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RESOLUTION OF THE REPUBLICAN STATE NOMINATING CONVENTION ON JANUARY 16, 1868.

RESOLVED, THAT WE HEREBY PLEDGE OUR LIVES, OUR FORTUNES, AND OUR SACRED HONOR TO THE SUCCESS OF THE RADICAL REPUBLICAN PARTY, AND THE ELECTION OF THE CANDIDATES WE HAVE NOMINATED.

RESOLUTIONS OF THE CENTRAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE Radical Republican Party of Louisiana, the only organization representing the Republicans of the whole state, passed January 30, 1868.

Resolved, That all members of the Central Executive Committee of the Radical Republican Party of Louisiana who oppose the nominees of the State Nominating Convention of our party shall be regarded as disorganizers, and their names shall be declared vacant.

Resolved, That we hereby repudiate as the organ of our party and of this committee, and appoint the New Orleans Republican as the organ of our party and of this committee.

Adopted almost unanimously.

NEW ORLEANS REPUBLICAN.

The subscription price of this paper is \$16 a year, and the same rates for one-half or one-quarter of a year, payable in advance.

The Weekly Republican is five dollars a year, payable in advance. The Sunday Republican, delivered by carriers, is also five dollars a year, payable in advance.

WEEKLY REPUBLICAN.

The Weekly Republican will be issued on Saturday will contain a full report of the grand ratification meeting, and of the speeches which were delivered on that occasion.

Gentlemen who desire extra copies must leave their orders at the counter before Saturday next.

Members of the Constitutional Convention are invited to act as Agents for the New Orleans Republican on terms as favorable as those offered by any other paper.

The Vicksburg Republican is now published weekly by the "Vicksburg Republican company," at the very low rate of \$2 per annum.

We call the attention of our readers to the able and eloquent speech of Hon. Mr. Blackburn, delivered at the grand ratification meeting at Mechanics' Institute, and published in to-day's paper. It is well worth a most careful perusal.

The Bellied house, at Richmond, which cost \$296,000, was sold at auction last Monday for \$29,000. William Davidson, of the firm of R. V. Hanger & Co., New York, who are among Mr. Ballard's creditors, was the purchaser.

Rev. Dr. Newman will preach in his church, corner of St. Charles and Callage streets, this morning at eleven o'clock, and at 7 P. M. he will deliver the fourth sermon in the course on the Prudential Society, "The Prudential Recovery."

A correspondent, "E. M.," proposes that the city limit or prohibit the trade by brokers in the city currency. The best plan will be to pay all city indebtedness in greenbacks, and not receive any of the city money received at the treasury in payment of taxes, taxes, or other revenues.

The City Debt.—The debt of this city in round figures is \$12,500,000, as follows: the consolidated bonds amount to \$5,700,000; consolidated currency, or currency issued to pay the consolidated bonds, \$450,000; railroad bonds \$3,215,000; city currency \$3,135,000.

The Northern and Western mails did arrive here on last Friday evening, but the post-office clerks were distressed to distribute them that evening, or the office was closed not only for the accommodation of the public, there is no probability in the United States where so little accommodation is given to the public as in New Orleans.

REINSTATEMENT OF THE CITY COUNCIL.

The removal by General Hancock, on the 7th of February, of nine members of the city council for proceeding to hold an election for recorder of the second district in New Orleans, "in contempt of orders" from the fifth military district headquarters, inspired the loyal element of this city with new hopes, and added to a corresponding degree the hearts of loyal citizens. The action of the members of the city council who proceeded to hold that election was in no respect in contempt of orders from General Hancock's headquarters, because no orders were promulgated prohibiting them from holding an election.

A communication was addressed by Captain Chandler, assistant secretary of civil affairs, to Mayor Heath, alluding to a resolution of the board of assistant aldermen providing for a joint session of the council to fill a vacancy in the recordership, and inviting attention especially to a certain order of General Sheridan relating to elections by the people for state, parish, municipal, and judicial offices. That communication was transmitted by the mayor to the board of assistant aldermen. It was a vague, indefinite, obscure document, prepared, as General Hancock has since informed General Grant, during his absence from Louisiana, and while he was in Texas. The communication did not prohibit the city council from electing a recorder. It did not even intimate that the commanding general proposed to fill the vacancy which then clearly existed. Had that been the tenor of Captain Chandler's communication to the mayor, nothing is risked by the declaration that the council would not have proceeded to such an election.

The city charter, which was created by the legislature of the state, provides for the precise emergency that occurred. The recordership was vacant, declared so by the highest judicial tribunal in the state, because the incumbent was not eligible at the time of his election. It was the duty of the city council to fill the vacancy, and each member had sworn to perform his duty. Here is the fifteenth article of the city charter, covering that point.

Sec. 15. Be it further enacted, etc., That whenever a vacancy shall occur by death or otherwise in the office of mayor or recorder, it shall be the duty of the boards of aldermen and assistant aldermen, in joint meeting, to elect viva voce a person qualified to serve in the office so vacated, etc.

This enactment is plain, and it is equally clear that there was a necessity for filling the vacancy in the recordership without delay. These facts the rebel press of this city, which seems determined to sustain General Hancock, right or wrong, have steadily and persistently ignored. Not one of them has produced or referred to the section of the city charter conferring upon the city council authority to elect a recorder under the circumstances, but they have each and all declared that a vacancy of this nature could only be filled by an election by the people or by the appointment of the commanding general. It is astonishing that not one of this portion of the city press has had the frankness to state the truth about the law.

It is reasonable and generous to presume that the attention of General Hancock had not been directed to this section of the city charter, otherwise his declaration that he should conduct affairs in this military district in accordance with the civil law, would certainly have prompted him not to interfere with the action of the council in the matter of the recordership. His action was clearly inconsistent with his declaration, there being no military order prohibiting them from doing so, were justified in proceeding to hold the election referred to. They were among the most useful and intelligent members of the board. The "seven colored members" referred to by the commanding general are men of intelligence, probity, wealth, and refinement. They are fully the equals in every respect of the gentlemen whom General Hancock appointed to succeed them.

Upon their removal, the element of disloyalty arose from the meeting, and men who had kept away from the meeting, of the city council during its undoubtedly legal control of the lobby at the very first meeting and commenced their arrangements for regaining possession of minor offices. This class of men taught they saw in this movement of General Hancock a harbinger of success against all Union men in the city administration, and they were jubilant thereat.

The reinstatement by General Grant of the removed members of the common council has been to these men a grievous disappointment. They see the handwriting on the wall and the shadow of coming events. They begin to suspect that men may no longer be proscribed in this city and state because of their loyalty or the color of their skin, and the rebel press goes mad with rage and casts its vulgar abuse at General Grant, the restored members of the council, and "mendacious loyalists" generally.

But the loyal men of Louisiana also see the handwriting on the wall and the shadow of coming events, and will contentedly and quietly wait for the full sunlight of the better day which is dawning.

THE CITY.

The weather during the past week has been quite warm for the season. There was a heavy rain on Monday, and occasional showers on Tuesday (March 2nd). The improvement in general trade recently noticed continued down to the close of business yesterday. Cotton, however, has slightly receded from the high figure realized for it a week ago. But the market is quiet steady. Sugar holds up well, under the stimulus of short crops and a good demand. At the same time we are told that the volume of transactions is not so heavy as it has usually been at this season of the year before the war. Real estate continues to be depressed, and no sales have been effected this year at prices satisfactory to sellers. The few forced sales that have been made have passed off cheaply, for want of competition among buyers.

morning we published the dispatches of our special Washington correspondent containing the information that the vote on the impeachment resolutions would be taken on Monday at five o'clock. Accordingly on that day the question was put in the house of representatives, and the resolution was carried by a vote of 126 yeas to 47 nays. The senate has since been formally notified of the action of the house, and the proper order taken for the trial of the president upon the charges to be preferred by the house.

General Grant after having carefully considered the causes which led to the removal of a part of the New Orleans city council, has finally directed the orders making the change to be set aside. At the meeting on Tuesday night, therefore, both boards will be composed of the old members. At the time of this partial dissolution of the council, several important matters were pending. Among the chief of these was the investigation into an alleged payment of eighty-four thousand dollars, not only without authority of law, but contrary to a decree of the supreme court of the state. We hope the special committee to whom this case had been referred, will now look into it at once. If so great a wrong has been committed, the sooner an attempt is made to recover at least a part of the money the better. And if it shall result that the payment can be defended on any just grounds, then the matter will be suffered to rest.

There is an important financial scheme before the council looking to the funding of a very large amount of city notes. There can be no doubt that even this plan will be a great improvement over the present wretched financial policy of the corporation, although it is not the proper way to solve the difficulty. It only transfers to another day the payment of debt long past due, and in reality provides for a loan at the rate of seven per cent interest for which nothing will be received into the city treasury. Yet city money is now at such a heavy rate of discount that it is absolutely necessary to provide some means to retire it from circulation. Of the two obvious ways by which this result can be accomplished, it seems to us that the council has proposed the one having the most objections. Yet the people will not only be satisfied but feel grateful if they are relieved of the great evils resulting from the present excessive issue of municipal currency.

The labors of the convention have been unexpectedly protracted. Our reports this morning show that one hundred and forty sections of the constitution have been revised. This leaves only about twenty more to be acted upon. It is probable the whole work will be completed and an adjournment sine die carried early this week. Pending the completion of the constitution, but little except organization has been effected in political circles. The Republican party is well organized in the city, and ready to make full nominations at the proper time for all the offices created by the constitution. We hear from the country that they are forming clubs in every parish. All the indications point to considerable activity in the coming election. At least it appears to be the determination of our friends that the election shall call out a larger proportionate vote than was recently cast in Alabama. The amendment to the reconstruction law, which we publish in another column, sets at rest all doubt about the power of the convention to order an election for state and other officers on the same day the vote is taken on the adoption or rejection of the constitution. This amendment is not yet a law, however. It may be vetoed by the president any time within ten days from its passage, in which case it will be immediately repealed by both houses of congress; or he may keep it beyond the ten days, when it will become a law without further action. It is quite likely he will subject it to the greatest possible delay in any event.

A MODEL LANDLORD.

In these fall times, when everything necessary to the support of the people is at a high price, and when high rents are maintained by grasping landlords without regard to the pecuniary condition of tenants, it is refreshing to hear of an instance where a property holder has sufficient moral courage to step forward and sacrifice his interests for the public good. We have an instance in view, and take pleasure in giving publicity to it. There was a rumor on the streets yesterday that the St. James hotel was about to close, with a house full of guests, in consequence of the high rate demanded or rent of that popular institution. Mr. A. B. James, the owner of that immense building, (which is an ornament to Magazine street,) on hearing the report immediately took the necessary steps to correct anything of the kind. In a conference with Messrs. Hard & Corkery, the able and energetic proprietors of that popular and cosmopolitan institution, he not only reduced the rate of rent heretofore charged, but assured those capable gentlemen that the hotel should, with his aid, preserve, as it now holds, a prestige of which any house in the country may be proud. It is proper in this connection to state that the St. James hotel, with its neat rooms, cleanly appliances, and attentive servants, has been looked upon as exclusively a "Confederate" or rebel house. Such are the reasons to know is not the case. Strictly cosmopolitan in its character and management, no guest ever comes beneath the roof of Hard & Corkery's St. James hotel who will feel the slightest restriction upon his feelings, or lack of the attention due every one who places himself in the hands of courteous and gentlemanly landlords. The crowning point of liberality and public spirit has been shown by Mr. A. B. James, the owner of the building, in this recognizing the necessity of a great public want, and reducing the rent of his magnificent building so that the traveling public may stop where the comforts of a pleasant home are combined with the advantages of business convenience. We only wish that other landlords would follow the example of Mr. James, and give the energetic poor a chance to live.

The new steamer Hancock left St. Louis for New Orleans at noon Thursday.

ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION.

Will the New York Herald quote the article, paragraph, or sentence in the new constitution of Arkansas conferring the right of suffrage upon women, and making them competent jurors? Will the Herald also quote that part of the constitution disfranchising all who dare to vote against it? Section two of the franchise article of the constitution provides that:

Every male person, under certain conditions of birth, naturalization, and residence shall be deemed an elector.

Section three disfranchises Those who during the rebellion took the oath of allegiance, or gave bonds for loyalty and good behavior to the United States government, and afterward gave aid, comfort, or countenance to those engaged in armed hostility to the government of the United States, either by becoming a soldier in the rebel army, or by entering the lines of said army, or adhering in any way to the cause of rebellion, or by accompanying any armed force belonging to the rebel army, or by furnishing supplies of any kind to the same.

Those who are disqualified as electors, or from holding office in the state or states from which they came. Those persons who during the late rebellion violated the rules of civilized warfare.

Those who may be disqualified by the proposed amendment to the constitution of the United States known as article fourteen, and those who have been disqualified from registering to vote for delegates to the convention to frame a constitution for the state of Arkansas, under the reconstruction act of congress, passed March 2, 1867.

Those who shall have been convicted of treason, embezzlement of public funds, malfeasance in office, crimes punishable by law with imprisonment in the penitentiary, or bribery.

Those who are idiots or insane. Women are not enfranchised, nor are those who "dare vote against the constitution" disfranchised. In assailing these features in the constitution the Herald lights a windmill.

CONSISTENCY.

General Hancock did an act of positive injustice in removing nine members of the city council for proceeding to hold an election for recorder in this city, in strict accordance with the requirements of the city charter, a section which the city press kept the commanding general and their readers generally in ignorance of. It was an act of injustice committed through mistake, and General Hancock would stand much higher in the estimation of all good men by voluntarily repairing a wrong than by reluctantly obeying the orders of his superior officer. Some time since the commander of this military district appointed to fill an existing vacancy a mayor in one of the country parishes. He subsequently ascertained that the city council had, in compliance with the terms of the city charter, filled the vacancy by an election. This fact being brought to his knowledge General Hancock on the 20th of February revoked the appointment made by himself, acknowledged his mistake, and recognized the authority of the city council referred to. That was an act of consistency which was warmly commended.

THE ISSUE IN MISSISSIPPI.

We publish in another part of our paper this morning an address to the people of Mississippi by Peter Bailey, Esq., of Yazoo county. His sound views and logical reasoning will at once commend his address to the attention of every man of reflection who reads it. The members of the present convention and those who are candidates for the legislature of that State, in particular, will find suggestions here well worthy of careful consideration. And in view of the fact that Mr. Bailey's name will be presented to the first legislature of Mississippi as a candidate for the United States senate, his views on public matters will be interesting to all those who may desire to learn the sentiments of leading public men.

Payments for Judgment on Texas.

When George I. Bright, Esq., was city attorney and acting assistant city attorney in 1864, he performed services for the city in obtaining judgment against taxpayers which in fees amounted to \$40,000. A considerable portion of this has been paid to Mr. Bright, \$12,000 of which was paid to him by the present city treasurer, Mr. Howell. Yet not a dollar of these taxes has been paid into the city treasury, though Mr. Bright having obtained judgment against the city, and that judgment having been confirmed by the supreme court, there is no avoiding payment to him.

The law which entitles the city attorney to fees for the collection of taxes reads as follows:

Be it further enacted, etc., That all city tax bills shall bear ten per cent interest from the first Monday of July of the year in which they are payable, and to each bill confided to the assistant city attorney for collection there shall be added a commission of five per centum per annum on the amount of the bill, which commission shall be paid by the delinquent taxpayer, and shall be covered by said assistant attorney in full compensation for his services, but only on the amount actually paid into the treasury.

The Amended Reconstruction Act.

The following is a copy of the amended reconstruction act, which originated in and passed the senate, and was concurred in by the house. It is now before the president for his consideration. Be it enacted, etc., that hereafter any election authorized by the act passed March 22, 1867, entitled an act supplementary to an act to provide for the more efficient government of the rebel states passed March 2, 1867, and to facilitate restoration, shall be decided by a majority of the votes actually cast, and at the election in which the question of adoption or rejection of any constitution is submitted, any person daily registered in the state may vote in the election district where he claims to vote when he has resided therein for ten days next preceding such election upon presentation of his certificate of registration, his affidavit, or other satisfactory evidence, under such regulations as district commissioners may prescribe.

Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That the constitutional convention of any of the states mentioned in acts to which this is supplementary may provide that at the time of voting on the ratification of the constitution, registered voters may vote also for members of the house of representatives of the United States, and for all elective offices provided for by said constitution, and that the election shall make a return of the votes cast on the ratification or rejection of the constitution shall cover and certify the votes cast for members of congress.

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We would call the particular attention of the Merchant and Business Community to this Department of our Establishment, as we have made to it extensive additions in every

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The facilities we have in the way of STEAM, CARD AND HAND PRESSES ENABLE US TO EXECUTE WORK RAPIDLY, NEATLY AND CHEAPLY.

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One per cent of the stock will be required on subscription, and subsequent calls, but to exceed five per cent per month, will be made by the Board of Directors, from time to time, as may be necessary, to apply funds to construct and equip the lines; but no calls will be made after the one per cent is paid, until the entire Capital Stock shall have been subscribed.

The stockholders of this Company can not be held out or transferred to any other Company. The act of Congress under which this company has been organized, prohibits any transfer of the franchise granted.

Mr. Wm. McCann, Albany, N. Y. I have had in daily use, for several years, Hudson Female Academy, the Piano Fort, Boardman, Gray & Co. With the most abundant testimonials for its durability, strength, and tone, and for those qualities generally on which Piano Forts are valued, and which are so essential to all, and particularly to those who are devoted to practicing for schools and academies, I can give the most glowing testimonials.

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TELEGRAPH COMPANIES.

THE NATIONAL TELEGRAPH COMPANY.

A new enterprise to be known as the National Telegraph Company has been organized with valuable franchises conferred by a recent act of Congress, for the purpose of establishing trunk lines of telegraph on all the principal railroads and mail routes in the United States. The stock is to be issued upon the same principle as that of the Merchants' Union Express Company, which recently commenced operation. The design is to interest the entire business community in the enterprise. This is done, not so much to dispose of the stock as it is to secure the business of the country through which the lines pass.

The Capital is to be \$10,000,000. In 100,000 Shares of the par value of \$100 PER SHARE.

Not the actual amount to be paid in Cash is \$35 PER SHARE.

And this amount is to be paid as follows: One per cent at the time of subscribing, and no more, until the entire capital has been subscribed, and then on calls to be made by the Board of Directors; instalments not to exceed five per cent per month. When thirty-five per cent of the par value of the shares has been paid, certificates of stock will be issued. This will give the Company a stock of Cash Capital of \$3,500,000.

Which will be sufficient to duplicate lines to all, or nearly all, the paying points reached by the present monopoly.

The present telegraph Companies of the country have been consolidated into one huge monopoly, and are now earning over six millions of dollars per year, or over one hundred per cent on the actual cost of their lines, their present capital having been watered over one thousand per cent.

The National Telegraph Company has a recognition from the United States Government of the importance of their enterprise, with a grant of the most valuable franchises ever conferred upon a Telegraph Company. No competing line has ever had the right now granted by congress to this Company to construct and operate lines over every Railroad and Mail Route in the United States. The position of this Company differs from that of any company ever before organized. The question of the right of way is forever settled.

The stockholders of this Company can not be held out or transferred to any other Company. The act of Congress under which this company has been organized, prohibits any transfer of the franchise granted.

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