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CITY COUNCIL--OFFICIAL

BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

Reg. lar Session.

TUESDAY, January 14, 1868.

The Board met pursuant to adjournment.

Present: President Graham, and Messrs. Burbank, Clay, Carriere, Dewees, and Stapleton.

The minutes were read and adopted.

The following communication from headquarters fifth military district was received:

HEADQUARTERS FIFTH MILITARY DISTRICT, New Orleans, La., January 6, 1868.

Special Orders No. 4.

[Extract.]

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2. Christian Schneider is hereby appointed a member of the Board of Aldermen of the city of New Orleans, La., vice A. Griefl, resigned.

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By command of Major-General Hancock.

GEORGE L. HARTSUFF,
Assistant Adjutant General.

Official:

C. MARTAIN, BURBANK,
Lieut. Colonel Thirty-seventh Infty, Bvt. First Lieut. U. S. A., Acting Assistant Adjutant General.

MAYOR'S MESSAGE.

The following message from the Mayor was read:

MAYORALTY OF NEW ORLEANS, Hall, 14th Day of January, 1868.

To the Honorable the Board of Aldermen:

GENTLEMEN—I desire again to call your attention to the fact that the charter of the Commercial Bank of New Orleans expires in April next, and to the necessity for immediate action, in order to carry out the provisions of said charter.

It is provided in the said charter that at the expiration of thirty-five years it shall be lawful for the city to purchase from the Commercial bank the waterworks constructed by said bank, and that the said bank shall not refuse to sell the works aforesaid with all the rights and privileges appertaining thereto on certain terms, as provided in said charter.

Past experience has shown the great disadvantage of having the waterworks under the exclusive control of a private corporation. The charter of such corporation being limited, and the company looking forward to the expiration of the same, the supply of water has not been in proportion to the advancement of the city, and to-day a comparatively small portion of our city is sufficiently supplied with water.

I earnestly recommend that a committee of the Council be appointed for conference with the Commercial bank in reference to the purchase of the present works.

Very respectfully,

E. HEATH, Mayor.

And referred to the Finance Committee.

COMMUNICATIONS BOARD ASSISTANT ALDERMEN.

The following communications received from the Board of Assistant Aldermen for concurrence were disposed of as follows:

1. With reference to the Chairmen of the standing committees.

Laid on the table subject to call.

2. Instructing Controller to sell at public auction the iron building foot of Canal street, and Dryades and Claiborne streets markets.

Referred to Streets and Landings.

3. Requiring the Superintendent fire alarm telegraph company to remove the striking machine from the third district police station to the Fair grounds.

Laid on the table.

4. Authorizing the Mayor to contract with John Page for repairs to engine houses Nos. 14, 18, 20, 23, and 24, for $8375; and

5. Granting permission to Crescent City railroad to lay certain water pipes.

Were concurred in upon their first readings.

6. Authorizing Controller to employ additional clerks.

Laid on the table.

7. Authorizing Mayor to purchase bell for fair grounds.

Not concurred in.

8. For warrant in favor of Judge Alex under Walker for $4000 for professional services in procuring refundment of internal revenue tax on city currency, amended as follows on motion of Mr. Burbank:

To strike out $4000 and insert $2000, to be paid upon the receipt of the money refunded by the City Treasurer.

9. The following:

Resolved, That the Mayor be and he is hereby authorized to contract, by notarial act before the City Notary, on behalf of the city of New Orleans, with Robert J. Ker as principal, and P. Rooney, J. Q. A. Fellows, and John Croft, as securities, for "the right of way for the Julia street railroad," at one and thirteen-sixteenth cents per passenger, according to the terms of sale and specifications in the Controller's office.

Passed its first and second readings under a suspension of the rules, and was concurred in, by the following vote:

Yeas: President Graham, and Messrs. Burbank, Clay, Carriere, Dewees, and Stapleton.

Nays: None.

PETITIONS.

1. Of A. J. McCulloch, to transfer a contract to H. McGuinn. Streets and Landings.

2. Of M. M. Miller and A. W. Merriam, and a number of billiard saloon keepers, for reduction of license. To Finance Committee.

ORIGINAL RESOLUTIONS.

By Mr. Dewees:

Resolved, That the City Surveyor be and he is hereby authorized and instructed to build two bridges across Claiborne Canal, one at Jackson street, and one at Third street, in the Fourth district.

The rules were suspended, and the resolution was adopted upon its first and second readings by the following vote:

Yeas: President Graham, Messrs. Burbank, Carriere, Clay, Dewees, and Stapleton.

Nays: None.

By Mr. Dewees:

Resolved, That the City Surveyor be and he is hereby authorized to measure ten thousand barrels of oyster shells, to be purchased for account and use of the city of New Orleans, belonging to John Marshall—price, twenty-six cents per barrel—for the immediate repairs of nine street, from Rampart to Marazine street, and Calliope street, from Rampart street to the New Orleans, Jackson, and Great Northern railroad depot.

The rules were suspended, and the resolution was adopted on its first and second readings by the following vote:

Yeas: President Graham, and Messrs. Burbank, Carriere, Clay, Dewees, and Stapleton.

Nays: None.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The following report from the Finance Committee was received:

FINANCE COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL, New Orleans, January 14, 1868.

To the Honorable the Board of Assistant Aldermen:

GENTLEMEN—The Finance Committee have the honor to report upon the following subjects referred to them:

1. On the petition of Louis Muh, relative to the lease of his property (used by the Insane Asylum), favorably by resolution.

2. On petition of Kern & Fellman, December 2, 1867, to be permitted to erect, under certain privileges, an iron building next to the corner of Poydras and Barone streets, formerly used by the New Orleans and Carrollton railroad company, favorably by resolution.

3. Upon the resolution sent from the Board of Assistant Aldermen instructing the Street Commissioner to order the contractor to build six new bridges, one each at Claiborne and Second streets, Claiborne and Third streets, Claiborne and Fourth streets, Derbigny and Second streets, Derbigny and Third streets, and Roman and Third streets, your committee would report favorably.

4. Upon the resolution sent from the Board of Assistant Aldermen that permission be and the same is hereby granted to Louis N. Pouche to erect a steam mill on his premises on Spain street, between Love and Goodchildren streets, provided the same be built in strict accordance with existing city laws and ordinances, and to remain during the pleasure of the Common Council.

Yeas: President Graham, and Messrs. Burbank, Carriere, Clay, Dewees, and Stapleton.

Nays: None.

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby granted to Messrs. Bourain & Lewis to erect and run a steam engine on their premises, No. 113 Gravier street, the same to be built in strict accordance with existing city laws and ordinances, and to remain during the pleasure of the Common Council.

Yeas: President Graham, and Messrs. Burbank, Carriere, Clay, Dewees, and Stapleton.

Nays: None.

Resolved, That permission be and it is hereby granted to W. G. O'Regan to erect a steam engine in a brick building, situated corner Frevet and Poydras streets, provided the same be erected in accordance with city laws and ordinances, and remain during the pleasure of the Common Council.

Yeas: President Graham, and Messrs. Burbank, Carriere, Clay, Dewees, and Stapleton.

Nays: None.

The following report was received from the Committee on Streets and Landings:

COMMITTEE ON STREETS AND LANDINGS, Board of Aldermen, City Hall, January 14, 1868.

To the Honorable Board of Aldermen:

GENTLEMEN—Your committee have the honor to report upon the following subjects referred to them, viz:

1. Upon the resolution sent from the Board of Assistant Aldermen that permission be and the same is hereby granted to Joseph Meir and Theodore Rediker to erect a blacksmith shop on Felicity street, near Rousseau street, your committee would report unfavorably, as a petition signed by a large number of property holders in the vicinity object to its erection.

2. Upon the resolution sent from the Board of Assistant Aldermen that permission be and the same is hereby granted to W. G. O'Regan to erect a steam engine in a building situated on the corner of Frevet and Poydras streets, your committee would report favorably.

3. Upon the resolution sent from the Board of Assistant Aldermen that permission be and the same is hereby granted to Benvain & Lewis to erect and run a steam engine on their premises at No. 113 Gravier street, your committee would report favorably.

4. Upon the resolution sent from the Board of Assistant Aldermen that permission be and the same is hereby granted to Louis N. Pouche to erect a steam mill on his premises on Spain street, between Love and Goodchildren streets, your committee would report favorably.

5. Upon the resolution sent from the Board of Assistant Aldermen instructing the Street Commissioner to order the contractor to build six new bridges, one each at Claiborne and Second streets, Claiborne and Third streets, Claiborne and Fourth streets, Derbigny and Second streets, Derbigny and Third streets, and Roman and Third streets, your committee would report favorably.

6. Upon the communication of the Southern Paving company asking permission to run a portable steam engine for sawing blocks at the corner of Calliope and Clara streets, your committee would report favorably, and offer the necessary resolution.

7. Upon the petitions of property owners and residents on Julia street, between Rampart and Magnolia streets, asking that the street be repaired, your committee would report favorably.

8. Upon the resolution authorizing the Street Commissioner to instruct the contractor to build two bridges across Claiborne street canal, one at Jackson street, and one at Third street, your committee would report unfavorably.

D. S. DEWEES, Chairman.
E. W. BURBANK.

The following resolutions accompanying the same, and referred to therein, were read twice under a suspension of the rules, and concurred in by the following vote:

Resolved, That the Controller warrant on the Treasurer for one hundred and sixty dollars ($160) in favor of H. G. Taylor, policeman, first district, being for two months' pay from November 5, 1867, during which time he was confined by sickness.

Which, under a suspension of the rules, was read twice and adopted by the following vote:

Yeas: President Graham, and Messrs. Burbank, Carriere, Clay, Dewees, and Stapleton.

Nays: None.

Resolved, That Samuel Weeks, Superintendent of the Fire Alarm and Police Telegraph, be and he is hereby authorized to connect the wires with a striking machine and alarm box, to be placed in the Agricultural Fair Grounds, provided the expense thereof shall not devolve upon the city.

Mr. Dewees moved to amend by striking out all after the word "provided." Adopted.

And the resolution as amended, under a suspension of the rules, was read twice, and adopted by the following vote:

Yeas: President Graham, and Messrs. Burbank, Carriere, Clay, Dewees, and Stapleton.

Nays: None.

The following report was received from the Committee on Streets and Landings:

COMMITTEE ON STREETS AND LANDINGS, Board of Aldermen, City Hall, January 14, 1868.

To the Honorable Board of Aldermen:

GENTLEMEN—Your committee have the honor to report upon the following subjects referred to them, viz:

1. Upon the resolution sent from the Board of Assistant Aldermen that permission be and the same is hereby granted to Joseph Meir and Theodore Rediker to erect a blacksmith shop on Felicity street, near Rousseau street, your committee would report unfavorably, as a petition signed by a large number of property holders in the vicinity object to its erection.

2. Upon the resolution sent from the Board of Assistant Aldermen that permission be and the same is hereby granted to W. G. O'Regan to erect a steam engine in a brick building, situated corner Frevet and Poydras streets, your committee would report favorably.

3. Upon the resolution sent from the Board of Assistant Aldermen that permission be and the same is hereby granted to Benvain & Lewis to erect and run a steam engine on their premises at No. 113 Gravier street, your committee would report favorably.

4. Upon the resolution sent from the Board of Assistant Aldermen that permission be and the same is hereby granted to Louis N. Pouche to erect a steam mill on his premises on Spain street, between Love and Goodchildren streets, your committee would report favorably.

5. Upon the resolution sent from the Board of Assistant Aldermen instructing the Street Commissioner to order the contractor to build six new bridges, one each at Claiborne and Second streets, Claiborne and Third streets, Claiborne and Fourth streets, Derbigny and Second streets, Derbigny and Third streets, and Roman and Third streets, your committee would report favorably.

6. Upon the communication of the Southern Paving company asking permission to run a portable steam engine for sawing blocks at the corner of Calliope and Clara streets, your committee would report favorably, and offer the necessary resolution.

7. Upon the petitions of property owners and residents on Julia street, between Rampart and Magnolia streets, asking that the street be repaired, your committee would report favorably.

8. Upon the resolution authorizing the Street Commissioner to instruct the contractor to build two bridges across Claiborne street canal, one at Jackson street, and one at Third street, your committee would report unfavorably.

D. S. DEWEES, Chairman.
E. W. BURBANK.

The following resolutions accompanying the same, and referred to therein, were read twice under a suspension of the rules, and concurred in by the following vote:

Resolved, That the Street Commissioner be and he is hereby instructed to order the contractor to build six new bridges at the following designated places: One at the north side of Claiborne and Second streets; one at the north side of Claiborne and Third streets; one at the north side of Claiborne and Fourth streets; one at the intersection of Derbigny and Second streets: one at the intersection of Derbigny and Third streets; and one at the intersection of Roman and Third streets.

Yeas: President Graham, and Messrs. Burbank, Carriere, Clay, Dewees, and Stapleton.

Nays: None.

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby granted to Louis Nelson Pouche to erect a steam mill on his premises, on Spain between Love and Goodchildren streets, the same to be built in strict accordance with existing city laws and ordinances, and to remain during the pleasure of the Common Council.

Yeas: President Graham, and Messrs. Burbank, Carriere, Clay, Dewees, and Stapleton.

Nays: None.

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby granted to Messrs. Bourain & Lewis to erect and run a steam engine on their premises, No. 113 Gravier street, the same to be built in strict accordance with existing city laws and ordinances, and to remain during the pleasure of the Common Council.

Yeas: President Graham, and Messrs. Burbank, Carriere, Clay, Dewees, and Stapleton.

Nays: None.

Resolved, That permission be and it is hereby granted to W. G. O'Regan to erect a steam engine in a brick building, situated corner Frevet and Poydras streets, provided the same be erected in accordance with city laws and ordinances, and remain during the pleasure of the Common Council.

Yeas: President Graham, and Messrs. Burbank, Carriere, Clay, Dewees, and Stapleton.

Nays: None.

The following was adopted upon its first and second readings:

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby granted to the Southern Paving company to run a portable steam engine in the open square at the corner of Calliope and Clara streets, providing the same be done in accordance with existing city laws and ordinances, and remain during the pleasure of the Common Council.

Yeas: President Graham, and Messrs. Burbank, Carriere, Clay, Dewees, and Stapleton.

Nays: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

The following coming up in the regular order on its second reading, was lost by the following vote:

Resolved, That the Controller be and he is hereby authorized, after five days' notice in the official journal, to sell to the highest bidder for cash, the vacant space between the meat and vegetable markets in the second district for the year 1868.

Yeas: President Graham, and Messrs. Burbank and Clay.

Nays: Messrs. Carriere, Dewees, and Stapleton.

The Board adjourned until Tuesday, January 28, at 7 P. M.

HUGH J. CAMPBELL,
Secretary.

BOARD OF ASSISTANT ALDERMEN.

Regular Meeting.

CITY HALL, NEW ORLEANS, JANUARY 14, 1868.

The Board met pursuant to adjournment, Assistant Alderman Sauvinet in the chair, and the following members present: Messrs. Sterry, Sampson, Gauche, Perkins, Thezan, Dunn, Straight, and Joubert.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The following communication from the Mayor was received:

MAYORALTY OF NEW ORLEANS, City Hall, 14th Day of January, 1868.

To the Honorable the Board of Assistant Aldermen:

GENTLEMEN—I desire again to call your attention to the fact that the charter of the Commercial bank of New Orleans expires in April next, and to the necessity for immediate action, in order to carry out the provisions of said charter.

It is provided in the said charter that at the expiration of thirty-five years it shall be lawful for the city to purchase from the Commercial bank the waterworks constructed by said bank, and that the said bank shall not refuse to sell the works aforesaid, with all the rights and privileges appertaining thereto on certain terms, as provided in said charter.

Past experience has shown the great disadvantages of having the waterworks under the exclusive control of a private corporation. The charter of such corporation being limited, and the company looking forward to the expiration of the same, the supply of water has not been in proportion to the advancement of the city, and to-day a comparatively small portion of our city is sufficiently supplied with water.

I earnestly recommend that a committee of the Council be appointed for conference with the Commercial bank in reference to the purchase of the present works.

Very respectfully,

E. HEATH, Mayor.

On motion of Mr. Dunn the chair appointed the following named gentlemen the committee of conference to act in conjunction with a similar committee from the upper board: Messrs. Gauche, Sampson, and Joubert.

The report of the Treasurer for the week ending 11th January, 1868, showing a balance on hand of $138,631 12, was referred to the Finance Committee.

The Controller's weekly report of checks drawn by the Treasurer for the week ending January 13, 1868, "amounting to $13,512 30," was referred to the same committee.

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES.

The following report from the Finance Committee was received:

FINANCE COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL, New Orleans, January 14, 1868.

To the Honorable the Board of Assistant Aldermen:

GENTLEMEN—The Finance Committee have the honor to report upon the following subjects referred to them:

1. On the petition of Louis Muh, relative to the lease of his property (used by the Insane Asylum), favorably by resolution.

2. On petition of Kern & Fellman, December 2, 1867, to be permitted to erect, under certain privileges, an iron building next to the corner of Poydras and Barone streets, formerly used by the New Orleans and Carrollton railroad company, favorably by resolution.

3. On the petitions of John Maynard, porter first district station, and J. A. Craig, porter third district station, for increase of salary, favorably by resolution.

4. On petition of William Joyce, policeman, for refundment of amount retained from his salary in May, 1867, for uniform, unfavorably.

Your Committee respectfully submit a resolution to adopt the budget of probable receipts and expenditures of the city of New Orleans for the year ending 31st day of December, 1868, which was presented to your honorable body on December 17, 1867.

JOHN GAUCHE, Chairman;
C. C. SAMPSON,
B. F. JOUBERT.

The following, accompanying the report, was adopted, on its first reading:

WHEREAS, The New Orleans and Carrollton railroad company have sold to Messrs. Henry Kern and B. Fellman all their right, title, and interest to a certain lot of ground in the square bounded by Poydras, Baronne, Perdido, and Penn streets, and transferred to them the usufruct acquired from the city by act passed before Felix De Armas, notary public, on the 18th of July, 1833; therefore

Be it Resolved, That Henry Kern and B. Fellman be and they are hereby authorized to erect a brick building of three stories, with iron front to the first story, on the lot belonging to the city of New Orleans, in the square bounded by Perdido, Baronne, Poydras, and Penn streets, measuring sixty-two feet nine inches on Baronne street, seventy-four feet six inches front on Penn street, sixty eight feet four inches in depth on the side line nearest Poydras street, and seventy-eight feet in depth on the other side line, according to plans and specifications to be submitted to and approved by the city surveyor.

Be it further resolved, That if the city surveyor shall on completion of the aforesaid building approve the construction, the city of New Orleans will after the expiration of the present charter of the New Orleans and Carrollton railroad company, to wit: on the 9th of February, 1868, purchase from Henry Kern and B. Fellman the buildings erected by them at a value to be fixed by four appraisers, two to be selected by each party, and in case of disagreement will appoint an umpire, whose decision will be final.

Be it further resolved, That the Mayor be authorized to enter into any notarial act necessary to the execution of this resolution.

The following, accompanying the same report, were read twice under suspension of the rules, and adopted:

Resolved, That the Mayor be and he is hereby authorized to enter into contract on behalf of the city of New Orleans, before the City Notary, with Louis Muh, for the lease of the property now occupied as an insane asylum, for the term of one year from the 25th day of January, 1868, at two hundred dollars per month, payable monthly.

Resolved, That the Treasurer be and is hereby instructed to pay to Louis Muh whatever amount may be due to him up to December 25, 1867, on account of rent by the city of the property occupied as an insane asylum.

Resolved, That from and after this date the porters of the first and third district police stations be allowed forty-five dollars per month instead of thirty-five.

Resolved, That in compliance with section 134 of the city charter, the following estimate of liabilities and expenditures of the city of New Orleans for the year ending December 31, 1868, be, and the same is hereby adopted:

Probable receipts of the city of New Orleans for the year 1868:

Public schools	$ 50,000 00
House of Refuge (boys)	10,000 00
Real estate tax for 1867	1,500,000 00
Personal estate tax for 1867	44,000 00
Consolidated loan tax—$675,000—and interest on railroad bonds—$135,000	810,000 00
Cemeteries	15,000 00
Workhouse	15,000 00
Street railroads	60,000 00
Commissions	2,000 00
First National Bank	3,000 00
Ground rents	6,500 00
Interest	30,000 00
Law charges	3,000 00
Levee dues	200,000 00
Markets	50,000 00
Bills receivable	40,529 00
Bills receivable past due	40,529 59
Ferry property	1,000 00
Printing	4,000 00
Public pounds	8,000 00
Round-of courts	45,000 00
City waterworks	20,000 00
Licenses	1,000,000 00
Taxes in arrears	300,000 00
State of Louisiana, (assisting schools)	15,000 00
United States, (paying St. Joseph street)	7,000 00
Real estate, (each school property)	500,000 00
	$5,832,061 59

Probable expenditures of the city of New Orleans for the year 1868:

Avegno & Willop	$1,287 88
Public schools, (white and colored)	240,000 00
House of refuge, (boys and girls)	25,000 00
Charity	40,000 00
Cemeteries	2,000 00
Workhouse	15,000 00
Commission	5,000 00
Contingent	75,000 00
Draining	40,000 00
Jury service	30,000 00
Judgments	25,000 00
Law charges	24,000 00
Markets, (repairs and painting)	10,000 00
Opening streets	10,000 00
Peters property, (to pay note)	5,000 00
Printing	20,000 00
Police	400,000 00
Public pounds	2,000 00
Public squares	10,000 00
Reimbursed taxes	3,000 00
Salaries	200,000 00
Streets	225,000 00
Wharves and levees	50,000 00
Canal bridges	20,000 00
Parish prison	40,000 00
Courts	5,000 00
Elections	2,000 00
Fire alarm telegraph	4,000 00
Fire companies	120,000 00
Insane asylum	30,000 00
Lighting	195,000 00
Public buildings	10,000 00
Stationery	6,000 00
Girod lands	60,000 00
Redemption of city notes for six months from first February, 1868	600,000 00
Outstanding warrants	94,025 17
	$2,638,942 17

The following from the Committee on Streets and Landings was received:

COMMITTEE OF STREETS AND LANDINGS, Board of Assistant Aldermen, City Hall, January 14, 1868.

To the Honorable Board of Assistant Aldermen:

GENTLEMEN—Your committee have the honor to report upon the following subjects referred to them, viz:

Upon the following communication from the City Surveyor, which was referred to your committee:

"SURVEYOR'S OFFICE, "City of New Orleans, January 7, 1868.

"To the Honorable the Common Council, Board of Assistant Aldermen:

"GENTLEMEN—In consequence of certain statements made by Mr. Gauche before the committee investigating charges against the Street Commissioner, to the effect that one thousand ($1000) dollars worth of copper, etc., had disappeared from the Bienville street draining machine lately, I beg leave to state that some copper pipe and brasses were stolen from the building some twenty days ago, immediately investigated the loss, but could find no clue to the guilty parties. The amount of material stolen is trifling. If the Council think necessary, I hope the matter may be investigated in a proper manner, and not leave this department to be assailed by random insinuations, or its integrity brought in question on account of a case of petty larceny.

"I am respectfully, etc.,

(Signed) W. H. BELL,
City Surveyor."

Your Committee having examined the matter with care, both in connection with testimony given before the committee now investigating charges against the Street Commissioner, and with other evidence taken by this committee, have come to the conclusion that there was a theft committed about December 19 of a small quantity of brass and copper from the Bienville street draining machine. The building which contains this machine having been burglariously entered, suspicion rests upon Harry Thomas, a colored fireman formerly employed with this machine, and efforts have been made to arrest and bring him to trial, but it appears that the said Harry Thomas left this city secretly and hastily about the time the brass and copper was missed from the machine, an incident still further pointing to him as the guilty party.

The value of the stolen property is about $225, and the report circulated placing the loss at $1000 had its origin in ignorance or malice. The loss is not one which will fall upon the city, as the contractor who has recently taken possession of this machine is bound by the terms of his contract to leave the machine in the condition in which it is at the time it is turned over to the said contractor by the city. In conclusion, your committee are of opinion that no officer of the city is at fault for this loss, but that it is a case of petty theft, such as not only corporations but individuals are at all times liable to suffer from.

Upon the communication of the City Surveyor of December 16, stating that the sulfance wharves were in a very dilapidated condition and require repairs and extension, your Committee would report by offering a resolution authorizing the City Surveyor to employ the necessary machinery and men to make said repairs, being in these repairs as far as practicable such material as may now be in possession of this department.

Upon the communication of the City Surveyor reporting favorably upon petitions referred to him asking for the shelling of Howard street from Carondelet to Howard street, and for the shelling of Howard street between Felicity road and Washington street, your Committee would report by offering a resolution directing that the Secretary of the Board of Assistant Aldermen send said petitions for publication to the official journal in accordance with the requirements of the city charter, provided that the official journal shall make said publication at the expense of the petitioners.

F. W. PERKINS,
Chairman Committee Streets and Landings;
C. A. CARVINET,
S. STRAIGHT.

The following, accompanying the report, was adopted:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Board of Assistant Aldermen be and he is hereby directed to send to the official journal for publication in accordance with the requirements of articles Nos. 119, 120, and 121 of the city charter, petitions of property owners asking for the shelling of First street from Carondelet to Howard street, and Howard street between Felicity road and Washington street.

The following, accompanying the same report, was read twice under suspension of the rules, and adopted:

Resolved, That the City Surveyor be and he is hereby authorized to make the necessary repairs to the sulfance wharves, said repairs to be made under the supervision of the Committee on Streets and Landings, and that for this purpose authority is hereby granted to the City Surveyor to employ such machinery and as many men as may be necessary.

ORIGINAL RESOLUTIONS.

By Mr. Sterry:

Resolved, That the Controller be and he is hereby authorized to advertise during ten days in the official journal for sealed proposals for cleaning the sinks of the public buildings of the city of New Orleans, according to specifications on file in the Street Commissioner's office.

Read twice under suspension of the rules, and adopted.

By Mr. Dunn:

WHEREAS, The commercial value of the city notes is seriously affected by the fact that the banks and banking houses in this city refuse to accept them in business transactions in consequence of an order issued on them by the local assessors of the internal revenue department, according to which the banking institutions should have to pay a tax of ten per centum on all city and state notes paid out by them from and after the 1st day of August, 1868; and

Whereas, said order is based on section seventy-two of the internal revenue laws in force from and after August 1, 1868, it is therefore

Resolved by this Board of Assistant Aldermen, That the City Attorney be and he is hereby requested and required to examine the internal revenue laws and give an opinion whether said section seventy-two or any other provision of the internal revenue laws applies to our city notes or not.

Adopted.

Mr. Dunn moved to reconsider the vote by which the resolutions relative to the wharves, and providing for furnishing the revenues thereof," was adopted.

Lost.

Messrs. Dunn and Thezan voting in the affirmative.

By Mr. Dunn:

Resolved, That the Board of Aldermen be invited to meet this Board in joint session on Tuesday, the 28th, 1868, at 8 o'clock P. M. for the purpose of taking into consideration the differences existing between the Finance Committee and the Controller.

Adopted.

PETITIONS.

A petition of M. M. Miller, A. W. Merriam, and other billiard saloon keepers, praying for relief from the heavy burdens of taxation in the shape of increased licenses, was referred to the Finance Committee.

A petition of auctioneers and others associated with auctioneers, engaged in the real estate, dry goods, and general auction business, praying for relief from the additional amount of taxation imposed upon them, was referred to the Finance Committee.

A petition of A. J. McCulloch praying for the transfer of his contract for repairing and keeping in repair the shell roads of the first and fourth districts to Henry McGuinn was referred to the Finance Committee.

A petition of W. E. Planchard relative to some wood furnished the Insane asylum was referred to the joint session provided for as above.

A petition of Reimonenay and DuBlois praying for permission to erect a steam engine at No. 8 Spain street, was referred to the Committee on Improvements and Buildings.

A petition from a number of wagon drivers, praying for relief from heavy taxation, was referred to the Finance Committee.

A petition of Narcisse Fréchon, farmer of the Beef market during the year 1867, praying for relief, was referred to the Finance Committee.

On motion the Board adjourned until next Tuesday at six o'clock P. M.

ALFRED BOURGÉ,
Secretary.

How the Soldiers Made a Seal of Iron.

One morning in the month of February, 1865, a detachment of men from Sherman's army were at work breaking railroad. This great host of fighters and marchers had left the city of Savannah behind them, a gift of conquest to the nation. With giant strength, with noble endurance, with wondrous patience they had struggled waist deep through swamps which had been deemed impassable, they had built thousands of bridges, they had swam the treacherous streams, always in the face and fire of a desperate foe.

They were well used to bending and twisting these strips of iron, destroying these great arteries of the life of the rebellion. They had left their mark all the way from Vicksburg, through Memphis across the mountains, over the hills and plains of Georgia, and now, in the upland of South Carolina, they had reached the great heart of the system, and the heart of disloyalty as well, where the great highways of trade and treason met and separated to their furthermost bound.

It was a still, sunshiny morning of Sabbath quiet, that of which I write. Far away to the west the railroad track ran to a point and was lost to the horizon's edge. All along the way was marked by light columns of smoke, which lazily lifted themselves into the misty air. About these swarmed thousands of men feeding the flame, or bending the heated iron into strange, fantastic shapes, as their fancy or accident might direct.

In the foreground of this scene there was enacted one of those solemn dramatic incidents which symbolize a nation's history, wherein the actors, impressed with one present, all-powerful idea, unconsciously become prophets as well. Deft, off hand, and earnest of will, a party of workmen soldiers fashioned the white heated rails into the two letters U S. With many a shout and stern exclamation the earth was excavated at the exact point of centre at the great cross roads. A massive frame work of solid pine soon filled the cavity to the level of the way.

To this foundation, with many a strap and spike, were fastened the iron letters symbolic of the Union, liberty and law, and when it was all completed, and the U. S. shone in the sun as if they had grown into the soil, a rough, sun-browned soldier of the West raised his weather-stained hat from his broad forehead, and with something of sadness, and more of proud confidence, and yet with that sublimity of thought which is the voice of God speaking through the people, exclaimed: "There, boys, we have planted an iron seal right in the centre of the rebellion. These letters shall know that the United States government has been here and left its mark."

A few months from that day, and the confederacy, which for long years had lifted its haughty front before the power of our arms, went crumbling to the earth, smitten at its foundation, a hopeless wreck, an eternal ruin. The iron seal had made a deeper imprint than the Western soldier hoped or thought, and it shall go down to the coming centuries the signet of the government of law and the people.

Too Much Sensibility.

The sensibility of gentlemen at the South is something remarkable. In the constitutional convention of Virginia on Thursday a great disturbance was occasioned by Mr. Hunnicutt's speaking of Henry A. Wise and R. M. T. Hunter as traitors. The conservative members rose in fury; one of them, who happened to be a relative of Hunter, promptly gave Hunnicutt the lie; a pistol fell from one gentleman's pocket, others felt for their knives, and a general fight, worthy of the ancient days of chivalry, seemed on the verge of setting in. All this is very curious, and hard to understand. Hunter was Jeff Davis's first secretary of state; he next became a rebel senator, and filled that office which Jeff's government finally gave out. Wise flourished through the rebellion as a weighty man of war, and has flourished as a mighty man of words ever since, both his sword and his tongue being leveled with equal effect against the Union of the states and its lawful government. Why should these gentlemen now deny that they have been traitors, and why should their friends be irritated by the application to them of that simple epithet? In the absence of any clear solution of this problem we are happy to conjecture that they have truly repented of their political sins; that they look back with horror to the bloodshed and misery for which they are responsible, and mean to prove themselves honest and peaceable citizens in the future. If such be their present state of mind they ought to evince their conversion by some other means than sending their friends into a legal convention to give the lie and draw knives and pistols upon delegates who are not yet aware that so wonderful a transformation has been wrought within them.—*N. Y. Sun.*

Most of the wells and cisterns in Hillsdale, Michigan, are dry, and the ground is frozen too hard to dig new ones, so that the people will have a difficult time to procure water this winter.

The cancan dance is at its zenith in Jolly, Nobody but the French can do it in the sprightly life. French fast take to dancing as naturally as small boy to ragged trousers and doughnuts.

IN BANKRUPTCY.

ESTATE OF CHARLES RIPINSKI.

OFFICE UNITED STATES MARSHAL, District of Louisiana, New Orleans, January 13, 1868.

THIS IS TO GIVE NOTICE THAT ON THE 13th day of January, A. D. 1868, a WARRANT IN BANKRUPTCY was issued against the estate of CHARLES RIPINSKI, of New Orleans, in the parish of Orleans and State of Louisiana, who was adjudged a bankrupt on his own petition; that the payment of any debts and delivery of any property belonging to such bankrupt, to him or for his use, and the transfer of any property by him, are forbidden by law; that a meeting of the creditors of the said bankrupt, to prove their debts and to choose one or more assignees of his estate, will be held at a Court of Bankruptcy, to be holden at the Custom-house building, in the city of New Orleans, Louisiana, before John F. Deane, Register, on the fourteenth day of February, A. D. 1868, at 9 o'clock A. M.

F. J. HERRON,
U. S. Marshal, District of Louisiana.

No. 328—ja14 fe14

ESTATE OF THEODORE MEYER.

UNITED STATES MARSHAL'S OFFICE, District of Louisiana, New Orleans, January 13, 1868.

THIS IS TO GIVE NOTICE THAT ON THE 13th day of January, A. D. 1868, a WARRANT IN BANKRUPTCY was issued against the estate of THEODORE MEYER, of New Orleans, in the parish of Orleans and State of Louisiana, who was adjudged a bankrupt on his own petition; that the payment of any debts and delivery of any property belonging to such bankrupt, to him or for his use, and the transfer of any property by him, are forbidden by law; that a meeting of the creditors of the said bankrupt, to prove their debts and to choose one or more assignees of his estate, will be held at a Court of Bankruptcy, to be holden at the Custom-house building, in the city of New Orleans, Louisiana, before U. S. Kellogg, Register, on the eighth day of February, A. D. 1868, at 10 o'clock A. M.

F. J. HERRON, U. S. Marshal,
District of Louisiana.

No. 294—ja14 fe8

ESTATE OF HERMAN WILLIAM GOODMAN.

UNITED STATES MARSHAL'S OFFICE, District of Louisiana, New Orleans, December 23, 1867.

THIS IS TO GIVE NOTICE THAT ON THE 21st day of December, A. D., 1867, a WARRANT IN BANKRUPTCY was issued against the estate of HERMAN WILLIAM GOODMAN, of New Orleans, parish of Orleans and State of Louisiana, who was adjudged a bankrupt on his own petition; that the payment of any debts and delivery of any property belonging to such bankrupt, to him or for his use, and the transfer of any property by him, are forbidden by law; that a meeting of the creditors of the said bankrupt, to prove their debts and to choose one or more assignees of his estate, will be held at a Court of Bankruptcy, to be holden at the Custom-house building, in the city of New Orleans, Louisiana, before U. S. Kellogg, Register, on the 20th day of January, A. D. 1868, at 10 o'clock A. M.

F. J. HERRON, U. S. Marshal,
District of Louisiana.

No. 323—de24 ja20

ESTATE OF GEORGE LOE WALTON.

UNITED STATES MARSHAL'S OFFICE, District of Louisiana, New Orleans, January 8, 1868.

THIS IS TO GIVE NOTICE THAT ON THE 8th day of January, A. D. 1868, a WARRANT IN BANKRUPTCY was issued against the estate of GEORGE LOE WALTON, of the parish of Acadia and State of Louisiana, who was adjudged a bankrupt on his own petition; that the payment of any debts and delivery of any property belonging to such bankrupt, to him or for his use, and the transfer of any property by him, are forbidden by law; that a meeting of the creditors of the said bankrupt, to prove their debts and to choose one or more assignees of his estate, will be held at a Court of Bankruptcy, to be holden at the Custom-house building in the city of New Orleans, Louisiana, before Don A. Pardee, Register, on the 13th day of February, A. D. 1868, at 10 o'clock A. M.

F. J. HERRON, U. S. Marshal,
District of Louisiana.

No. 322—ja18 fe13

ESTATE OF JOHN F. McKNEELY.

UNITED STATES MARSHAL'S OFFICE, District of Louisiana, New Orleans, January 9, 1868.

THIS IS TO GIVE NOTICE THAT ON THE 9th day of January, A. D. 1868, a WARRANT IN BANKRUPTCY was issued against the estate of JOHN F. McKNEELY, of the vicinity of Plaquemine, in the parish of East Feliciana and State of Louisiana, who was adjudged a bankrupt on his own petition; that the payment of any debts and delivery of any property belonging to such bankrupt, to him or for his use, and the transfer of any property by him, are forbidden by law; that a meeting of the creditors of the said bankrupt, to prove their debts and to choose one or more assignees of his estate will be held at a Court of Bankruptcy, to be holden at the Custom-house building, in the city of New Orleans, Louisiana, before U. S. Kellogg, Register, on the 23d day of March, A. D. 1868, at 10 o'clock A. M.

F. J. HERRON, U. S. Marshal,
District of Louisiana.

No. 320—ja16 mh23

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