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An Ignorant Cooper.

[From the St. Louis Democrat.]

We have been more amused than instructed by the recent passage of certain lengthy epistles between Mr. Edward Atkinson, of Boston, and James M. Cooper, of Pittsburg, concerning iron barges and bulk grain transportation down the Mississippi to Europe and home markets along the Atlantic coast. Mr. Atkinson's errors consisted in simply magnifying facts, but the following last shot from James M. Cooper proves his errors to have their origin in a supreme ignorance of his subject. He says:

"I believe only one cargo of wheat has ever been successfully sent to Europe from St. Louis. There are so many parallels of latitude to cross in making the voyage, such extremes of temperature to encounter, that the two great destroyers—heat and moisture—have ample time and opportunity to complete the work of destruction. The idea of exporting wheat by way of the Mississippi, gulf and ocean is entirely chimerical, and will continue to be so, until the many and stubborn obstacles hitherto met with can be vanquished by applied science. Some years ago a grand scheme of forwarding wheat from St. Louis to New Orleans by wooden barges was inaugurated, amid a highly sensational blare of trumpets, but it proved a miserable failure. The barges had no pecuniary value at the end of the trip. It would have cost more than to build new ones to tow them back against the current, because the Mississippi did not run both ways at once, and the unlucky barges had to be turned over to the tender mercies of the wood-chopper for firwood."

That any man having access to the newspapers of the country could pen such unmitigated nonsense as the above is sufficiently astonishing, but that that man's name should be James M. Cooper is still more astounding. Mr. Cooper is hereby officially informed that more than a quarter of a million bushels of spring wheat was shipped from this city to Liverpool during the year 1869, by way of New Orleans, and not one bushel of it was damaged by climatic influence. Cargoes by steam and by sail, in iron hulls and in wooden ones, during each month of the year, were shipped from New Orleans, and every cargo arrived at its destination perfectly sweet, outselling arrivals of same grade of Chicago wheat via New York, by seven to nine cents per bushel! Many of these cargoes were put on board in July and August, with the mercury at 110° in the shade—on sailing vessels, too, one of which was becalmed in the tropics, and did not arrive in Liverpool until the expiration of ninety days. Every one of these cargoes has been made the theme of newspaper paragraphs, and we have noted their appearance in the Pittsburg papers, so there is but little excuse for Mr. Cooper's lamentable ignorance in this matter.

We desire further to inform Mr. Cooper that not only has the grand scheme to forward grain in bulk from St. Louis to New Orleans by wooden barges not failed, but it is a grand success to-day. Since the first of January, 1872, the St. Louis barge line has carried half a million bushels of corn in bulk to New Orleans, nearly all of which has been placed in iron steamers and transported to Liverpool, and not a bushel of it has been reported spoiled. The iron steamers can take forty to seventy thousand bushels at a load, and all of this formidable pile of corn is placed in one mass in the ship's hold, just as is done by steamers and ships taking grain from New York.

We further desire to inform Mr. Cooper that St. Louis barges are not only always towed back to St. Louis, but they bring heavy loads of up stream freights, such as sugar, cotton, railroad iron, granite, marble, drugs and chemicals, plate glass, English hardward, queensware, etc., and the money they thus earn frequently pays the expenses of the round trip, leaving the earnings of the down-stream voyage net profit. A St. Louis towboat is capable of handling five barges of 1500 tons each. But a day or two ago the towboat Mary Alice, with four barges, took 130,000 bushels of grain in bulk, 5000 barrels of flour, 750 tierces of meat, 1500 barrels of pork, and a large amount of miscellaneous freights, earning on the down-stream passage over $15,000.

Mr. Cooper printed the plundering letter from which we clipped the above in the New York *Tribune*. It will naturally mislead many people concerning the facilities St. Louis possesses for exporting grain. We, therefore, hope he will have as much magnanimity as Mr. Atkinson in "owning up the corn," and let a frank correction of his errors pass to the people through the same channel that conveyed his misstatements.

Mr. Cooper may think we should have written up his errors a little more mildly, but his attack upon St. Louis facilities as a grain shipping city were so unwarranted by the subject (tariff) by himself and Mr. Atkinson, and the phraseology he uses in discoursing upon the alleged failure of our barge line was so unnecessarily and offensively vicious that we think he has more than discounted all claims to courtesy from Western writers.

Homicide at Biloxi.

The Handsboro *Democrat* says:

We regret to learn of the unfortunate difficulty which occurred at our sister town of Biloxi last Monday evening, betwen Andrew J. Bennett and Hypolite Stout, resulting in the death of the latter. The particulars are as follows, so far as we can learn: Bennett and Stout's step-father had some difficulty and Stout took it up, and knocked Bennett down once or twice, whereupon Bennett drew his pocketknife and stabbed Stout, cutting his heart literally in twain, death ensuing instantaneously. Bennett was immediately arrested, and after a preliminary examination before a justice of the peace, was admitted to bail in the sum of $2500.

Says the Cincinnati *Enquirer*:

Senator Ferry, of Connecticut, has opposed nearly all of Grant's measures in Congress. As a candidate for re-election he was defeated in the Republican Legislative caucus by General Hawley. He was the choice of the Liberal Republicans who were in the Cincinnati movement. He was nominated by the Democratic caucus. He was elected by a coalition of Liberal Republicans with the Democrats over the Grant candidate. The Liberal Republicans in Norwich and New Haven fired a hundred guns in each city in honor of his election. He was congratulated upon his success by Senators Trumbull, Schurz and others of that political stripe, who are for Horace Greeley.

The Vicksburg *Times* of Saturday says:

Captain Blessing, deputy United States marshal, has had a warrant for the seizure of the steamer Carrie V. Kountz for some eleven months, she being required to answer a libel made against her by W. L. Crecy et al., for wages as laborers in pulling her off when she was aground in a chute somewhere above here in this district. He has been unable to get aboard of her until yesterday, when he boarded her on the point above town through the assistance of a tug. Captain A. H. Shaw, her commander, surrendered the boat and returned to this point and gave bond in the sum of $4000 to answer the libel; the sureties upon which were Captain A. D. Mattingly and Captain A. H. Shaw himself.

The Feliciana *Republican*, of St. Francisville, says:

The Mississippi commenced falling at this point about a week ago, and since that time has receded fully five feet. During the past forty-eight hours the fall has been about twelve inches. The water has all run out of the swamps, and large lots of timber that have been cut will remain in the woods until next season, unless we have another rise in the river, which is hardly anticipated this summer.

This is from the Ouachita *Telegraph*:

Roseola, sometimes called rose-rash, has been almost epidemic in Monro and Trenton this spring. Doubtless there is a strong tendency to bilious and febrile affections among the population. Roseola shows no distinction for color or previous condition. It manifests an inflexible regard for "ekal rights."

LAWS OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

PUBLISHED BY AUTHORITY.

No. 57.

AN ACT

To allow William Schaffer to change his name to William Schwan, and authorizing Valentine Schwan, of St. Mary parish, to adopt him as his son and heir.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana in General Assembly convened, That William Schaffer, of St. Mary parish, is hereby authorized to change his name to William Schwan, and Valentine Schwan, of St. Mary parish, shall have power to invest him with all the rights and privileges of a son and heir guaranteed and established by the laws of this State.

SEC. 2. Be it further enacted, etc., That this act shall take effect from and after its passage, all laws and parts of laws to the contrary notwithstanding.

(Signed) O. H. BREWSTER,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
(Signed) P. B. S. PINCHBACK,
Lieutenant Governor and President of the Senate.
Approved April 23, 1872.
(Signed) H. C. WARMOTH,
Governor of the State of Louisiana.
A true copy:
F. J. HERRON,
Secretary of State.

No. 61.

AN ACT

To incorporate the town of Evergreen, in the parish of Avoyelles, defining the boundaries thereof, and for other purposes.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana in General Assembly convened, That all that portion or district known as Evergreen, in the parish of Avoyelles, contained within the following limits: beginning at a point in the centre of Hill street, opposite the residence known as B. B. Hudson's, and from this given point to include and comprise one mile square, be and the same is hereby created a body corporate and politic in fact and law by the name and style of the town of Evergreen, and by the same name shall have perpetual succession, shall be capable of suing and being sued, and of prosecuting and defending in all courts all actions and matters whatever; may purchase and receive by donation and hold property of all kinds within and without the limits of the town; also may have and use a common seal.

SEC. 2. Be it further enacted, etc., That the Governor of the State of Louisiana shall immediately after the passage of this act appoint a mayor and five councilmen in and for the said town of Evergreen, whose term of office shall be for the period of one year, dating from the first Monday of April, A. D. 1872, or until their successors are elected and qualified; and every year thereafter there shall be an election for the said officers by the qualified voters of the town of Evergreen at large.

SEC. 3. Be it further enacted, etc., That the mayor and five councilmen who shall be elected or appointed, as the case may be, shall pass all laws or ordinances for said town, subject to the approval or veto of the mayor; but such veto shall not negative any law or ordinance which may be passed by four of the councilmen over said veto; that the said councilmen shall have power to pass all by-laws and ordinances to regulate, prevent and remove nuisances; to prevent the introduction of contagious diseases within said town by regulating the approach of boats having sick on board and the landing of the sick or articles calculated to produce disease; to establish night watches and patrols and to erect lamps, and generally to pass any by-laws and ordinances, in writing, not inconsistent with the constitution and laws of the United States and of this State as they may deem proper in relation to public markets, streets, highways, alleys and sidewalks, and to disorderly conduct and nuisances generally, or anything whatever that may relate to good government of said town; to impose such fines and penalties for a breach of their by-laws and their ordinances as they may think proper, not to exceed the sum of one hundred dollars for a single offense, recoverable before any court of competent jurisdiction; to cause all vagrants, idle or disorderly persons, all persons of evil life or ill-fame and all such as have no visible means of support to give security for their good behavior for a reasonable time; and in case of their inability or refusal to give security, to cause them to work on the streets for a limited time, not exceeding four calendar months, unless such security sooner be given; to regulate weights and measures; and to make such ordinances as they may deem necessary for the good government and municipal regulation of the said town.

SEC. 4. Be it further enacted, etc., That the mayor and council shall have power of levying an ad valorem tax upon all lands, houses, stores and movable property within the limits of said corporation; provided, the said tax shall not exceed at any time one dollar on the hundred; to tax billiard tables, taverns, mercantile houses, apothecary shops, groceries, coffeehouses and shops retailing spirituous liquors, drays, carts, trades and professions, fruit stands, oyster saloons, restaurants, eating houses, livery stables, bowling alleys, peddlers and hawkers, lumber yards, coal yards, butchers and contractors, shows, menageries, museums and theatres. At least one-half of said taxes shall be appropriated exclusively to the benefit and improvement of the streets and sidewalks of said town of Evergreen.

SEC. 5. Be it further enacted, etc., That the mayor shall, within ten days after his election or appointment, as the case may be, appoint, with the advice and consent of the councilmen, suitable persons to fill the offices of secretary, treasurer, assessor, collector and marshal of said corporation, who shall hold their offices during the pleasure of the mayor, and the mayor shall fill any vacancy in said offices within ten days after it occurs, in the same manner as above provided, and any two or more of said offices may be consolidated, except the treasurer and collector, which shall not be conferred on the same person.

SEC. 6. Be it further enacted, etc., That the mayor and council shall hold their offices for one year, and until their successors are duly elected or appointed, as the case may be, and qualified, and that before entering upon the discharge of the duties of their offices, they shall take the oath prescribed by article one hundred of the constitution of this State, which oath shall be filed in the office of Secretary of State.

SEC. 7. Be it further enacted, etc., That the treasurer, collector and marshal, before they enter upon the discharge of their duties, shall give a bond and such security for the faithful performance of their duties, as the mayor and councilmen may deem sufficient, and the said collector shall, within such time as shall be provided for by the ordinances and by-laws of the corporation, after the receipt of his warrant for collecting any tax which may have been levied and ordered to be collected, collect the same and pay it into the hands of the treasurer; and for that purpose he shall have power and means to enforce the payment of corporation taxes, fines and penalties imposed by the mayor and councilmen, whether on residents or non-residents, as are given to State tax collectors by the laws of this State to enforce the payment of State taxes, fines and penalties.

SEC. 8. Be it further enacted, etc., That it shall be the duty of the treasurer of said town to receive and receipt for all moneys paid over to him by the collector; to keep an account of all receipts and expenditures in a well bound book, and to submit the same to the mayor and councilmen when required, and no money shall be paid out by him except upon the warrant of the mayor.

SEC. 9. Be it further enacted, etc., That it shall be the duty of the secretary to record, in a well bound book, to be kept by him for that purpose, all the proceedings, by-laws, ordinances, etc., enacted by the mayor and councilmen, and to cause the same to be promulgated, by posting them up in two or more public places in said town, or by publishing in any newspaper published in said town.

SEC. 10. Be it further enacted, etc., That it shall be the duty of the marshal to attend the meetings of the mayor and councilmen, and do and perform all such duties as may be required of him by the mayor and councilmen, and all other duties imposed by law upon constables of this State, for which he shall receive the same fees and emoluments as are allowed by law to them; he shall be ex officio collector.

SEC. 11. Be it further enacted, etc., That the treasurer, secretary, assessor and marshal, before entering upon the duties of their respective offices, shall take the same oath as is prescribed in the section of this act for the mayor and councilmen.

SEC. 12. Be it further enacted, etc., That from and after the passage of this act, the powers of the police jury of the parish of Avoyelles shall cease and determine within said town of Evergreen, and the mayor and council shall possess all the powers within said corporation which have been heretofore exercised by the police jury, and the inhabitants and property within the corporate limits of said town of Evergreen shall be exempt from payment of all parish taxes.

SEC. 13. Be it further enacted, etc., That it shall be the duty of the assessor to assess the property, etc., on which said mayor and council are authorized to impose taxes, and make out a list of immovable, landed and other property in said town subject to said tax, together with the amount of tax assessed thereon, pursuant to the ordinances of said town, and the said assessor shall exercise the same powers as by law are vested in the assessors of State taxes.

SEC. 14. Be it further enacted, etc., That when the owner or owners of any landed or immovable property in said town shall fail to pay any taxes assessed thereon, due to said town, the mayor and counsil shall have a special privilege for the amount of said tax, with eight per cent per annum interest thereon, which privilege shall take rank in preference to any other mortgage, privilege or judgment except rights existing in favor of the State; provided that an account of the same, duly certified by the mayor, be recorded in the office of the recorder of mortgages of the parish of Avoyelles, whose duty it is hereby made to record the same.

SEC. 15. Be it further enacted, etc., That the mayor and council shall furthermore have power to prevent the stoppage or obstruction of the streets, roads and other public places of the town, and to adopt and to carry into effect such regulations for that purpose, and for the removal of all buildings, obstructions and nuisances of whatever nature, and for the organization of police, as may not be inconsistent with the laws of this State and of the United States, and also to impose such fines and penalties for the breach of said regulations as they may think proper; provided the said fine shall not exceed one hundred dollars, or imprisonment for each and every contravention.

SEC. 16. Be it further enacted, etc., That the mayor of the town of Evergreen shall be ex officio justice of the peace within the limits of said town, and as such shall have power to suppress all routs, riots, unlawful assemblies, affrays and tumults, all breaches of the peace committed within the limits of said town; to that end he shall appoint from time to time such a number of policemen as he may think proper, and the policemen so appointed shall be subject to his control in the discharge of their duties; he shall have power to hear charges against offenders, to issue warrants and summonses, to examine the informant, accused and witnesses, in the same manner as a committing magistrate may do; to grant bail for appearance, to commit for trial, to bind over to keep the peace, and generally to do all acts for the preservation of the peace in said town which a committing magistrate can or may do; he shall try and punish all offenders against the town of Evergreen according to the laws and ordinances of said town, and for that purpose he shall hold his court, at least once in each week, or oftener, if necessary, and for all such services he shall be entitled to charge and receive the same fees as are allowed by law to justices of the peace, and he shall receive such salary not less than one hundred or more than one thousand dollars annually, which salary shall be fixed by the council of said town; that the said Mayor shall preside over the meetings of the council, but shall have a casting vote only.

SEC. 17. Be it further enacted, etc., That all costs in criminal cases originating within the limits of said town, due to any justice of the peace, shall be paid out of the treasury of said town; provided, the criminal be not able to pay the same out of his or their proper goods or chattels.

SEC. 18. Be it further enacted, etc., That in all cases where the mayor of the town of Evergreen shall, in accordance with the laws and ordinances of said town, impose any fine or penalty or forfeiture upon any person for the breach thereof, and such person shall not comply with and perform the judgments imposing penalty and forfeiture, he shall be committed to the town prison until discharged by law, not to exceed the term of thirty days for any one offense, the time to be determined by the mayor of said town trying the offense; provided, that any one against whom said penalty of imprisonment may be imposed shall be entitled, if he or she requests it, to labor for the benefit of said town, at such labor as may be selected by the mayor or street commissioner, or the officer performing his duties, under the direction of the mayor, for a time not exceeding the term of imprisonment adjudged.

SEC. 19. Be it further enacted, etc., That the mayor and council shall create such officers, not provided for in this act, as may be necessary for the good government of said town.

SEC. 20. Be it further enacted, etc., That this act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

(Signed) O. H. BREWSTER,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
(Signed) P. B. S. PINCHBACK,
Lieutenant Governor and President of the Senate.
Approved April 23, 1872.
(Signed) H. C. WARMOTH,
Governor of the State of Louisiana.
A true copy:
F. J. HERRON,
Secretary of State.

No. 62.

AN ACT

To incorporate the Laborers' Protective Benevolent and Mutual Aid Association of New Orleans, Louisiana.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana in General Assembly convened, That Alfred Jones, J. W. Edwards, Samuel Carter, Foster Chase, John Torregano, P. Carriere, Alfred Mitchel, Eugene Duplessis, J. M. Brown, Eugene Clairville, A. Smith, W. H. Green, and all others who may from time to time associate themselves with them, be and the same are hereby created a body corporate under the name and title of the Laborers' Protective Benevolent and Mutual Aid Association of New Orleans, Louisiana, to be located in the city of New Orleans, and shall, under this title, enjoy the right of perpetual succession, and be, as such, capable to sue and be sued, to acquire and possess real estate and personal property by purchase or donation, *inter vivos* or *mortis causa*, to acquire and possess, and also to dispose of all real and personal property obtained by any legal title and acts, to grant and receive contracts, to make and adopt such constitution and by-laws, not inconsistent with the constitution of this State or of the United States, as they may think proper, and to alter and amend and modify the same at pleasure, to use a common seal, and change the same.

SEC. 2. Be it further enacted, etc., That the funds of the association shall be employed in the promotion and protection of its members, education of its members, to provide for and nurse their sick, the burial of their dead, to the relief of the widows and orphans of its members, and for all things necessary and legitimate to the carrying out of their humane and benevolent purpose.

SEC. 3. Be it further enacted, etc., That the officers of this association shall consist of one president, one vice president, secretary, assistant secretary, treasurer, counselor and sergeant-at-arms, who shall be chosen annually by ballot by the majority of the members present at said annual meeting.

SEC. 4. Be it further enacted, etc., That all the powers of the association shall be vested in a board of administrators, to be composed of the officers of the association, and the president thereof shall have the right to sue and be sued in behalf of the association. Said association shall have the right to establish and organize branch bodies under the above title, provided said branches shall strictly conform with the laws of this State and of this act.

SEC. 5. Be it further enacted, etc., That this act shall take effect from and after its passage.

(Signed) O. H. BREWSTER,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
(Signed) P. B. S. PINCHBACK,
Lieutenant Governor and President of the Senate.
Approved April 23, 1872.
(Signed) H. C. WARMOTH,
Governor of the State of Louisiana.
A true copy:
F. J. HERRON,
Secretary of State.

No. 63.

AN ACT

To incorporate the town of Waterproof, in the parish of Tensas.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana in General Assembly convened, That the inhabitants of the town of Waterproof, as hereinafter defined, be and they are hereby made a body corporate and politic by the name of Waterproof, and as such can sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, and shall possess of right a common seal, and shall have power to amend, alter or change the same at their pleasure.

SEC. 2. Be it further enacted, etc., That the limits of said town shall be as follows: beginning on the northern boundary in centre of levee, the same being on the section line dividing the lands of the estate of McAlister and the Eben Miller tract; thence in a westerly direction 20.25 chains to a stake; thence with a ditch in a southern direction 28.22 chains to the southern margin of Texas road; thence in an easterly direction with said Texas road in southern margin 41.16 chains; thence south on a line parallel with the Mississippi river (one hundred feet from said river) 15 chains to old levee; thence with old levee 41 chains; thence directly east 5 chains to river; thence up the Mississippi river to where the first mentioned sectional line strikes said river; thence along said line 15.72 chains to the point of beginning. The said described land is situated in townships 9 and 10, range 11, district of land north of Red river.

SEC. 3. Be it further enacted, etc., That the municipal government of said town of Waterproof shall consist of a mayor, who shall be ex-officio justice of the peace of the town of Waterproof, and three councilmen, any two of whom, with the mayor, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. No person shall be eligible for the office of mayor or councilman unless he be a qualified elector, and reside within the limits of said corporation. The said mayor and councilmen shall be elected by the qualified electors of the town of Waterproof, and hold their offices for two years.

SEC. 4. Be it further enacted, etc., That the first election for mayor and councilmen shall be held at the town of Waterproof, on the first Monday of June, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-two; then all the legal voters within the limits of said corporation shall meet at some place as may be designated by the magistrate presiding in said town, and shall then and there proceed to elect by ballot a mayor and three councilmen, who shall hold their offices for two years, or until their successors be elected and qualified. The said elections shall be held after ten days' notice by public advertisement, and it shall be presided over by any acting magistrate of the parish of Tensas, and at all subsequent elections the said mayor and council, or a majority of them, shall preside, after ten days' notice of said election by public advertisement.

SEC. 5. Be it further enacted, etc., That the said mayor and councilmen shall have the following powers, to wit: First—To lay a tax on all taxable property within the corporate limits, not to exceed the parish tax upon the same property. Second—To impose fines for all breaches of this law, or of the ordinances passed by said board, not to exceed fifty dollars, and to sue for and collect the same for the use of said town. Third—To remove all nuisances, to impose taxes on the sale of spirituous liquors by retail, on billiard tables, and any species of plays or games not prohibited by law; provided, said tax shall not exceed one hundred dollars each. Fourth—To appoint a treasurer, who shall be collector of taxes, a secretary, and such other officers as may be necessary for the administration of said town, and to require from them bond and security for the faithful performance of their duty. They shall also have the power to suppress riots or unlawful assemblages, and all breaches of the peace, to make arrests, and impose fines in the same way as justices of the peace may or can do. They shall make by-laws for the government of said town, and have power to repeal or modify the same.

SEC. 6. Be it further enacted, etc., That the mayor, councilmen, and other officers of said corporation, may receive such compensation for their services as may be determined by the board.

SEC. 7. Be it further enacted, etc., That this act shall take effect from and after its passage.

(Signed) O. H. BREWSTER,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
(Signed) P. B. S. PINCHBACK,
Lieutenant Governor and President of the Senate.
Approved April 23, 1872.
(Signed) H. C. WARMOTH,
Governor of the State of Louisiana.
A true copy:
F. J. HERRON,
Secretary of State.

No. 64.

AN ACT

Entitled an act to incorporate the town of Harrisonburg, in the parish of Catahoula, and fixing the boundaries of the same.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana in General Assembly convened, That the inhabitants of the town of Harrisonburg, in the parish of Catahoula, are hereby created and made a body corporate with perpetual succession, under the name and style of Harrisonburg, and by that name they and their successors shall be known in law, and be capable of suing and being sued, plead and be impleaded, defend and be defended in all courts and places whatsoever; also to hold, purchase, possess, enjoy and retain to them and their successors all and every kind of property whatsoever; provided, the same shall be for municipal purposes, and they may have and use a common seal.

SEC. 2. Be it further enacted, etc., That the corporate limits shall be as follows: Beginning at the mouth of Seargent's bayou, on the Ouachita river, thence up said bayou to the dividing ridge; thence along said ridge to the head of Harrison's Spring branch; thence on a direct line to the north corner of the Turnley or Brooks property; thence along the north side of said property to the northeast corner; thence on a direct line to the southwest corner of the Spencer property; thence along the line of said property to the Ouachita river; thence up said river to place of beginning.

SEC. 3. Be it further enacted, etc., That on the first Monday in April, in each and every year, between the usual hours of holding elections, the qualified voters residing within the said corporate limits shall elect a mayor and three councilmen to administer the affairs of the said corporation for the ensuing year, and until their successors are elected and qualified; and it is hereby made the duty of the sheriff of the parish to give at least ten days' notice, by having the same printed in the parish paper, if there be one, and if not, to be posted up at the courthouse door, and to appoint three commissioners, qualified voters of said town, to hold such election; and the said commissioners shall, within twenty-four hours after said election, post over their signatures at the courthouse door in said town the names of the persons who have been duly elected mayor and councilmen of said town.

SEC. 4. Be it further enacted, etc., That for all elections after the first, the mayor and councilmen of said town shall, previous to any election for members of their body, appoint three persons, qualified voters, residents within said town, as commissioners, to hold said elections; and said mayor and councilmen shall fix the place and manner of each annual election; and for the purpose of filling vacancies in their body, they shall fix the time, place and manner of holding the election, and in all cases ten days' notice shall be given before holding any election; it shall be the duty of the commissioners to preside at the same, and to certify in writing over their own signatures the result thereof, and within twenty-four hours after closing the polls to file such certificate with the clerk of the mayor and councilmen, who shall forthwith notify the persons so elected.

SEC. 5. Be it further enacted, etc., That before entering upon the duties of their offices, the mayor and councilmen shall take the constitutional oath of office; and the said mayor shall preside over all their meetings, and they are hereby empowered to ordain and establish all such ordinances, by-laws, rules and regulations, and to appoint all such officers as they may deem expedient for the government of said town, not inconsistent with the constitution of the United States, and of this State; and they shall have power to levy and collect a tax for the use of said corporation upon all taxable property within said corporation, not to exceed in amount one-half the State and parish tax upon said property. They shall have power to prohibit houses of ill-fame, and disorderly houses; to remove nuisances; to tax all shows, plays, gaming tables, grogshops and liquor dealers; they shall have power to impose fines for breaches of their ordinances, rules and regulations, not to exceed fifty dollars, and imprisonment not to exceed thirty days, either or both as they may deem just; and in case of the temporary absence of the mayor, the councilmen shall elect a president pro tempore from among themselves, to act in his place, and in all cases, the mayor, or in his absence the president pro tempore and two councilmen shall constitute a quorum to do business; and the mayor and councilmen shall appoint a clerk whose duty it shall be to keep a faithful record of the proceedings of their meetings, and to make public their ordinances by advertising the same in the parish paper, if there be one; if not, to post copies in two public places within said corporation limits; and no person shall be a mayor or councilman unless he be a qualified voter within said corporation.

SEC. 6. Be it further enacted, etc., That the mayor shall have power, and it is hereby made his duty, to suppress all riots, rows and unlawful assemblies, affrays and tumults, and he shall have power to cause to be arrested, and brought before him for trial, under regulations of the mayor and councilmen, all offenders against the rules, ordinances and regulations of said corporation, the mayor shall be ex officio justice of the peace, with jurisdiction within said corporate limits, and shall be commissioned by the Governor accordingly.

SEC. 7. Be it further enacted, etc., That all persons living within said corporate limits be exempt from all road tax, except such as may be imposed by the mayor and councilmen of said corporation.

SEC. 8. Be it further enacted, etc., That said corporation shall own and control all ferries within said corporate limits, and shall have power to lease the same to the highest bidder from time to time, and for a length of time not to exceed two years.

SEC. 9. Be it further enacted, etc., That the State tax collector shall be ex officio corporation tax collector for said corporation, and shall receive the same percentage for collecting said tax that he does for collecting the parish tax.

SEC. 10. Be it further enacted, etc., That the mayor of said town shall receive as compensation for his services the same fees as are allowed by law to any justice of the peace for similar services, and for all other services rendered by him he shall receive such compensation as the board of councilmen may allow; and the constable for said town shall receive the same fees as the sheriff for similar services. The salaries of all other officers shall be fixed by the mayor and councilmen.

SEC. 11. Be it further enacted, etc., That all laws or parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby repealed, and that this act shall take effect from and after its passage.

(Signed) O. H. BREWSTER,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
(Signed) P. B. S. PINCHBACK,
Lieutenant Governor and President of the Senate.
Approved April 23, 1872.
(Signed) H. C. WARMOTH,
Governor of the State of Louisiana.
A true copy:
F. J. HERRON,
Secretary of State.

No. 65.

AN ACT

To repeal section seven of an act entitled "an act to renew the corporation of the town of Farmerville, and to provide for the government of the same."

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana in General Assembly convened, That section seven of an act entitled "an act to renew the corporation of the town of Farmerville, in the parish of Union; to provide for the government of the same, and to repeal all laws heretofore existing on the same subject matter, approved March sixteenth, eighteen hundred and seventy," which reads as follows:

Be it further enacted, etc., That one-half of the taxes assessed by the parish on the property within the limits of the said corporation, and one-half of the licenses assessed by the parish within said corporation be paid over to the treasurer of said corporation for the use of the same; provided, that these taxes, together with such other taxes, levied under the provisions of this act, do not exceed one thousand dollars be and the same is hereby repealed.

(Signed) O. H. BREWSTER,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
(Signed) P. B. S. PINCHBACK,
Lieutenant Governor and President of the Senate.
Approved April 23, 1872.
(Signed) H. C. WARMOTH,
Governor of the State of Louisiana.
A true copy:
F. J. HERRON,
Secretary of State.

No. 69.

AN ACT

To incorporate the Citizens' Savings Bank.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana in General Assembly convened, That the following persons, B. Da Silva, B. L. Brown, N. P. Rice, F. J. Kunholtz, G. H. Fayerweather, William Hire and M. Lara, are hereby created a body corporate under the name and title of the Citizens' Savings Bank, with powers and privileges of doing a general banking business, under and pursuant to the general laws now in force, and also with the rights and powers as set forth in the following articles:

ARTICLE I.

The domicile of this corporation shall be the city of New Orleans, and said corporation shall exist for a term of twenty-five years from the date of the passage of this act.

ARTICLE II.

This corporation is hereby authorized and empowered to receive on deposit from all persons money in all sums from ten cents and upwards, and to pay out the same by check or otherwise, and for which interest shall be paid in accordance with this act and the by-laws of this corporation; also, to receive for safe keeping valuables of all kinds, and to rent safes for the purpose of keeping valuables.

Deposits shall draw interest at the rate of six per cent per annum, and the interest shall be placed to the credit of the depositors on the first of July and January of each year. A higher rate of interest may be paid by special agreement, and all deposits shall be paid on demand.

ARTICLE III.

For the security of the depositors in this bank, all money therein deposited shall be invested only in first mortgage on improved property in the city of New Orleans, in stocks and bonds of corporations of the State of Louisiana, the market value of which is above par, or upon pledge of such stocks and bonds, or on pledge of United States bonds, bullion, silver plate and diamonds; but no loan shall be made for a greater length of time than one year, or upon property that is not worth one-third more than the amount loaned thereon, and at a rate of interest not exceeding four per cent a month. Other funds of the bank may be loaned in the same way and at the same rate of interest.

ARTICLE IV.

To facilitate the loaning of money, as specified in article three, full authority is hereby given to execute and issue certificates of pledge upon all kinds of movable property, and to do and perform every act and thing pertaining to the loaning of money upon the security of pledge.

ARTICLE V.

The capital stock shall be one hundred thousand dollars, divided into one thousand shares of one hundred dollars each, and the same may be increased to two hundred thousand dollars by a vote of two-thirds of the stock.

ARTICLE VI.

Upon the organization of this bank, subscribers to the stock shall pay into the hands of the cashier twenty dollars upon each share subscribed. Assessments on the stock shall be made thereafter at such times as the directors may determine; but no assessment shall be made of over ten dollars per share, or at intervals of less than sixty days. Stock on which any assessment has been due and unpaid for sixty days may, after personal notice has been given to the owner, be sold, and the proceeds applied to paying the assessment.

ARTICLE VII.

The following named persons, B. Da Silva, B. L. Brown, G. H. Fayerweather, F. J. Kunholtz and M. Lara, are hereby constituted the first board of directors, in whom and their successors are vested all the corporate powers of this corporation; they shall hold their office until the first Monday in May, eighteen hundred and seventy-three.

On the second Monday in April, eighteen hundred and seventy-three, and annually thereafter, there shall be elected four directors. Fifteen days' notice of such election shall be given in two of the daily papers of the city of New Orleans, and the directors then elected shall take their seats on the first Monday in May following.

No one shall be eligible to the position of director unless he is the owner of twenty shares of the stock of the bank.

The cashier shall be ex-officio a member of the board of directors.

ARTICLE VIII.

On the first of January and July in each year there shall be made a statement of the condition of the bank, setting forth in detail its assets and liabilities, and said statement shall be verified by the oaths of the president and cashier, and be accessible to any depositor or stockholder.

ARTICLE IX.

All pledges not redeemed on or before the expiration of the time for which the loan was made, shall be considered forfeited to the bank, and, after ten days' notice, either personal or in two daily papers of the city of New Orleans, shall be sold at public auction, and the proceeds, after paying the principal, interest and expense of sale, shall be placed to the credit of the party pledging the same, but should the same not be claimed within one year from the date of such credit, then one-half thereof shall be paid to the Hathaway Home and the other half be paid to the Charity Hospital.

ARTICLE X.

At the expiration of this charter, if the same is not renewed, there shall be a committee of three chosen by the stockholders to whom shall be entrusted the liquidation of the affairs of this corporation.

(Signed) O. H. BREWSTER,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
(Signed) P. B. S. PINCHBACK,
Lieutenant Governor and President of the Senate.
Approved April 24, 1872.
(Signed) H. C. WARMOTH,
Governor of the State of Louisiana.
A true copy:
F. J. HERRON,
Secretary of State.

No 71.

AN ACT

To amend the fifth section of an act entitled "An act recognizing and granting certain rights to the Bœuf and Crocodile Navigation Company," approved March 28, 1867.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana in General Assembly convened, That the fifth section of the act entitled "An act recognizing and granting certain rights to the Bœuf and Crocodile Navigation Company," approved March 28, 1867, be amended and re-enacted so as to read as follows, viz:

"SEC. 5. Be it further enacted, etc., That this charter shall be deemed forfeited if the work shall not be begun according to the interests and purpose of the charter, within six months of the date thereof, and finished within eight years of said date."

SEC. 2. Be it further enacted, etc., That this act shall take effect from and after its passage.

(Signed) O. H. BREWSTER,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
(Signed) P. B. S. PINCBACK,
Lieutenant Governor and President of the Senate.
Approved April 24, 1872.
(Signed) H. C. WARMOTH,
Governor of the State of Louisiana.
A true copy:
F. J. HERRON,
Secretary of State.

No. 55.

AN ACT

To incorporate an independent fire company in the city of Thibodaux, parish of Lafourche, State of Louisiana.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana in General Assembly convened, That Silas T. Grisamore, Emile E. LeBlanc, Hudson W. Tabor, Honore Champagne, Ulgere Badeaux, Tilvere Navarre and Aurelien Barr, and their associates, citizens of the city of Thibodaux, are hereby incorporated as an independent fire company, by the name and style of the "Thibodaux Fire Company No. 1." It shall be the duty of said company to keep their engine, hose, etc., in good order and repair, and on the alarm of fire to proceed thereto with all possible dispatch, and to assist in extinguishing the same. The said company shall consist of not less than fifty officers and members.

SEC. 2. Be it further enacted, etc., That a majority of said company, as soon as thirty names shall have been subscribed, shall have power and authority to form and establish such rules and by-laws, not inconsistent with the laws of the State, for its government as such majority may think proper, and that such fines and penalties as they may prescribe for the government of its officers and members may and shall be enforced and collected before any justice of the peace within the city of Thibodaux, or any court of competent jurisdiction.

SEC. 3. Be it further enacted, etc., That the said Thibodaux Fire Company No. 1, and their successors, shall be capable of suing and be sued, pleading and being impleaded in any of the courts of this State, and in their corporate name shall be capable of purchasing, conveying and owning any estate, real or personal, for the use of the company.

SEC. 4. Be it further enacted, etc., That the officers and members of Thibodaux Fire Company No. 1 shall, at all times, be exempted from serving on juries and from military duty; and it shall be the duty of the foreman of said company to furnish annually to the sheriff of the parish of Lafourche, and to the officer commanding the militia, if such there be, a list of the names of such officers and members.

SEC. 5. Be it further enacted, etc., That the officers of said company shall consist of a president, a foreman, first assistant, second assistant, recording secretary, treasurer, and such other officers as may be thought necessary or advisable.

SEC. 6. Be it further enacted, etc., That this act shall take effect from and after its passage.

(Signed) O. H. BREWSTER,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
(Signed) P. B. S. PINCHBACK,
Lieutenant Governor and President of the Senate.
Approved April 23, 1872
(Signed) H. C. WARMOTH,
Governor of the State of Louisiana.
A true copy:
F. J. HERRON,
Secretary of State.

No. 70.

AN ACT

To amend and re-enact section one th