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BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

Regular Session.

CITY HALL, NEW ORLEANS, Tuesday, June 2, 1868.

The Board met pursuant to adjournment.

Present: Messrs. Burbank, Dewees, Dumas, Kellogg, Tucker, Woolfley, and Zacharie.

President Graham being absent on account of sickness, Mr. Burbank was called to the chair.

The minutes were read and approved.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE BOARD OF ASSISTANT ALDERMEN.

The following, received for concurrence, were read twice under a suspension of the rules, and concurred in by the following vote:

2. *Resolved*, That the adjudication of the contract of the city of New Orleans with Louis Ruch to supply the public institutions with beef during the year 1868 be and the same is hereby approved.

Resolved further, That the Mayor be and he is hereby authorized to enter into contract, before the City Notary, in behalf of the city of New Orleans, with Louis Ruch as principal and H. Cassidy as security, for supplying the different public institutions as shall be beef during the year 1868 at the rate of three cents and a half per pound.

Yeas: Messrs. Burbank, Dewees, Kellogg, Tucker, Woolfley, and Zacharie.

Nays: None.

Resolved, That the Finance Committee be and hereby are empowered to employ whatever assistance they may judge necessary, who shall, under the direction of said committee, on behalf of the city, examine the accounts of the Treasurer and Controller of the city of New Orleans, a full report of which shall be made to said committee, who shall report the same to the Board of Aldermen and Assistant Aldermen.

Yea: Messrs. Burbank, Dewees, Kellogg, Tucker, Woolfley, and Zacharie.

Nays: None.

The following were concurred in upon their first reading:

Resolved, That lots Nos. 337, 338, 339, 340, 341, 342, 343, 344, 345, 346, 347, 348, 349, 350, measuring twenty feet by forty one feet in all, in section No. 4, in Washington Cemetery No. 1, be and the same are hereby donated to the Poydras Orphan Asylum.

Resolved, That the contract for cleaning sinks of the public institutions, which was adjudicated on the 23d March last to A. Conrad at the rate of $4500 per year, be and the same is hereby approved.

Resolved further, That the Mayor be and he is hereby authorized to enter into contract before the City Notary, in behalf of the city, with A Conrad as principal, and G. Bonet as security, for the cleaning of the sinks of the different institutions of the city for and in consideration of the sum of forty-five hundred dollars. ($4500.)

Resolved, That the sale of the right of way for a railroad on Villere, Dumaine, Marais, and other streets, which was adjudicated on the fifteenth May, 1868, to the Orleans Railroad Company, with D. B. Macarty, George W. Hynson, B. Saloy, and L. E. Lemarie as securities, be and the same are hereby approved.

Resolved further, That the Mayor be and he is hereby authorized to enter into contract before the city notary in behalf of the city of New Orleans with the Orleans Railroad Company as principals, and D. B. Macarty, George W. Hynson, B. Saloy, and L. E. Lemarie as securities, for the right of way of a railroad on Villere, Dumaine, Marais, and other streets, for twenty years, at the rate of 22-32 of one cent per passenger carried on the cars, agreeably to specifications by the City Surveyor.

Resolved, That the adjudication of the contract to P. Wintz on the second October, 1867, of the right of way for a railroad on Esplanade and other streets, with the names of Jackson & Manson and Biscoe & Simms as securities, be and the same is hereby approved.

Resolved further, That the Mayor be and he is hereby authorized to enter into contract before the City Notary in behalf of the city of New Orleans, with P. Wintz as principal, and Jackson & Manson and Biscoe & Simms as securities, for the right of way for a railroad on Esplanade and other streets, for twenty years, at the rate of one and one-third cent per passenger, and agreeably to specifications of the City Surveyor.

The following was laid on the table:

Resolved, That permission be and it is hereby granted to U. Winteler to erect a steam engine and boiler on his premises, No. 23 St. Ferdinand street, third district, provided the same be erected in accordance with city laws and ordinances, and remain during the pleasure of the Common Council.

The following was referred to the Committee on Streets and Landings:

Resolved, That the City Surveyor be and he is hereby authorized to raise the curb and flagging of the intersections of the banquettes on Canal street, from Magazine to Rampart street, to a level with the top of the iron bridges, and replace the stone crossings with long iron crossing plates.

The following was concurred in:

Resolved, That the Board of Aldermen be requested to meet the Board of Assistant Aldermen in joint ballot this evening at half-past eight o'clock for the purpose of electing two members of the Common Council to represent the interest of the city in the New Orleans Commercial Waterworks Company.

PETITION.

Of Spencer Fields, asking for the opening of St. Philip street, was referred to the Committee on Streets and Landings.

ORIGINAL RESOLUTIONS.

By Mr. Zacharie:

WHEREAS, In view of the increasing importance of the travel on Canal street and other streets leading thereto; and

Whereas, The system of railroads on that street is becoming daily more important and complicated, several of the railroads having their starting points on or near that street desiring to extend their roads nearer the City Statue, all of which would render it necessary for a definite plan to be agreed upon, by which the interests of the city, property holders, railroads, and the community at large should be taken into consideration

Resolved, That a committee of two members of this Board be appointed by the chair, and three Board of Assistant Aldermen be requested to appoint a committee of two members from them with the committee of this Board a special joint committee to confer with representatives of the different city railroads as to the practicability of establishing a single depot at the central ground on Canal street, grade crossings, with the necessary turnouts, switches, starting points, etc., to connect with the different lines of city railroads in operation and contemplated.

The rules were suspended, when the resolution was read twice and adopted by the following vote:

Yeas: Messrs. Burbank, Dewees, Kellogg, Tucker, Woolfley, and Zacharie.

Nays: None.

Mr. Woolfley gave notice that he would at the next regular meeting move to reconsider the vote he takes.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The following report from the Finance Committee were read:

CITY HALL, NEW ORLEANS, June 1, 1868.

To the Honorable the Board of Aldermen and Assistant Aldermen:

GENTLEMEN—We have the honor to report the following ordinance and recommend its adoption:

AN ORDINANCE

To transfer certain sums of money therein mentioned.

SECTION 1. The Auditor of Public Accounts is hereby authorized to transfer the following sums of money, viz:

[illegible]

Yeas: Messrs. Burbank, Dewees, Kellogg, Tucker, Woolfley, and Zacharie.

Nays: None.

Mr. Dewees moved to amend so as to read as follows:

WHEREAS, The strip or portion of ground in the square bounded by Brainard, Apollo, Josephine, and St. Andrew streets, which measures 130 feet 5 inches and 4 lines front on St. Andrew street, 130 feet 5 inches and 8 lines on the rear line, and 10 feet in width and front on Brainard and Apollo streets, now Carondelet street, designated by the letter S on a plan drawn by J. N. De Pouilly, dated March 5, 1860, deposited in the office of J. W. Breedlove, notary public, which is necessary for a public banquette, and the same is offered for sale to the city of New Orleans by E. W. Huntington, who proposes to convey it at a price to be fixed by two experts, one to be selected by E. W. Huntington and the other by the city of New Orleans, to determine the value of said ground, and in case they disagree an umpire to be chosen whose decision shall be final.

Mr. Dewees moved to amend so as to read as follows:

WHEREAS, The strip or portion of ground in the square bounded by Brainard, Apollo, Josephine, and St. Andrew streets, which measures 130 feet 5 inches and 4 lines front on St. Andrew street, 130 feet 5 inches and 8 lines on the rear line, and 10 feet in width and front on Brainard and Apollo streets (now Carondelet street), designated by the letter S on a plan drawn by J. N. De Pouilly, dated March 5, 1860, deposited in the office of J. W. Breedlove, notary public, is necessary for a public banquette, and the same is offered for sale to the city of New Orleans by E. W. Huntington, who proposes to convey it at a price to be fixed by experts, one to be selected by E. W. Huntington and the other by the city of New Orleans, to determine the value of said ground, and in case they disagree an umpire to be chosen whose decision shall be final.

Resolved, That the said proposition be accepted by the city of New Orleans, and that the Common Council appoint one arbitrator to meet one arbitrator to be appointed by said E. W. Huntington to fix the value of the property aforesaid; and in case they do not agree they shall appoint an umpire, who shall fix the value of said strip of ground.

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

Yeas: Messrs. Burbank, Dewees, Kellogg, Tucker, Woolfley, and Zacharie.

Nays: None.

The Board then proceeded to the hall of the Board of Assistant Aldermen to

JOINT SESSION.

(See proceedings Board of Assistant Aldermen.)

The Board having returned to their hall, adjourned until Tuesday next at 7 P. M.

HUGH J. CAMPBELL, Secretary.

BOARD OF ASSISTANT ALDERMEN.

Regular Session.

CITY HALL, Tuesday, June 2, 1868.

The Board met pursuant to adjournment.

Present: Mr. E. H. Chadwick, President; and Messrs. Sullivan, Scott, Perkins, Kearny, Sterry, Shields, Mary, Flood, Thezan, Dunn, Breen, Beauvinet, and Joubert.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Shields obtained a suspension of the rules to introduce the following resolution, which was read and sent to the Board of Aldermen for concurrence:

Resolved, That the Board of Aldermen be and they are hereby invited to meet this Board in joint session for the purpose of electing two directors of the Commercial Union Insurance Company.

Mr. Perkins introduced the following resolution, which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance:

Resolved, That the Controller be and he is hereby authorized to offer at public auction under the mission to which he was delegated to relieve the suffering poor of this city, be recognized and paid in accordance with an accompanying resolution.

Also unfavorably upon the petition of C. T. Howard for a modification of the ordinance upon lottery tickets.

E. W. BURBANK, Chairman pro tem. Board of Aldermen.
F. A. WOOLFLEY,
JAMES T. TUCKER.

NEW ORLEANS, June 1, 1868.

To the Honorable the Board of Aldermen and Assistant Aldermen:

Your committee who were charged with the presentation to Major General R. C. Buchanan, commanding the Fifth Military District, of the views of the Common Council on the subject of annulling the existing State laws which are construed to prevent the collection of unpaid taxes, beg leave to report:

That in pursuance of the resolution of the Common Council they waited upon General Buchanan and presented to him the following petition, which was most courteously received and carefully read by the general, who promised to give the subject his early attention and communicate his answer to your committee.

E. W. BURBANK, Chairman on the part of the Board of Aldermen;

J. P. SULLIVAN, Chairman on the part of the Board of Assistant Aldermen;
F. A. WOOLFLEY,
J. E. SCOTT,
ALFRED KEARNY.

NEW ORLEANS, LA., June 1, 1868.

Brevet Major General R. C. Buchanan, Commanding Fifth Military District:

At the last sitting of the Boards of Aldermen and Assistant Aldermen the following preamble and resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, Grave doubts exist as to the power of the city of New Orleans to enforce the payment of the unpaid taxes due this city for the years 1861, 1862, 1863, 1864, and 1865 until the first of January, 1870, in consequence of the various acts of the Legislature postponing the collection of State and parochial taxes due until that period, which acts of the Legislature are construed by many persons to include the city taxes for those years; and

Whereas, One of the great sources of embarrassment of the city corporation arises from the non-collection of the taxes due the city for those years, amounting as they do to over three millions of dollars, therefore

Resolved, That a joint committee consisting of three members of this Board and two members of the Board of Aldermen be appointed to memorialize Brevet Major General R. C. Buchanan, commanding this military district, to order the collection of the taxes in arrears to this city for said years immediately.

And your petitioners were appointed to act as said committee.

The city of New Orleans has less debt in proportion to the inhabitants and wealth and a smaller rate of taxation than any other large city in the Union.

In 1862, when many of our citizens were absent the unpaid taxes were funded by the issuing of currency equal to the amount of said taxes, which currency was to be destroyed upon the payment of the taxes upon which it was based. This rule at first, we believe, was generally followed, but in after years, when other men filled the offices, the issue of currency was largely increased and soon ceased to represent that for which it was originally intended. In the meantime the expenses of the city went on.

The exact condition of affairs at present is that we have a circulation of something less than four (4) millions of dollars, which is the property of our citizens, while on the other hand the citizens owe to the city in the shape of unpaid taxes nearly the same amount.

After the cessation of hostilities, and at the next session of our Legislature a bill was passed, and approved March 8, 1866, for the purpose of reimbursing parties who had paid their taxes. See acts of Louisiana, 1866, 112, chapter 64.

In the same year another act was also passed exempting property which had been seized by the Federal Government from taxation for the years 1862, '63, '64, and '65. See acts of Louisiana 1866, p. 234, chapter 121, 122. The last two acts did not receive the signature of the Governor.

On the nineteenth day of February, 1866, by an act of the Legislature (see act of 1866, page 41, chapter 24) all State and parish taxes were suspended till January 1, 1868, and on March 8, 1867 (see acts of 1867, page 79, chapter 47) this act was extended to January 1, 1870, and by an act of 1867, chapter 149, page 285, all costs and interests on taxes were ordered to be refunded.

The act of 1866, chapter 121, page 234, says: "That all seizures for city taxes for 1861, 1862, 1863, and 1864 be and are hereby postponed until the reorganization of the civil municipal government."

A city government, so far as the people of the city of New Orleans were concerned, was elected and organized about the first of April, 1866. That city government has since been superseded, and one in its place appointed by the Legislature an exemption till 1870. This is doing injustice, and is special legislation in favor of one portion of our citizens and against the other, and any State, city, or other corporation which sanctions such legislation must inevitably become insolvent.

Your petitioners respectfully ask your attention to the said acts, and that after due consideration you will be pleased to issue an order setting aside all of said acts or so much of them as will permit the city of New Orleans to collect at once all taxes due to it, believing as we do that such an order at this time will work for the general good of both city and citizens.

E. W. BURBANK, Chairman on part of Board of Aldermen;
J. P. SULLIVAN, Chairman on part of Board of Assistant Aldermen:

J. E. SCOTT,
ALFRED KEARNY.

The following resolution recommended therein was adopted on its first reading:

Resolved, That the Controller warrant on the Treasurer for the sum of nineteen hundred and fifty-three dollars and twelve cents ($1953 12) in favor of A. D. Grief, agent, for corn and cattle purchased through J. F. Belknap, under ordinance No. 6024, in 1865, to supply the suffering people of New Orleans.

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

OFFICE OF STREETS AND LANDINGS, City Hall, June 2, 1868.

To the Honorable Board of Aldermen:

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

Upon the petition of Henry Walter for permission to erect a cooper shop on the corner of Thalia and White streets, your committee would report favorably and offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby granted to Henry Walter to erect a cooper shop at the corner Thalia and White streets, provided the same be erected in accordance with existing city laws and ordinances.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

The following resolutions came up in their regular order upon their second reading and were concurred in by the following vote:

Resolved, That the City Surveyor be and he is hereby authorized to construct bridges across the Broad Street canal at Gravier and Perdido streets.

Yeas: Messrs. Burbank, Dewees, Kellogg, Tucker, Woolfley, and Zacharie.

Nays: None.

Resolved, That the Controller be authorized to advertise for the binding of the notarial records in the official journal. Sealed proposals will be directed to D. Mandell, Esq., and adjudication will be made advertisement. The number of volumes not to exceed sixty. All bids to be in conformity with specifications to be obtained at the Controller's office.

Yeas: Messrs. Burbank, Dewees, Kellogg, Tucker, Woolfley, and Zacharie.

Nays: None.

The following were adopted by the following votes:

Resolved, That the sum of one thousand dollars be allowed M'me Nelson Poucher for the property expropriated by the city in running through it for the purpose of opening London avenue, with the reservation of any or all claims the city may have against said property for taxes or otherwise.

Yeas: Messrs. Burbank, Dewees, Kellogg, Tucker, Woolfley, and Zacharie.

Nays: None.

Resolved, That the Controller be authorized to advertise for the binding of the notarial records in the official journal. Sealed proposals will be directed to D. Mandell, Esq., and adjudication will be made advertisement. The number of volumes not to exceed sixty. All bids to be in conformity with specifications to be obtained at the Controller's office.

Yeas: Messrs. Burbank, Dewees, Kellogg, Tucker, Woolfley, and Zacharie.

Nays: None.

The following were adopted by the following votes:

Resolved, That the sum of one thousand dollars be allowed M'me Nelson Poucher for the property expropriated by the city in running through it for the purpose of opening London avenue, with the reservation of any or all claims the city may have against said property for taxes or otherwise.

Yeas: Messrs. Burbank, Dewees, Kellogg, Tucker, Woolfley, and Zacharie.

Nays: None.

Resolved, That the Controller be authorized to advertise for the binding of the notarial records in the official journal. Sealed proposals will be directed to D. Mandell, Esq., and adjudication will be made advertisement. The number of volumes not to exceed sixty. All bids to be in conformity with specifications to be obtained at the Controller's office.

Yeas: Messrs. Burbank, Dewees, Kellogg, Tucker, Woolfley, and Zacharie.

Nays: None.

The following was read:

Resolved, That the strip or portion of ground in the square bounded by Brainard, Apollo, Josephine, and St. Andrew streets, which measures 130 feet 5 inches and 4 lines front on St. Andrew street, 130 feet 5 inches and 8 lines on the rear line, and 10 feet in width and front on Brainard and Apollo streets, now Carondelet street, designated by the letter S on a plan drawn by J. N. De Pouilly, dated March 5, 1860, deposited in the office of J. W. Breedlove, notary public, which is necessary for a public banquette, and the same is offered for sale to the city of New Orleans by E. W. Huntington, who proposes to convey it at a price to be fixed by two experts, one to be selected by E. W. Huntington and the other by the city of New Orleans, to determine the value of said ground, and in case they disagree an umpire to be chosen whose decision shall be final.

Resolved, That the said proposition be accepted by the city of New Orleans, and that the Common Council appoint one arbitrator to meet one arbitrator to be appointed by said E. W. Huntington to fix the value of the property aforesaid; and in case they do not agree they shall appoint an umpire, who shall fix the value of said strip of ground.

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

Yeas: Messrs. Burbank, Dewees, Kellogg, Tucker, Woolfley, and Zacharie.

Nays: None.

The Board then proceeded to the hall of the Board of Assistant Aldermen to

JOINT SESSION.

(See proceedings Board of Assistant Aldermen.)

The Board having returned to their hall, adjourned until Tuesday next at 7 P. M.

HUGH J. CAMPBELL, Secretary.

BOARD OF ASSISTANT ALDERMEN.

Regular Session.

CITY HALL, Tuesday, June 2, 1868.

The Board met pursuant to adjournment.

Present: Mr. E. H. Chadwick, President; and Messrs. Sullivan, Scott, Perkins, Kearny, Sterry, Shields, Mary, Flood, Thezan, Dunn, Breen, Beauvinet, and Joubert.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Shields obtained a suspension of the rules to introduce the following resolution, which was read and sent to the Board of Aldermen for concurrence:

Resolved, That the Board of Aldermen be and they are hereby invited to meet this Board in joint session for the purpose of electing two directors of the Commercial Union Insurance Company.

Mr. Perkins introduced the following resolution, which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance:

Resolved, That the Controller be and he is hereby authorized to offer at public auction the sale of the stalls for the balance of present year in the Bazar market in the second district, after five days notice in the official journal, the sale of which to be posted at least three days in and about the said market, posters to be in French, German, and English.

Resolved further, That the sale of the stalls of said Bazar shall be made subject to the ordinances regulating the sale of stalls of the other markets of the city of New Orleans.

Resolved, That the sum of sixteen hundred dollars be and it is hereby appropriated for the purpose of procuring the necessary books of record to record the judgments against citizens and in favor of the city for taxes, and for the purpose of recording said judgments in the office of the Register of Mortgages, the same to be expended under the direction of the Finance Committee.

Resolved, The the Controller and Treasurer be and they are hereby directed to open an account in their books to be entitled "The Touro Fund," and that all funds coming from the Touro almshouse, under and by direction of the "Judah Touro Will," be placed to the credit of said account, to be drawn out only under the provisions of said will, and under the direction of the Common Council.

The following report of the special joint committee appointed to memorialize General R. C. Buchanan relative to the collection of back taxes was received and ordered spread upon the minutes:

NEW ORLEANS, LA., June 1, 1868.

To the Honorable the Board of Aldermen and Assistant Aldermen:

Your committee who were charged with the presentation to Major General R. C. Buchanan, commanding the Fifth Military District, of the views of the Common Council on the subject of annulling the existing State laws which are construed to prevent the collection of unpaid taxes, beg leave to report:

That in pursuance of the resolution of the Common Council they waited upon General Buchanan, and presented to him the following petition, which was most courteously received and carefully read by the general, who promised to give the subject his early attention, and communicate his answer to your committee.

E. W. BURBANK, Chairman, on the part of Board of Aldermen;

J. P. SULLIVAN, Chairman, on the part of Board of Assistant Aldermen;

J. E. SCOTT,
ALFRED KEARNY.

NEW ORLEANS, June 1, 1868.

Brevet Major General Robert C. Buchanan, Commanding Fifth Military District:

At the last sitting of the Boards of Aldermen and Assistant Aldermen the following preamble and resolution was unanimously adopted:

"WHEREAS, Grave doubts exist as to the power of the city of New Orleans to enforce the payment of the unpaid taxes due this city for the years 1861, 1862, 1863, 1864, and 1865 until the first of January, 1870, in consequence of the various acts of the Legislature postponing the collection of State and parochial taxes due until that period, which acts of the Legislature are construed by many persons to include the city taxes for those years; and

"Whereas, One of the great sources of embarrassment of the city corporation arises from the non-collection of the taxes due the city for those years, amounting as they do to over three millions of dollars; therefore

"*Resolved*, That a joint committee consisting of three members of this Board and two members of the Board of Aldermen be appointed to memorialize Brevet Major General R. C. Buchanan, commanding this military district, to order the collection of the taxes in arrears to this city for said years immediately."

And your petitioners were appointed to act as said committee.

The city of New Orleans has less debt in proportion to the inhabitants and wealth, and a smaller rate of taxation, than any other large city in the Union.

In 1862, when many of our citizens were absent, the unpaid taxes were funded by the issuing of currency, equal to the amount of said taxes, which currency was to be destroyed upon the payment of the taxes upon which it was based. This rule, at first, we believe, was generally followed, but in after years, when other men filled the offices, the issue of currency was largely increased, and soon ceased to represent that for which it was originally intended. In the meantime the expenses of the city went on.

The exact condition of affairs at present is that we have a circulation of something less than four millions of dollars, which is the property of our citizens, while on the other hand the citizens owe to the city in the shape of unpaid taxes nearly the same amount.

After the cessation of hostilities and at the next session of our Legislature a bill was passed, and approved March 8, 1866, for the purpose of reimbursing parties who had paid their taxes. See acts of Louisiana, 1866, p. 112, chap. 64.

In the same year another act was also passed exempting property which had been seized by the Federal government from taxation for the years 1862, 1863, 1864, and 1865. See act of Louisiana, for 1866, p. 234, chapters 121 and 122.

The last two acts did not receive the signatures of the Governor.

On the 19th day of February, 1866, by an act of the Legislature (see act of 1866, page 44, chapter 245) all State and parish taxes were suspended till January 1, 1868, and on March 8, 1867 (see acts of 1867, page 79, chapter 471) this act was extended to January 1, 1870. And by an act of 1867, chapter 149, page 285, all costs and interest on taxes were ordered to be refunded.

The act of 1866, chapter 121, page 234, says: "That all seizures for city taxes for 1861, 1862, 1863, and 1864 be and are hereby postponed until the reorganization of the civil municipal government."

A city government, so far as the people of the city of New Orleans were concerned, was elected and organized about the first of April, 1866. That city government has since been superseded, and one in its place appointed by the Legislature an exemption till 1870. This is doing injustice, and is special legislation in favor of one portion of our citizens and against the other, and any State or city which sanctions such legislation must inevitably become insolvent.

Your petitioners respectfully ask your attention to the said acts, and that after due consideration you will be pleased to issue an order setting aside all of said acts, or so much of them as will permit the city of New Orleans to collect at once all taxes due to it, believing as we do that such an order at this time will work for the general good of both city and citizens.

E. W. BURBANK, Chairman on part of Board of Aldermen;
J. P. SULLIVAN, Chairman on part of Board of Assistant Aldermen:

JOHN E. SCOTT,
ALFRED KEARNY.

PETITIONS.

A petition of the inhabitants and dealers in the vicinity of the New canal, stating that the new bridge across the New canal at Magnolia street is finished but not opened to the public, thereby subjecting them to great inconvenience, and requesting the city authorities to attend to the matter, was referred to the Committee on Streets and Landings.

Mr. Dunn obtained a suspension of the rules to offer the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the City Surveyor be and he is hereby requested to report at the next meeting of this Board the reason why the new iron bridge across the New basin at Magnolia street, being completed, is not open for public use.

A petition of property owners on Galennie street, praying for the erection of a lamp on said street, between Annunciation and Tchoupitoulas streets, was referred to the Committee on Streets and Landings.

Of Augustin Goban, a veteran of 1814 and '15, praying to be reimbursed the price of a piece of ground taken by the city for the widening of Ursulines street. Referred to the Finance Committee.

Of Robert Alexander, for permission to erect a steam engine and boiler on his premises, No. 310 New Levee street. Referred to the Committee on Improvements and Buildings.

Of Jacques Claveni, praying for the lease of the iron building at the head of Canal street for the term of three years, was referred to the Finance Committee.

Of butchers in the several markets, recommending Bertram Claveni as inspector of meats and slaughter-houses. Referred to the Committee on Police and Health.

Of Peter Hart, ex-assistant book-keeper in the Controller's office, stating that his name has been omitted on the payrolls of city officers for January, February, and March, and that he has not in consequence been paid his salary for said months, and praying for relief, was referred to the Finance Committee.

Petition of Mrs. Josephine Debergue, praying to be refunded $23 62 of taxes paid erroneously. Referred to the Finance Committee.

Of Henry Walter, for permission to establish a cooper shop on the vacant lot corner of Thalia and White streets, was referred to the Committee on Improvements and Buildings.

A communication of George W. Avery, sheriff of the parish of Orleans, stating that Judge Emerson had decided that the city is bound to receive all payments for debts in city money, but that a certain city official entertained a different opinion.

Mr. Sullivan stated that the sheriff had already received instructions from the Finance Committee to receive city currency in payment of all debts due the city, for taxes, railroad bonds, etc.

The communication was laid on the table.

The Board on motion adjourned until Tuesday, June 9th instant.

ALFRED BOURGES, Secretary.

OFFICIAL.

LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES.

Passed at the Second Session of the Fortieth Congress.

[PUBLIC RESOLUTION—No. 24.]

JOINT RESOLUTION concerning certain lands granted to railroad companies in the States of Michigan and Wisconsin.

Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That a failure to grade twenty miles of the roads within two years from the passage of the act entitled "An act to extend the time for the completion of certain railroads to which land grants have been made in the States of Michigan and Wisconsin," approved on the third day of March, anno Domini eighteen hundred and sixty-two, and twenty miles additional thereof in each year thereafter, as required by said act, shall not cause any forfeiture or reversion to the United States of any lands granted by said act, or either of them, to aid in the construction of the railroads described: Provided, That said companies, or either of them, shall be required to have a full road in the manner required by law on or before the ninth day December, anno Domini eighteen hundred and sixty-two, at which time shall forfeit the lands to the United States: Provided, that the provisions of this section shall apply only to the charters and projected lines of railway from the city of Fond du Lac, in the State of Wisconsin, northwesterly to the State line of Michigan, and the chartered and projected lines of railway from Marquette, in the State of Michigan, westerly to Ontonagon, in the same State: And provided further, That if the said Marquette and Ontonagon Railroad Company, in the State of Michigan, shall have completed according to law an additional mile of their railroad on or before the first day of January, A. D. eighteen hundred and sixty-nine, one more mile in like manner and time, then the said railroad in each and every year thereafter, then it shall be lawful for the legislature of the said State of Michigan, or for the said State, if it may be in accordance with its constitution, to confer the said grant of lands upon some other company in the same manner as if the same had never been granted, or any time made to the said State of Michigan.

SEC. 2. And be it further resolved, That the Commissioner of the General Land Office be and he hereby is authorized and directed to cause a patent, in due form of law, to be issued to the Chicago and Northwestern Railway Company, in pursuance of a resolution passed by Congress granting the same to the State of Wisconsin, approved April twenty-five, anno Domini eighteen hundred and sixty-two, and an act of the legislature of Wisconsin, approved one hundred and twenty, anno Domini eighteen hundred and sixty-two, granting the same to said company for eighty acres of land of the Fort Howard military reserve, as the same was surveyed and approved by said commissioner on the eleventh June, anno Domini eighteen hundred and sixty-four.

Approved May 20, 1868.

[PUBLIC—No. 32.]

AN ACT making appropriations for the expenses of the judicial establishment of the United States.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the following sums be and the same are hereby appropriated out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated for the payment of the expenses of the trial of the impeachment of Andrew Johnson, and other contingent expenses of the Senate of the United States for the ensuing fiscal year, viz:

For expenses of the trial of impeachment of Andrew Johnson, President of the United States, ten thousand dollars.

For miscellaneous items, forty thousand dollars.

For deficiency in the appropriation for the payment of the capitol, police, and for additional policemen and incidental expenses thereof, seventeen thousand dollars.

For deficiency in the appropriation for the payment of additional messengers, fifteen thousand dollars.

Approved May 19, 1868.

[PUBLIC—No. 33.]

AN ACT to grant the right of way to the Whitehall and Plattsburgh Railroad Company.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Whitehall and Plattsburgh Railroad Company be and is hereby authorized to come, construct, and operate its railroad across the land belonging to the United States on Plattsburgh bay, in the State of New York, upon a line commencing in the village of Vergennes, in a northeasterly direction about sixteen hundred feet to the bank of Lake Champlain, thence northwardly along the bank of said lake to the north line of the land belonging to the United States, said line of said road being designated on a map of survey of the same made by Jas. F. Campbell, and now on file in the office of the Secretary of War: Provided, That the right of way herein and hereby granted shall be subject to such restrictions as the Secretary of War may think necessary to protect the interests of the United States: And provided further, That no more than four rods in width of the government land shall be occupied under the provisions of this act.

Approved May 20, 1868.

[PUBLIC RESOLUTION—No. 23.]

A RESOLUTION for the appointment of a commission to select suitable locations for powder magazines.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Navy be, and he hereby is authorized and directed to select three competent officers of the navy to constitute a commission, whose duty it shall be to examine and report upon the practicability of securing more suitable sites for powder magazine than those now used in the vicinity of New York, Boston, and Portsmouth, New Hampshire; also to report the cost of procuring the said sites, and the probable expense of erecting magazines thereon

Approved May 19, 1868.

IN BANKRUPTCY.

ESTATE OF THOMAS SHIELDS BISLAND.

UNITED STATES MARSHAL'S OFFICE, District of Louisiana, New Orleans, June 4, 1868.

THIS IS TO GIVE NOTICE THAT ON the twelfth day of May, A. D. 1868, a WARRANT IN BANKRUPTCY was issued against the estate of THOMAS SHIELDS BISLAND, of New Orleans, in the parish of Orleans and State of Louisiana, who has been 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 Customhouse building, in the city of New Orleans, before John F. De Bouchel, Register, on the twenty-third day of June, A. D. 1868, at 10 o'clock A. M.

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

No. 844—jn5 jy2 A.

ESTATE OF ROBERT S. BELK.

UNITED STATES MARSHAL'S OFFICE, District of Louisiana, New Orleans, June 4, 1868.

THIS IS TO GIVE NOTICE THAT ON the fifth day of June, A. D. 1868, a WARRANT IN BANKRUPTCY was issued against the estate of ROBERT S. BELK, of New Carthage, in the parish of Madison and State of Louisiana, who has been 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 Customhouse building, in the city of New Orleans, Louisiana, before John F. De Bouchel, Register, on the twenty-third day of July, A. D. 1868, at 10 o'clock A. M.

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

No. 852—jn5 jy2 A.

ESTATE OF HENRY STRECK.

OFFICE OF UNITED STATES MARSHAL, District of Louisiana, New Orleans, June 4, 1868.

THIS IS TO GIVE NOTICE THAT ON the fourth day of June, A. D. 1868, a WARRANT IN BANKRUPTCY was issued against the estate of HENRY STRECK, of New Orleans, in the parish of New Orleans and State of Louisiana, who has 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 Customhouse building, in the city of New Orleans, Louisiana, before John F. De Bouchel, Register, on the twelfth day of July, A. D. 1868, at 10 o'clock A. M.

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

No. 845—jn5 jy12 A.

IN BANKRUPTCY.

ESTATE OF W. T. BENTLEY.

OFFICE OF UNITED STATES MARSHAL, District of Louisiana, Monroe, La., May 7, 1868.

THIS IS TO GIVE NOTICE THAT ON the seventh day of May, A. D. 1868, a WARRANT IN BANKRUPTCY was issued against the estate of W. T. BENTLEY, of the parish of Morehouse and State of Louisiana, who has been 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 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 Customhouse building, in the city of New Orleans, before W. J. Q. Baker, Register, on the thirteenth day of June, A. D. 1868, at 10 o'clock A. M.

F. J. HERRO .., U. S. Marshal.

Per M. M. GRADY, Deputy, as Messenger.

No. 766—my16 je30

ESTATE OF THOS. J. PRUETT.

UNITED STATES MARSHAL'S OFFICE, District of Louisiana, Monroe, La., May 7, 1868.

THIS IS TO GIVE NOTICE THAT ON the seventh day of May, A. D. 1868, a WARRANT IN BANKRUPTCY was issued against the estate of THOS. J. PRUETT, in the parish of Ouachita and State of Louisiana, who has been adjudged 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 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 office of W. J. Q. Baker, in the town of Monroe, parish of Ouachita, before W. J. Q. Baker, Register, on the thirtieth day of June, A. D. 1868, at 10 o'clock A. M.

F. J. HERRON, U. S. Marshal.

Per M. M. GRADY, Deputy, as Messenger.

No. 794—my16 je30

ESTATES OF CHARLES HYLLESTED AND E. HATREL.

Individually, and as surviving partners of the firm of Hughes, Hyllested & Co.

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

THIS IS TO GIVE NOTICE THAT ON the sixteenth day of May, A. D. 1868, a WARRANT IN BANKRUPTCY was issued against the estates of CHARLES HYLLESTED and E. HATREL, individually, and as surviving partners of the firm of Hughes, Hyllested & Co., of New Orleans, in the parish of Orleans and State of Louisiana, who have adjudged bankrupts on their own petition; that the payment of any debts and delivery of any property belonging to such bankrupts, to them or for their use, and the transfer of any property by them, are forbidden by law; that a meeting of the creditors of the said bankrupts, to prove their debts and to choose one or more assignees of their estates, will be held at a Court of Bankruptcy, to be holden at the Customhouse building, in the city of New Orleans, before John F. De Bouchel, Register, on the first day of June, A. D. 1868, at 9 o'clock A. M.

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

No. 791—my26 jy1 A.

ESTATE OF CHARLES V. LAGAY.

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

THIS IS TO GIVE NOTICE THAT ON the twenty-sixth day of May, A. D. 1868, a WAR