Mechanics' Exchange, box No. 1.

KATHMAN, J. C.,

TROPICAL ROOFING MANUFACTORY,
—And—
DEALER IN COAL, CHARCOAL, COKE, WHITE SAND AND FIREWOOD.

No. 224 Bienville Street, Corner of Marais.

Orders left at the above place, or Box 55, Mechanics' Exchange, will receive prompt attention.

CENTRAL TRANSIT COMPANY

CHARTER.....CHARTER.

We the undersigned, agree to form ourselves into a Corporation under the laws of the State of Louisiana, as particularly set forth for the organization of corporations for works of Public improvement and Utility, in Revised Statutes of 1856, and which is hereto attached, for the purpose of providing a Railway and Telegraph Line from some point on the Mississippi river, opposite or near to the city of New Orleans, and thence via Vermillion by the most eligible route to the Sabine, at some point below Burkville, to connect with the Central Transit Company of Texas and thereby form complete Railroad and Telegraph connection with the Rio Grande, and ultimately with the Pacific coast at San Blas, and for these purposes we have formed this the subjoined Charter and have signed the same; adding to our signatures a statement of the number and value of shares and aggregate amount of our respective subscriptions to said Company.

Charter of the Company.

SECTION 1. The said corporation shall be known as the CENTRAL TRANSIT COMPANY and have its domicil in the city of New Orleans, and some paper published in said city shall be designated by the Directors as the official organ of the Company.

SEC. 2. The said corporation is established for the purpose of providing and equipping and operating a connected line of railway and telegraph from some point at or near the city of New Orleans, to some point via Vermilion, on the most eligible route to the Sabine river, south of Burkville, and thence to connect with the line of the Central Transit Company of Texas, and through it to make connection with the Rio Grande River near Rio Grande City or Roma, and thence with the Pacific coast at San Blas and the City of Mexico, the road to be double track or single, and of such gauge as will secure uniformity with its Texas and Mexico connections; and to have such branches as the stockholders may hereafter deem desirable and provide for.

SEC. 3. The capital stock shall be fixed at one million of dollars and divided into shares of one hundred dollars each, and may be increased by vote of three-fourths of the stock at any legal meeting of stockholders thereof, provided the amount shall not exceed the actual cost of construction and complete equipment of said line and its branches; and whenever two hundred and fifty thousand dollars shall be subscribed in good faith, and five per cent. of the sum paid into the hands of the company or satisfactorily secured, the permanent organization of the company shall be made by the election of Directors and officers of the company.

SEC. 4. The first meeting of the stockholders for permanent elections shall be held in the city of New Orleans at the City Hotel, February 15th, 1869, at 11 A. M., and the stockholders may appear in person or by proxy and do all and everything allowed, and the officers elected shall hold their places until next annual meeting.

SEC. 5. There shall be one annual meeting of the stockholders, held on the second Wednesday in February of each year, and called meetings among the president whenever stockholders representing one fifth of said stock may request the same, giving thirty days' notice in some paper selected as the official paper of the company by the Directors in the city of New Orleans, and a majority of the stock must be present, directly or by proxy, to constitute a quorum and give validity to said meeting. But any number of stockholders may so far organize as to adjourn from day to day for one week, when, no quorum being present, the meeting proposed shall be considered as having failed; and notice additional, as herein provided, will be required to secure a legal meeting of stockholders.

SEC. 6. The stockholders, at any legal meeting, annual or called, when three-fourths of the stock is represented and votes affirmatively, shall have power to change this Charter, and remove any of its officers, and elect others to fill the vacancies created thereby, and by said vote may authorize the issue of bonds, and do any and all things necessary to the success of the enterprise; and by such vote also may provide for the extinction of the Corporation upon such terms as equity and law may require. Any legal meeting of Stockholders by a majority aforesaid shall also have power to revoke and amend the By-Laws made by the Directors.

SEC. 7. There shall be elected a Board of Nine Directors, who shall be Stockholders and who shall elect from their own number a President, Vice President and Treasurer—the Treasurer to give bonds in such sum as may be required—and shall also of their own number, or otherwise, elect a competent Secretary, Attorney and General Agent, and such other officers as may be necessary. Said Board may act in person or by proxy, until otherwise directed by the Stockholders, and five shall constitute a quorum for business. They shall meet monthly at New Orleans, on the first Wednesday in each month, and hold special meetings at any time that three Directors may request the same; said meetings being called by the President and personal, or written notice by mail given to each Director. As early as possible said Directors shall prepare a Code of By-Laws for the government of the Company, and submit the same to the Stockholders for their approval, and such By-Laws shall be valid and governing, subject to the laws, special and general of Louisiana, and the provisions of this Charter.

SEC. 8. The balance on the stock subscribed shall be paid in at the call of the Directors, provided sixty days notice be given of the assessment and no more than five per cent. be required at any time; the said Board shall provide for opening books of subscription to the capital stock and determine the places and times of same; but the stock of the Company shall not be increased, except by special act of the stockholders, three-fourths of the stock being present in person or by proxy and approving the same.

SEC. 9. The Directors shall fill any vacancies in their own body caused by death or otherwise, and are authorized to take such measures as their judgment may be required to secure the success of the Company in the United States, Mexico or other foreign country, and citation on President or Secretary shall be sufficient in law.

SEC. 10. The Stockholders, voting by ballot, each share of stock representing one vote, shall at their annual meeting elect Directors who shall hold their positions until the election of successors, unless removed as herein provided. Said Directors at their first meeting thereafter shall elect officers for such time and perform such duties and receive such compensation as the Board may determine.

SEC. 11. The Company shall keep in its office, subject to the inspection of the Stockholders, set of books showing the transactions and condition and containing the proceedings of the Company.

SEC. 12. This Charter shall remain in force for twenty-five years, unless extended by law, or sooner terminated by the Company, who, as herein provided, may through its Directory appoint Commissioners to ascertain and meet the liabilities, equitably distribute the assets and cancel the stock of the Company, making the record of the same, as required by the laws of Louisiana.

Organized on the 11th of January, 1869, and published by order of the Stockholders.

The undersigned, Deputy Recorder of Mortgages in and for this City and Parish of Orleans, State of Louisiana, do certify that the within act was only recorded in this Office, in 8 Society No. 7, p. 243.

New Orleans, February 9, 1869.
(Signed) A. DUCATEL, Jr., Deputy Recorder.
{SEAL.}

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SATURDAY MORNING, MARCH 6, 1869.

FOREIGN PERSONAL AND OTHER GOSSIP.

The Paris Figaro relates the following touching anecdote of the crown prince of Belgium, who died a few days afterward: "The crown prince, whose room had been filled for several days with rare birds taken from the Zoological Gardens of Antwerp, had repeatedly expressed the fervent wish to visit the royal pheasantry. Last Monday the weather was so mild that the physicians allowed his wish to be fulfilled. At 2 in the afternoon a pony was put to the small carriage in which the young prince usually rides out. It was filled with cushions, blankets and pillows, and the poor boy was then carried into it. The part of the park in which the pheasantry is situated is separated from the rest of the grounds by a paved road, which had to be crossed. Some peasants, seeing the small carriage approach, stood still to look at the prince, who was dressed in a red costume, and looked deadly pale amid the white cushions. Five or six attendants accompanied him. The boy responded smilingly to the marks of respect and sympathy which the peasants addressed to him. All of the bystanders were deeply moved. At this moment a poor old woman advanced toward the prince, and stretched out her hand. The prince painfully raised himself up, made a sign to his governor, asking him to give him money, and then put a number of dollars into the hand of the old woman amid the cheers of the bystanders."

There was a death in the Pitti Palace last week. The Marquis of Breme and Duke of Sartirana, master of the royal household, and distant relative of the king, died at the age of near seventy. To say that he was a man of six or seven feet high, and looked well on court occasions in his magnificent livery, does not tell the whole story, for he was a liberal patron of art and a friend to the poor. I have seen him more than once directing affairs in the ballroom of the palace, and on his cost there was such a thick crust of golden embroidery that it seemed like a man speaking out of a building. As the body was borne to burial, followed by a *cortege* on foot of the servants, high and low, of the palace, one had opportunity to see how many it takes to make up a royal household. Several hundred are paid to wait upon the king and those who hang on to his immediate person.—[Florence Correspondence New York Times.

Count Milutine, the "Polonomastix," as the enraged Poles call him, has ordered that the old Russian calendar shall henceforth be used in Poland, instead of the Gregorian calendar, heretofore in use in that ancient kingdom. He signed a decree to that effect on New Year's Day, and the Cracow czar calls that decree "The sentimental Russian tyrant's New Year's present to lacerated Poland."

Duke Tascher de la Pagerie, the emperor's cousin, the empress's first chamberlain, and a senator, died very suddenly, February 3, in the Tuileries, of an attack of gout, at the age of forty-seven. Only on the previous day, he was in his place in the Senate, and in the evening he went to the ball at the Grand Hotel, where his wife opened the *quarille d honneur* with Mr. Anson Burlingame.

The church of England holds in fee simple the right to property worth $140,000,000 in gold, the annual income of which goes to support the clergy.

An examination of the palace at Madrid, after the flight of Isabella, revealed some curious facts. Neither the queen nor the king consort possessed a single book except some *heures d'heures* (prayer books). But on the table of Don Francis there were found large numbers of obscene photographs, many of which represented distinguished royal and imperial personages in extremely lascivious attitudes. Another remarkable discovery was that King Francis did not possess a single weapon. In the apartments of this successor of Ferdinand of Castile and Charles the Fifth there was not found a sword, a dagger, a musket, but only a small toy pistol! As the king was known to be a great bon bon eater, the fact that all his drawers were filled with boxes of sugar plums did not excite much surprise. Queen Isabella's artistic taste had manifested itself in various ways. She had pasted miserable daubs representing saints on some of the finest Murillos hanging in her apartments, and steel engravings of the nun, Patrocicio, had been pasted on the immense Venetian mirrors with which the Alcazar at Madrid abounds. A poorly painted full-size portrait of Pope Pius the Ninth has been hung over a precious painting by Velasquez; and the king consort had been vandal enough to shoot with his toy pistol at a target, which was no other than a historical painting by Goni.

Guizot says, in the last volume of his "Recollections," that, when Queen Victoria visited Louis Philippe, the whole royal family was delighted with the young queen. Queen Adelaide, seizing both his hands, said to him: "M. Guizot, is her majesty not a very charming lady?" Louis Philippe was present; he did not say anything, but was humming a ditty, which he only did when he was in excellent humor.

Few of Rouher's most impassioned speeches are extempore efforts, but they are very carefully prepared beforehand, and submitted to the emperor, who makes alterations in them, and often telegraphs to Rouher at the last moment certain changes which he wishes to be made in the most important passages of the speech. There are telegraphic wires between the emperor's cabinet in the Tuileries and the private room of the cabinet ministers at the Palais Bourbon, where the Corps Legislatif holds its sittings. During important debates, Rouher frequently receives as many as a dozen telegrams from the emperor. Dispatches are often handed to him even when he is speaking in the tribune. He then stops short, hastily tears open the dispatch, and glances over it. He possesses great skill in concealing his emotions, even when the dispatches order him to advocate a line of policy contrary to that which he defended but a few minutes before.

The Duke of Cambridge, cousin of the queen, and commander-in chief of the British army, formed a morganatic marriage many years ago, and has a large family of sons and daughters. His wife, unknown of course in society, is a woman not only of rare accomplishments, but of real worth. When the duke went mad after the battle of Inkermann, she followed him to the Crimea, brought him home, and nursed him with all a woman's devotion through his long and dangerous illness. It is well known in the London clubs that the present heir-apparent to the throne and his more spightly brother,