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CITY COUNCIL—OFFICIAL

REGULAR MEETING.

CITY HALL, NEW ORLEANS, Tuesday, April 16, 1872.

The Council met in regular session at noon.

Present—Mayor Benj. F. Flanders, presiding, Administrators John Cockrem (Improvements), Alfred Shaw (Public Accounts), L. T. Delassize (Waterworks and Public Buildings), F. C. Remick (Commerce), James Lewis (Police), John S. Walton (Finance).

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved and their reading dispensed with.

Monthly Reports.

The Mayor laid before the Council the following reports:

From Mr. Bonzano:

DEPARTMENT OF ASSESSMENTS, April 2, 1872.

To Hon. Benj. F. Flanders, Mayor:

The operations of this department during the month of March, just passed, have been confined to the routine business of the office.
H. BONZANO, Administrator.

From Mr. Lewis:

DEPARTMENT OF POLICE, April 16, 1872.

Hon. Benj. F. Flanders, Mayor:

I have the honor to submit the following report of this department for the month of March, 1872:

RECORDERS' COURTS.

Number of cases arraigned before each recorder during the month:

First District	1142
Second District	1081
Third District	217
Fourth District	151
Fifth District	37
Sixth District	43
Total	2671

Of this number 481 were committed to the Parish Prison; 131 to the Workhouse; 114 to the District Court; 9 to the Insane Asylum; 9 to the House of Refuge; 135 were released on peace bonds; 458 were fined; 1238 were discharged, and 96 were miscellaneously disposed of by being continued, etc.

RECEIPTS—FINES AND BONDS.

First District	$1085 05
Second District	827 50
Third District	127 50
Fourth District	250 00
Fifth District	41 50
Sixth District	50 00
Total	$2381 55

EXPENDITURES.

First District—	
Salaries	$673 33
Expenses	147 75
Second District—	
Salaries	633 33
Expenses	107 50
Third District—	
Salaries	533 33
Fourth District—	
Salaries	473 33
Fifth District—	
Salaries	373 33
Sixth District—	
Salaries	373 33
Expenses	69 60
Total	$3384 83

CITY WORKHOUSE.

The average number of prisoners in this institution per day during the month was 75½; number subsisted during the month, males, 1488; females, 855; total, 2343.

EXPENDITURES.

Pay rolls	$608 31
Groceries and provisions, fresh beef, milk and vegetables	534 30
Hardware, lumber and medicines	135 15
Fuel	127 50
Forage	225 29
Total	$1630 56

EARNINGS.

As per report of work performed for other branches of the city government:

Department of Improvements	$5 50
Burying indigent dead and conveying sick to hospital, coffins furnished, horses cared for, repairs to wagons, etc	210 00
Boys' House of Refuge—hire of horse and wagon for delivering bread, hire of female prisoners for washing, etc	56 50
Prison wagons, care of horses, etc	215 00
City Hall, towels washed, etc	18 20
Parish Prison, miscellaneous	10 00
Fire Alarm and Police Telegraph	170 00
Cash receipts	108 00
Total	$793 20

The total cost of subsistence, including bread furnished by the Boys' House of Refuge, was $691 08.

The total average number of officers and prisoners subsisted during the month was 88½. During that period 42 destitute people applied for shelter and subsistence, which made the average number per day in the institution 90, at a cost of about twenty-two cents per day each.

INDIGENT SICK AND DEAD.

During the month there were 71 sick removed to the hospital, and 16 burials.

BOYS' HOUSE OF REFUGE.

The average number of inmates in this institution per day during the month was 107. The cost of subsistence for this number, and thirteen officers and employes, including bread furnished by themselves, was $742 13, or about twenty-two cents per day each.

EXPENSES.

Pay rolls	$445 00
Groceries and provisions, fresh beef, vegetables and milk	471 10
Flour for bakery, etc	613 00
Dry goods and stationery	12 00
Lumber, paints, etc	76 60
Total	$1617 70

EARNINGS.

By bread furnished other institutions, as follows:

Boys' House of Refuge, 4517 pounds	$271 03
City Workhouse, 2613 pounds	156 78
Insane Asylum, 4706 pounds	282 37
Home of Aged and Infirm, 480 pounds	28 80
Girls' House of Refuge, 315 pounds	18 90
Total	$757 88

GIRLS', HOUSE OF REFUGE.

On the first day of March there were sixteen inmates. During the month there were two released and one committed.

EXPENSES.

Pay rolls	$75 00
Groceries and provisions, vegetables and milk	70 80
School books, medicines, etc	28 00
Fuel	19 50
Total	$193 30

CITY CEMETERIES.

The receipts from sales of lots and burials during the month amounted to $652 25.

SUMMARY

Of the cash expenditures of this department for the month, which includes salaries and expenses of every other character:

Administrator's office	$375 50
City Workhouse	1,630 55
Boys' House of Refuge	1,617 70
Girls' House of Refuge	193 30
City cemeteries	30 00
Public pounds	598 96
Recorders' courts	3,384 83
Public squares	303 00
Burying indigent dead, etc	100 00
Parish Prison, medical supplies	97 50
Lighting city	20,757 12
Total	$29,088 46

JAMES LEWIS, Administrator

Department Reports.

By Mr. Walton:

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, April 16, 1872.

To the City Council of New Orleans:

In answer to official notice, the following proposals for the sale to the city of eight wharf improvement bonds were received, and opened in the Mayor's parlor at 11 A. M., fifteenth instant:

Robert H. Bartley, four bonds at 77⅜ cents.

Peter Markey, four bonds at 77⅞ cents.

Samuel Smith & Co., eight bonds at 75⅞ cents.

Eager, Ellerman & Co., eight bonds at 80¼ cents.

C. W. Cammack, two bonds at 81 cents.

The proposal of Samuel Smith & Co. being the lowest made, was accepted, and in accordance therewith the bonds were purchased and duly canceled.
JOHN S. WALTON, Administrator.

Financial Business.

By Mr. Shaw:

An ordinance providing for the payment of the several accounts therein named.

Be it ordained, That the following appropriations be and are hereby made, and that the Administrator of Public Accounts warrant on the Administrator of Finance in payment of the same:

New Orleans Times, advertising notice for Mayor's Department, approved, $4 50.

German Gazette, advertising notice for Mayor's Department, approved, $6.

W. H. Henning, brooms, etc., for City Hall building, approved, $38.

J. H. Peters, making lock and key for Department of Public Accounts, approved, $1 50.

J. Chapus, coroner jury warrants, $372.

C. S. Samuels, coroner jury warrants, $154.

J. Weidner, coroner jury warrants, $72.

C. B. Soars, jury warrants, $90.

B. Ambruster, jury warrant, $66.

J. Breamer, jury warrant, $51.

J. Klein & Co., jury warrant, $39.

C. H. Luzenberg, district attorney, for twenty-seven convictions in the month of April, 1872, as per bill approved by the judge of the First District Court, $405.

Dr. O. Anfoux, for treatment of small-pox patients during the months of October, November and December, 1871, as per vouchers annexed and approved by the Administrator of Waterworks and Public Buildings, $900.

Benjamin Flanders, Mayor, carriage hire, $52.

Dr. J. T. Jackson, coroner's fees and expenses for the month of March, 1872, $545.

R. M. Montgomery, services as auctioneer in selling the revenue of public markets six times to date, $240.

Dr. A. Shelley, bill drugs, January, 1872, $169 30, February, $177 20, March, $187 45, total $533 95, to be paid on account of interest to Sickles fund.

William Woelper, for shorthand report of judge's charge in case of J. A. Walker vs. city, No. 3015, Sixth District Court, $20.

Theodore Danziger, supplies furnished, $315 27.

Theodore Danziger, supplies furnished, $16 50.

Hon. Henry D. Ogden, balance of law fees in case of John Arrowsmith vs. city of New Orleans, $2500.

Read twice and laid over.

By Mr. Shaw:

An ordinance appropriating money to defray the expenditures of the Department Commerce for the months of January, February and March, 1872.

Be it ordained by the Council of the city of New Orleans, That the following sum of money, or as much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated to defray the expenses of the Department of Commerce for the months of January, February and March, 1872, and the Administrator of Public Accounts draw his warrant on the Administrator of Finance in payment of the same:

Joseph Muller's bill for rent of wharfinger's office, Fourth District, for January, February and March, 1872, at $15 per month, $45.

Laid over to be printed.

By Mr. Shaw:

An ordinance to provide for the settlement of the claims therein named.

Be it ordained by the Council of the city of New Orleans, That the Mayor and Administrator of Finance be and are hereby authorized and directed to settle, in such form as may be allowed for the funding of the floating debt in seven per cent bonds, with A. Monasterio, holder and owner of cash warrants of the police jury of Algiers for $29 50.

Read twice and laid over.

By Mr. Shaw:

An ordinance for the settlement of two Jefferson City warrants.

Be it ordained, That the Administrator of Public Accounts be and he is hereby authorized to issue to M. E. Golden a warrant, receivable for licenses and on account of taxes due the city, for $130, in settlement of two Jefferson City warrants, Nos. 231 and 232, dated May 12, 1869, for $65 each.

Laid over to be printed.

By Mr. Shaw:

An ordinance to settle certain claims therein named.

Be it ordained by the Council of the city of New Orleans, That the Mayor and Administrator of Finance be and are hereby directed to settle, in such form as may be allowed for the funding of the floating debt in seven per cent bonds, the following claims, approved by the late finance committees, and presented by L. Seneschal:

Meyer, Kothwitz & Co., furniture, $15.

Boyle & Gallagher, rent of wharfinger's office $10.

J. Barrera, milk for Boys' House of Refuge, $12 40.

Registered bill, John Coleman & Co., being twenty-five per cent, as per resolution No. 1467, new series, $2979 19.

And presented by H. Gallagher:

Unpaid balance on wharfinger's rolls for December, 1869, January, February and March, 1870, $210.

Read twice and laid over.

Mr. Shaw called up an ordinance for the payment of certain expenses of the Department of Police, read twice and laid over last week, commencing J. W. Madden $66 25.

Adopted.

Mr. Shaw called up an ordinance for repairs to engine houses, read twice last week, commencing F. Teitenberg $1506, which was now amended to read—repairs to Creole Fire Company No. 9, $1142, instead of $641.

Mr. Shaw directed the attention of the Council to the fact that this ordinance was contrary to section twenty-three of the city charter, which said that all contracts over $500 should be advertised.

The Mayor—Then, of course, you move its rejection.

Mr. Shaw—I can make what motion I choose. I intend to vote against it.

The yeas and nays were called on the adoption of the ordinance.

Yeas—Walton, Lewis, Remick, Delassize, Cockrem—5.

Nay—Shaw—1.

Adopted.

Mr. Shaw called up an ordinance, read twice last week, providing for the March expenses of the Department of Waterworks and Public Buildings, commencing Folger & Co., $145 89.

Adopted with one slight correction.

[Administrator H. Bonzano (Assessments) entered the Council.]

An ordinance providing for the March expenses of the Department of Police, read twice last week, commencing Jean Rogers, $9 30, was called up by Mr. Shaw, and adopted.

Mr. Shaw called up a claim of J. B. Prague for extra services in City Attorney's office, $50, laid over some weeks ago.

Adopted, Mr. Walton voting no.

By Mr. Shaw:

An ordinance for the settlement of the account therein named.

Be it ordained by the Council of the city of New Orleans, That the Mayor and Administrator of Finance be authorized and directed to settle, under provisions of law authorized for funding, with Mrs. Widow Avila for registered bill in favor of late Coroner Avila, $750.

Read twice and laid over.

Mr. Shaw called up the ordinance providing for a settlement with the Park Commissioners for their claim upon taxes of 1870, collected in and since 1871.

Mr. Bonzano moved that the ordinance be laid over.

Yeas—Bonzano, Lewis, Remick—3.

Nays—Walton, Delassize, Shaw, Cockrem—4.

The motion to postpone was lost.

Mr. Shaw moved an amendment as follows:

Provided, the bonds loaned the Board of Park Commissioners, to be pledged according to ordinance ——, be returned to the Administrator of Finance.

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Bonzano, on the ordinance as amended, renewed his motion to postpone.

Yeas—Delassize, Remick, Lewis, Walton, Bonzano—5.

Nays—Cockrem, Shaw—2.

The ordinance was postponed.

By Mr. Shaw:

Resolved, That wharf bonds, at the rate of ninety cents on the dollar, be issued to the following named contractors for reconstructing, extending and repairing wharves:

Eager, Ellerman & Co., on account of work on first and second sections, as per certificate No. 121 of the Department of Improvements, for $20,000, equal in bonds at ninety cents on the dollar to $22,222 22.

Michael Carvin, on account of work on third and fourth sections, as per certificate No. 122 of the Department of Improvements, for $15,000, equal in bonds at ninety cents on the dollar to $16,666 66.

Adopted.

Claims of J. A. Masicot, $6879, $208; A. J Monteu, $156; E. P. Boyer, $39; W. Dawson, $69; J. Weidner, $39; J. S. Walton, $437; J. Chapus, $372, and C. S. Samuels, $154, read twice last week, were adopted.

A jury warrant claim of Ansel Carrol, $72, laid over April 2, was adopted.

A resolution authorizing the destruction of certain city notes was postponed until next Tuesday.

Mr. Shaw called up an ordinance providing for the settlement of certain Algiers warrants, of Mrs. A. B. Bacon, read twice last week.

Adopted.

By Mr. Shaw:

An ordinance providing for the payment of the several accounts therein named.

Be it ordained, That the following appropriations be and are hereby made, and that the Administrator of Public Accounts warrant on the Administrator of Finance in payment of the same:

BUREAU OF STREETS.

P. Carrahar, oyster shells	$437 10	
J. Johnson, repairing depot	28 00	
H. J. Van Horssen, oyster shells, etc	150 18	
Charles Eager, lake shells	427 35	
William Henry, ballast	342 00	
D. Cronan, brick debris	87 00	
John Coleman, crossing stones	386 40	
E. Brain, oyster shells	4 00	
C. F. Mowers, oyster shells	29 30	
E. Rethore, oyster shells	40 50	
T. J. Emler, bridge repairs	8 00	
L. Lambert, paving hammers	60 00	
P. Keenan, lumber	51 00	
J. Root, ballast and lumber	1084 00	
J. Root, lake shells	1634 95	
H. Oertling, lumber	75 50	
M. Condram, oyster shells	517 70	5422 98

BUREAU OF CITY DRAINAGE.

Henry Lasky, repairing levees on account	7000 00	
Thomas Hasam, pine wood	728 00	
H. Oertling, lumber	190 19	7918 19
Total		$13,341 17

Read twice and laid over.

General Business.

By Mr. Lewis:

WHEREAS, The Eighth District Court of this city having decided that commitments to the Insane Asylum by the several recorders of the city are unauthorized by law; therefore,

Be it ordained, That the several recorders of this city are hereby empowered to commit to the Insane Asylum any person charged with insanity who may be brought before them; provided, a certificate is given by the City Physician to that effect, and that the party should be confined.

Be it further ordained, That it shall be the duty of the City Physician attending the Insane Asylum to report within forty-eight hours to the Mayor and Second District Court the admission of every person committed under the provisions of the preceding section of this ordinance, in order that said Mayor and court may determine upon the legality of such commitments.

After discussion the ordinance was postponed till next week, and the Mayor was instructed in the meantime to bring the cases now before the recorders into the Second District Court for interdiction.

An appropriation of $3000 for stop-cocks for the Department of Waterworks, read twice last week, was adopted.

[Administrator Bonzano in the chair.]

Mr. Remick said there was an ordinance for the extension of the Magazine street railroad, which had been before him some weeks. The Administrator of Improvements and himself had amended it and had introduced some additional sections, and he now desired to call the ordinance up for final passage.

As amended, the ordinance read as follows:

An ordinance concerning the Magazine street railroad, and granting the owners of said road the right and privilege for extension, maintenance and use of its railroad on Magazine street, from Joseph to Lower Line streets, in the city of New Orleans.

Be it ordained, That permission be and is hereby granted to the owners of the Magazine street railroad to lay a double track railroad, with the necessary turnouts, switches and turn-tables, through Magazine street, from its present terminus, corner of Magazine and Joseph streets, to the intersection of Lower Line and Magazine streets, upon the following terms and conditions:

ARTICLE I.

That the rails used shall be of a pattern similar to those now in use by other city railroads. The timber used shall be of the best quality of swamp cypress or upland yellow pine, free from sap, and of such dimensions as may be designated by the City Surveyor.

ARTICLE II.

That the cars shall be of like construction with first class cars used upon other city railroads.

ARTICLE III.

That the lines and levels for the road shall be fixed by the City Surveyor, and its material and construction shall be subject to the approval of the City Surveyor and Administrator of Improvements.

ARTICLE IV

That the rate of fare for the whole distance shall not exceed five cents for each passenger, and the cars shall not be run at a speed exceeding six miles per hour.

ARTICLE V

That the railroad, cars, mules, machinery, fixtures and the property of the company shall be subject to assessment and taxation in manner and form as other taxable property in the city is assessed.

ARTICLE VI.

That at the expiration of said grant of right of way, the road, rolling stock, equipments, machinery, depots, fixtures and the property and effects appertaining to the company shall be subject to be taken by the city, at a valuation to be fixed by two disinterested persons, one to be appointed by the Mayor of the city and the other by said grantees or their assigns. In the event that said two appraisers shall not agree, then another shall be selected by them, whose decision as umpire shall be final; and in the event of a failure thus to appoint an umpire, the valuation shall be determined by one of the district courts of New Orleans having jurisdiction over the matter, with right of appeal to the Supreme Court of the State.

ARTICLE VII.

That one-third of said extension in length shall be completed by the first of October, 1872, and the whole by the first day of September, 1873, and the right of way and privilege granted herein shall continue for the unexpired portion of the charter of the road; the privilege herein granted to be null and void otherwise, and in either case.

ARTICLE VIII.

That the streets through which said grant extends, as well as the bridges thereon, shall be kept in good running order during the term of this privilege by the owners of the road.

ARTICLE IX.

That in order to provide for an accommodation of the people of the Sixth District, not heretofore enjoyed, it shall be the duty of the said grantees, upon the completion of said railroad, to run at short intervals from five o'clock A. M. until twelve o'clock at night, and after that hour at intervals of not less than one hour each way, until five o'clock A. M., when short intervals must be resumed.

ARTICLE X.

That whenever the Administrator of Improvement may become aware that said grantees having failed to keep any street in repair, according to the provisions of the foregoing articles, the said Administrator may issue a written notice to them at their domicile, requiring said work to be done; and if the said work is not begun within forty-eight hours from the service of said notice, and completed within a reasonable time, then said Administrator may cause said work to be done at the charge and risk of said grantees, who shall be liable for all costs and expenses which may be incurred in executing said repairs, and shall reimburse the same to the city on demand.

ARTICLE XI.

That the said grantees shall agree to all the provisions of this ordinance within thirty days after its passage, by act before any competent notary public; or, failing therein, the ordinance to be null and void; but nothing in the provisions of this ordinance shall be construed into an obligation on the part of said grantees to repair said streets until the completion of said railroad.

ARTICLE XII.

That the said grantees, before agreeing, to the provisions of this ordinance, shall place the streets through which their present grant extends in good order and condition, to the satisfaction of the Administrator of Improvements, or, failing therein, this ordinance to be null and void.

ARTICLE XIII.

That the city of New Orleans reserves the right to lay gas and water pipes in the streets named as the route of said railroad, and the city, in executing said work, shall use as much of said streets as may be necessary without becoming liable for damages or otherwise to said grantees.

ARTICLE XIV.

This ordinance is not to be construed as granting to said owners any more than the right of way, and to that extent only is the city to be bound; and if compensation for the use of any of the streets is set up by private individuals or owners of property, the city is in no way or manner to be made liable therefor to the owners of the railroad or any person or persons whomsoever.

Provided, That the right of way herein granted shall belong to the owners and proprietors of the Magazine street railroad, the terminus of which is at present at Joseph street, and in case legal proceedings should result in determining the ownership of said road in other parties than those herein referred to, then the right of way herein granted shall belong to said parties upon payment for the value of improvements made upon the extension herein provided for, the value to be determined by appraisers—one to be appointed by the present owners, one to be appointed by those who may be hereafter decreed to be owners, and the two said appraisers to appoint a third in case of disagreement.

Provided, further, That the grantees of this privilege release the city of New Orleans from all claims for damages, and dismiss all suits against the city for same that may be now pending at their own cost.

Adopted.

By Mr. Walton:

Resolved, That the Administrator of Public Accounts be and is hereby authorized to issue nine months' licenses whenever the applicant shall prove that he did not begin business before April 1.

Adopted.

By Mr. Walton:

Resolved, That permission, revocable at the pleasure of the Council, is hereby granted to any city railroad company to use the apparatus for propelling street cars of the Ammonia and Thermo-specific Propelling Company; provided, that the city shall not be held responsible for any damage that may be occasioned thereby.

Adopted.

By the Mayor:

MAYORALTY OF NEW ORLEANS, April 16, 1872.

To the City Council of New Orleans:

I report adversely on the petition of Frank Johnson for injuries to a horse, alleged to have been caused by a defective bridge, for the reason that, on investigation, I find the city authorities were not to blame for the accident.
BENJ. F. FLANDERS, Mayor.

Adopted.

By Mr. Bonzano:

Resolved, That the City Surveyor be and is hereby directed to cause a new survey to be made of the Fifth Municipal District of the city, and to furnish the Department of Assessments with a map of the same; and that, for this purpose, he is authorized to employ such assistance as may be necessary to complete the work as speedily as possible.

Adopted.

By Mr. Cockrem:

DEPARTMENT OF IMPROVEMENTS, April 16, 1872.

To the City Council of New Orleans:

The petition of R. Pritchard, for compensation for property used by the city, in digging a canal parallel to Toledano street, referred to the undersigned December 26, 1871, is herewith respectfully returned with favorable report, and recommendation for the adoption of the annexed resolution:
JOHN COCKREM, Administrator.

Resolved, That the Administrator of Finance be and he is hereby authorized to issue improvement bonds, at par, to the amount of $1000, to R. Pritchard, as full settlement of his claim against the city, for damage sustained by the digging of a canal through his property on Willow street, in the city of New Orleans.

Laid over to be printed.

Petitions, Etc.

Mr. Shaw presented the following petition, and moved that it be read and printed:

NEW ORLEANS, April 16, 1872.

To the Mayor and Administrators of the city of New Orleans:

We would respectfully represent to you that our asylum is now greatly in need of money, especially for the purpose of paying those employed as wet nurses. These are poor woman who depend entirely on their pay for the means to support their families. It will readily appear to you that whatever oppresses these nurses must in a measure be felt by the helpless infants under their charge. We now hold the following certificates of appropriation, issued under ordinance No. 1431: No. 10,270 for $640 50, No. 10,281 for $600, No. 10,282 for $225, and, in view of the facts before stated, we pray you to order the payment of these bonds in cash. We know that no words of ours can plead the cause of the infant orphans under our charge more strongly than the natural feelings of your own generous hearts, and therefore leave the matter to your kind consideration with this plain statement of the facts of the case.
SISTER M. AGNES,
St. Vincent's Infant Orphan Asylum.

Mr. Cockrem moved that the petition be referred to the Administrator of Finance.

The petition was so referred.

The Chair suggested that probably the Administrator was prepared to make his report at once.

Mr. Walton reported adversely on the petition, for two reasons: first, because the city had passed an ordinance pledging its faith that certificates of appropriation should be paid in the order of their passage; and secondly, because he was opposed to public grants to religious corporations, whether Protestant or Catholic. The city should maintain its own poor and its own orphans in its own institutions.

Mr. Lewis moved that the report be received and approved.

Mr. Remick seconded the motion.

Mr. Shaw moved the following as a substitute:

Resolved, That the prayer of petitioners be granted in their favor, as well as other asylums, and that ordinance No. 1355 be modified accordingly.

For the substitute:

Yea—Shaw—1.

Nays—Cockrem, Delassize, Remick, Lewis, Walton, Bonzano—6.

The substitute was lost.

For the adoption of the report of the Administrator of Finance:

Yeas—Bonzano, Walton, Lewis, Remick, Delassize, Cockrem—6.

Nay—Shaw—1.

The report was adopted.

Mr. Shaw presented another petition, which he moved be received and printed, and which was as follows:

To the Honorable Mayor and Board of Administrators of the city of New Orleans:

The petition of the undersigned, citizens and property-holders of that part of the fourteenth ward known as Greenville, Sixth District, shows with respect that under the parish of Jefferson, of which they were formerly a part, their taxes for local purposes were light and easily borne, and they were enabled to make such improvements as they desired for a less amount than the aggregate of the taxes they now pay to the city of New Orleans; that the locality in which they live was annexed to the city of New Orleans without any reference to the wish of the inhabitants, and the amount of taxes for local purposes increased tenfold; that they have received no adequate benefit therefor; that they pay taxes for the lighting of the city and other purposes, and that they are entitled to receive a fair share of lights and other improvements.

Wherefore they pray that your honorable body cause the Gaslight Company, having the exclusive privilege of lighting with gas their part of the city, to extend their gas pipes and have street lights on Broadway and Chestnut streets, from Washington street to the levee.

Your petitioners further show, that a large majority of the population of this section of the city live near the river, and have now to walk nearly a mile to reach any conveyance to the business part of the city, and that an extension of the Magazine street railroad would be of great benefit to them.

Wherefore they also pray that your honorable body grant permission to the proprietors of said railroad to extend their line, under proper regulation, along said Magazine street to the lower line of Carrollton.

Your petitioners, with all due respect and deference, urge that the improvements herein prayed for are absolutely necessary to them; that they are not swayed by any motive but their own interest in the matter; and, further, that they are not bound in equity or law to pay taxes to the city of New Orleans unless they receive some benefit in return.

Charles Petrie, corner of Walnut and Chestnut streets.
Thomas Taylor, corner of Market and Walnut streets.
J. R. Damonte, corner of Magazine and Walnut streets.
J. Lewis Spalding, Broadway, Greenville.
Daniel Young, Greenville.
Joseph Bissoy, Greenville.
E. A. Hughes, Greenville.
Adam Blum, corner of Levee street and Broadway.
Jacob Gotty, Greenville.
John Davis, Greenville.
Louis Robinson, Greenville.
Fillirron Raymond, Greenville.
P. Peterson, corner of Wall and Chestnut streets.
R. W. Foster, Chestnut street.
R. S. Foster, Chestnut street.
V. Hebert, Chestnut street.
Mrs. Z. Woods, Chestnut street.
Mrs. M. L. Hebert, Chestnut street.
George Smith, Walnut street.
George Robert, Walnut street.
Richard H. Murdick, Walnut street.
John Williams, Walnut street.
H. R. Gogreve, Broadway.
Captain S. Scott, Chestnut street.
Justus Francke, Broadway.
J. A. Ivy, Chestnut street.
Sam. M. Todd, Broadway.
F. Fisher, corner of Lower Line and St. Charles streets.
B. Elliott, Broadway, corner of Washington street.
R. Bloomer, St. Charles street.
H. Dudley Coleman, Greenville.
Fred. Fischer, Jr., corner of Lower Line and St. Charles street.
Thomas B. Bodley, St. Charles avenue, between Chestnut and Walnut streets.
Mrs. M. C. Van Ostern, Greenville.
Joseph Louis, Greenville.
Moore Gilbert, Greenville.
Erbon Cisborn, Greenville.
Thomas Henry, Greenville.
Kuppert Fisher, Greenville.
James E. Dunn, Greenville.
Richard Dennis, Levee street.
Dr. Michele, Broadway.
Johann Lauer, Walnut street.
Henry Powel, Walnut street.
Charles Adam, Walnut street.
George Rosy, Walnut street.
Jacob Brown, Walnut street.
John Smith, Walnut street.
J. B. M. Damonte, Walnut street.
Washington Gilbert, Broadway.
Gregore Thompson, Walnut street.
Tonissant Jack, Walnut street.
Henry Williams, Walnut street.
Thomas Lacey, Walnut street.
James Dalton, Walnut street.
Morris Smith, Walnut street.
George P. Bowers, Greenville.
John Smith, Walnut street.

John Harrison,	Mrs. A. Werner,
Jacob Werner,	Mrs. M. C. Van Ostern,
C. Raulins,	Peter Stontig,
Joseph Noblet,	Harrison Powell,
Charley Becker,	Henry Williams,
Erick Phillipp,	Henry Henchert,
John Mangan.	

Referred to the Administrator of Police.

A petition recommending Mr. D. M. C. Hughes for assistant recorder of the Second District, was presented by Mr. Cockrem, and referred to committee of the whole.

Other petitions were referred as follows:

Gallus Fahman—Administrator of Improvements.

F. Jumonville—Administrator of Assessments.

Marie V. Courette—Administrator of Assessments.

Residents of Girod street—Administrator of Police.

Recommendation of Peter J. Cramer for recorder of the Second District—Committee of the whole.

L. V. Eck—Administrator of Waterworks.

Thomas Maginnis—Administrator of Assessments.

Southwestern Exposition Association—Administrator of Commerce.

President of the Firemen's Charitable Association—Administrator of Public Accounts.

B. Bloomfield—Administrator of Commerce.

A. P. Cleveland—Administrator of Finance.

The Council then adjourned.
H. CONQUEST CLARKE, Secretary.

OFFICIAL.

TREATIES AND PROCLAMATIONS.

A PROCLAMATION.

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

Supplemental Convention between the United States and Great Britain, concerning the Renunciation of Naturalization in certain Cases. Signed February 23, 1871; Ratified March 24, 1871; Ratifications exchanged May 4, 1871; Proclaimed May 5, 1871.

WHEREAS a convention supplemental to the convention of May 13, 1870, between the United States of America and Her Majesty the Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, concerning naturalization, was concluded and signed at Washington by their respective plenipotentiaries, on the twenty-third day of February, 1871, which supplemental convention is word for word as follows:

Whereas, By the second article of the convention between the United States of America and her Majesty the Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, for regulating the citizenship of citizens and subjects of the contracting parties who have emigrated, or may emigrate, from the dominions of the one to those of the other party, signed at London on the thirteenth of May, 1870, it was stipulated that the manner in which the renunciation by such citizens and subjects of their naturalization, and the resumption of their native allegiance may be made and publicly declared, should be agreed upon by the governments of the respective countries, the President of the United States of America and her Majesty the Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, for the purpose of effecting such agreement, have resolved to conclude a supplemental convention, and have named as their plenipotentiaries, that is to say, the President of the United States of America, Hamilton Fish, Secretary of State, and her Majesty the Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Sir Edward Thornton, Knight Commander of the most honorable Order of the Bath, and her envoy extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary to the United States of America, who have agreed as follows:

ARTICLE 1.

Any person, being originally a citizen of the United States, who had previously to May 13, 1870, been naturalized as a British subject, may, at any time before August 10, 1872, and any British subject who, at the date first aforesaid, had been naturalized as a citizen within the United States, may, at any time before May 12, 1872, publicly declare his renunciation of such naturalization by subscribing an instrument in writing, substantially in the form hereunto appended, and designated as anpex A.

Such renunciation, by an original citizen of the United States, of British nationality, shall, within the territories and jurisdiction of the United States, be made in duplicate, in the presence of any court authorized by law for the time being to admit aliens to naturalization, or before the clerk or prothonotary of any such court; if the declarant be beyond the territories of the United States, it shall be made in duplicate, before any diplomatic or consular officer of the United States. One of such duplicates shall remain of record in the custody of the court or officer in whose presence it was made; the other shall be, without delay, transmitted to the Department of State.

Such renunciation, if declared by an original British subject, of his acquired nationality as a citizen of the United States, shall, if the declarant be in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, be made in duplicate, in the presence of a justice of the peace; if elsewhere in Her Britannic Majesty's dominions, in triplicate, in the presence of any judge of civil or criminal jurisdiction, of any justice of the peace, or of any other officer for the time being authorized by law, in the place in which the declarant is, to administer an oath for any judicial or other legal purpose; if out of Her Majesty's dominions, in triplicate, in the presence of any officer in the diplomatic or consular service of Her Majesty.

ARTICLE II.

The contracting parties hereby engage to communicate each to the other, from time to time, lists of the persons who, within their respective dominions and territories, or before their diplomatic and consular officers, have declared their renunciation of naturalization, with the dates and places of making such declarations, and such information as to the abode of the declarants, and the times and places of their naturalization, as they may have furnished.

ARTICLE III.

The present convention shall be ratified by the President of the United States, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate thereof, and by Her Britannic Majesty, and the ratifications shall be exchanged at Washington as soon as may be convenient.

In witness whereof the respective plenipotentiaries have signed the same, and have affixed thereto their respective seals.

Done at Washington the twenty-third day of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-one.

HAMILTON FISH.
EDW'D THORNTON.

ANNEX A.

I, A. B., of [insert abode], being originally a citizen of the United States of America [or a British subject], and having become naturalized within the dominions of her Britannic Majesty as a British subject [or as a citizen within the United States of America], do hereby renounce my naturalization as a British subject [or citizen of the United States], and declare that it is my desire to resume my nationality as a citizen of the United States [or British subject].
(Signed) A. B.

Made and subscribed to before me, ——, in [insert country or other subdivision, and State, province, colony, legation, or consulate] this —— day of ——, 187–.
(Signed) E. F.,
Justice of the Peace, [or other title]

HAMILTON FISH,
EDW'D THORNTON.

And whereas the said supplemental convention has been duly ratified on both parts, and the respective ratifications of the same were exchanged in this city on the fourth day of May, 1871, by Hamilton Fish, Secretary of State of the United States, and Sir Edward Thornton, K. C. B., Her Britannic Majesty's envoy extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary accredited to this government, on the part of their respective governments:

Now, therefore, be it known that I, Ulysses S. Grant, President of the United States of America, have caused the said supplemental convention to be made public, to the end that the same and every clause and article thereof may be observed and fulfilled with good faith by the United States and the citizens thereof.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand, and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

Done at the city of Washington this fifth day of May, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy one, and of the independence of the United States of America the ninety-fifth.
U. S. GRANT.

By the President:
HAMILTON FISH,
Secretary of State.

We copy this for information from the New York *Tribune*:

Two of the President's most unfortunate nominations have been withdrawn from the Senate. It is certainly a concession to public opinion that Mr. Legate, of Kansas, whose notorious doings in the impeachment business made him unfit to be confirmed, should be decided unworthy of being sent to govern Washington Territory. And that Mr. Parker, an ardent partisan, a new-comer in Louisiana, and a member of the Casey ring, should be finally considered not just the man to reconcile the unhappy differences in the Republican party of Louisiana (to say nothing of other qualification) is certainly an act of grace.

The Iberville *South* says:

A friend tells us that crop prospects are not very promising or forward in the Grosse Tete country, though the good people of that section are working with their usual untiring energy. They are determined to raise corn where the cane fails, and in this show the best of good sense. Some will plant cotton, but corn will not be neglected, let their "staple crop" be cotton and sugar.

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