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The Fourth Ward Club, Coleman Butler, president, on the evening of the fifteenth instant, was the scene of a lively gathering. The subject discussed on the occasion was, of course, political.

The meeting was called to order, and a glance at the audience indicated that the invitation extended for all to participate had been well responded to.

On calling the meeting to order, the president announced that Mr. James Cole would narrate his experience in the Cincinnati convention. Mr. Cole, on taking the floor, stated that if he felt any guilt whatever, or in any way reluctant in disclosing his views upon the new Liberal movement, he would shoulder the responsibility of an explanation on some one else; but this was an occasion, the circumstances of which were connected with so much pleasure to him, that it would be good for his soul to relate; said he, I am glad to know that, from personal observation, I can announce to my hearers with an honest conviction that the colored people of Louisiana under the present administration of Governor Warmoth may announce to the world, in a voice that may be heard from the Atlantic to the Pacific, from the St. Lawrence to the Gulf of Mexico, that we can rejoice in a free government, a government whose people are free, whose courts are opened for the redress of all grievances done in the land, whose schools are not the monopoly of people opposed to educating the colored element. If you wish to see Louisiana in her true light you must first see what I have seen—not what I am told, but what came directly under my own observation. During my recent trip North, in passing through Alabama, Mississippi, Kentucky, Tennessee and Ohio, here and there a few words with my color were facts sufficient to prove what I say, and hereafter whenever I here any one say that Governor H. C. Warmoth is not a friend to the colored people I now stand armed with truth to tell him he is a blatant fool, and does not know of whom he speaks. I see it asserted in the *Republican Pioneer* and *National Republican* that colored men were hired and paid to go with Governor Warmoth to the Cincinnati convention, which, of course, is not the case; and that is the extent of the reliability of any of that class of papers. But, my friends, I am sorry that three or four colored men from every parish in the State could not have gone. It would have been the greatest blessing that could have been conferred upon you since your emancipation. You could have seen the superiority of your condition over that of the colored people of the more Northern States; you could have seen the effect of State governments, the administration of which, I am to sorry to say, have not yet extended its liberalities in accordance with the constitutional amendments relative to the colored people; and I am inclined to join in the very popular belief that if you substitute any other one man in North America for H. C. Warmoth for Governor, that moment you enter upon a retrograde movement that will cause you many regrets, and if I had the casting of the entire colored vote of the South, I would cast it solid for Greeley and Brown for President and Vice President and Henry Clay Warmoth for Governor of Louisiana. Gentlemen, I thank you for your attention.

Loud calls were then made for Burrell, whose seeming modesty indicated that his remarks should only be in reply to Mr. Demas. A vote, however, was taken, deciding that Dennis Burrrel do make a speech, and he came to the front with as much grace as could be expected under the circumstances, and opened unmercifully upon the conduct of the anti-Grantites, defiantly asserting in the most emphatic tones that any man who was not for Grant was an uncompromising rebel, and he could prove it. Illustrative of which, and to seemingly vindicate himself from the rather unfavorable position that his own actions and affiliations with the Democracy during the two years that he so disgracefully misrepresented the people of his parish in the Legislature, has placed himself, commenced an onslaught on Mr. Demas' legislative career, as being corrupt and against the interests of his constituents.

The feature of his remarks was his ludicrous attempt to illustrate the incompetency and inability of Greeley as President and Warmoth as Governor, both of whom he declared to be closely in alliance with Democracy.

His remarks were responded to by Hon. Henry Demas, clearly and satisfactorily showing the weakness of Burrell. In alluding to the manner in which Burrell complains of having to be stowed away in the barber shop whenever he travels by steamboat, or in a dirty smoking-car with the "dirty Irish," Mr. Demas supposed that his general appearance necessitated this result, for these are matters that generally regulate themselves according to circumstances and the manner in which one's own conduct places him; but begged the gentleman to be patient and endure his grievances until after March 4, 1873, and Mr. Greeley, our President at that time, would make a sixteenth amendment wholly applicable to men of his temperament. During Demas' remarks Burrell exhibited symptoms of uneasness that indicated he was not comforted, and acting upon a self-suggested impulse that his silence was more appreciated than his advice, managed, during the enthusiasm ensuing from Demas' remarks, to float off unobserved, with the reflection lingering in his memory that he sees the handwriting on the wall for him and his followers.

After Demas' speech, owing to the lateness of the hour, the meeting broke up amid the best of feeling with three cheers for the whole Liberal movement, Cincinnati and Governor Warmoth. C. B.

The New York *Golden Age* says:

The Mercantile Library in this city was opened on Sunday for the first time, and the heavens did not fall nor were the fountains of the great deep broken up. About 300 young men availed themselves of the opportunity to sit in the pleasant reading room and find instruction and entertainment in the quiet perusal of books, which is something. If the ministers want to keep the young life of the city from drifting into the library, they must present more attractions than the library. With Scott and Dickens, Huxley and Spencer for rivals, they can not hope to hold their own without putting a generous supply of human nature, science and soul into their sermons. Perhaps the opening of the libraries on Sunday will be the best thing that has happened for the pulpit and those who sit under its ministrations.

Mr. Beecher ventured into the discussion of Darwinism two Sundays ago, just far enough to say that so long as that theory got him entirely clear of the monkey tribe he was content. He had quite as soon have a monkey for his father as some of the men about here. But the preacher did not state the difference between these men and the much abused monkey. Probably he did not care to enter into a microscopic analysis in the pulpit. He does not care where he came from, but is considerably anxious about where he is to go. So are some of his Evangelical brethren.

A hotel to cost $20,000,000 is proposed in Chicago. It will be constructed entirely of iron, ten stories in height, and will cover four entire blocks, with grand arches over the intervening streets. Bazars are to occupy the first story, and elevators at every corner. It is intended that the rates will be from ten dollars to one dollar per diem, according to the story; so that people of limited means, as well as those possessing wealth can be accommodated in elegant style.

"My friend, don't you know that it is very dangerous to take a nap while the train is in motion?" "Why, no!" exclaimed the astonished individual, waking up. "Why so?" "Because this train runs over sleepers."

LAWS OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

PUBLISHED BY AUTHORITY.

No. 74.
AN ACT

To establish the Underwriters' Association, of New Orleans.

WHEREAS, Large sums of money have been, and are being, withdrawn from the State by premiums of insurance paid to the agents of foreign insurance companies located doing business within the State; therefore,

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana in General Assembly convened, That the following named insurance companies, chartered under the laws of this State, and now comprising the Board of Underwriters of New Orleans, viz: The Crescent Mutual Insurance Company, the Home Mutual Insurance Company, the Sun Mutual Insurance Company, the Louisiana Mutual Insurance Company, the New Orleans Mutual Insurance Company, the Factors and Traders' Insurance Company, the Atlantic Insurance Company, the Commercial Insurance Company, the Union Insurance Company, the Hope Insurance Company, the Germania Insurance Company, the Delta Insurance Company, the Mechanics and Traders' Insurance Company, the Teutonia Insurance Company, or either two or more of them, and their associates or successors, be and are hereby incorporated under the name and style of "The Underwriters' Association of New Orleans," and under this name shall exist for the term of twenty-five years, and shall be capable, for the purposes of this act and for all other purposes incident to like corporations, of insuring fire, marine, river and inland risks, and for this purpose shall have power to establish agencies in this and other States of the Union, or elsewhere. The capital stock of said association shall be three millions of dollars, with leave to increase the same to ten millions, which capital stock shall consist of the several and united subscriptions of the aforesaid insurance companies and their associates or successors, and the capital and assets of each company so subscribing shall be liable for the full amount of its subscription. The association may commence business when the subscriptions shall have reached one million of dollars.

SEC. 2. Be it further enacted, etc., That each of the aforesaid insurance companies, their associates or successors, are hereby authorized and empowered, through its president or vice president, to subscribe to the capital stock such an amount as shall be authorized by a vote of a majority of its trustees or directors.

SEC. 5. Be it further enacted, etc., That the president or vice president of each subscribing company, for the time being, shall be ex officio director of this association, and the board of directors so formed and constituted shall manage and control all its affairs. They shall, at their first meeting, elect one of their members as president, also one as vice president, and shall annually thereafter, on the second Wednesday of December in each year, elect as above a president and vice president, to serve one year from the second Wednesday of January next ensuing, or until their successors be elected. The fiscal year of the association shall terminate on the thirty-first of December of each year. The board shall elect a secretary, a general manager of agencies, and appoint such clerks and employes as in their judgment may be proper and necessary to carry out the purposes and objects of the association, who shall hold their places or appointments only for and during the pleasure of the board. The board shall fix and determine all the salaries or compensations of the officers, agents, clerks and employes of this association, and shall have power to make and form all by-laws which in their judgment may be for its best interest. Persons insuring with the association shall in no manner be interested in the gains, profits or loss of any of the companies forming the association. The corporation shall have a seal, and the device on the same shall be the insignia, "American shield;" motto, "*E Pluribus Unum*," with the name of the corporation in the margin. The domicile of the association shall be in New Orleans, and it may sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded in any legal court of justice, within any of the United States of America, or under any other government, where an agency of the corporation may be established. The president and such agents as shall be authorized by the board, shall be the proper persons on whom to serve citations. The association may at any time reinsure any of the risks under its policies, and may reinsure the risks of other companies, and this association may be dissolved by a vote of a majority of its directors, representing a majority of the subscriptions, after which no new risks shall be taken; but the liability of each company forming this association shall continue until the expiration or cancelation of all its policies. The liability of each insurance company, subscribing to the capital of this association, shall be limited to the amount by it subscribed.

(Signed) O. H. BREWSTER,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
(Signed) P. B. S. PINCHBACK,
Lieutenant Governor and President of the Senate.
Approved May 17, 1872.
(Signed) H. C. WARMOTH,
Governor of the State of Louisiana.
A true copy:
F. J. HERRON,
Secretary of State.

No. 75.
AN ACT

For the relief of A. Valsin Martin, of Lafayette parish.

WHEREAS, A. Valsin Martin, as surety for the deceased State tax collector for the parish of Lafayette had been duly authorized by law to proceed to the collection of the back taxes for the years 1865 and 1866 for the State of Louisiana, and has settled with the Auditor of Public Accounts; and whereas, he has settled for the whole amount, without deducting the sum of two thousand dollars, which was deposited by him in the parish treasury of the parish of Lafayette, which sum was destroyed in the conflagration, together with all other papers, bills and moneys therein deposited, as appears by the sworn statements filed with the State Auditor when the above settlement was made.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana in General Assembly convened, That the said A. Valsin Martin be and is hereby authorized to draw on the Treasurer of the State of Louisiana, on his own warrant, for the sum of thousand dollars out of any funds not otherwise appropriated.

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. 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. 78.
AN ACT

For the relief of the sufferers by the fire occurring in the city of Monroe, Louisiana, on the night of the thirtieth day of December, 1871.

WHEREAS, On the night of the thirtieth day of December, 1871, the entire business part of the city of Monroe, Louisiana, including both the buildings and the stocks of goods, wares and merchandise, was totally destroyed; and

Whereas, The calamity, equalling in extent, in proportion to the population and size of the said city, the recent terrible conflagration in the city of Chicago, has deprived the sufferers thereby of the ability to meet their obligations to the State; therefore,

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana in General Assembly convened, That the Auditor of Public Accounts of the State, upon due proof to him, made in such form and manner as he may deem proper, be and he is hereby authorized to remit the State taxes assessed in the year 1871, and payable in 1872, upon all property, real and personal, destroyed by the said conflagration, inclusive of buildings, goods, wares and merchandise, after deducting from the assessed value thereof, as shall appear from the tax roll of the parish of Ouachita for the year 1871, the amount for which each of said sufferers may have been insured.

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. PINCHBACK,
Lieutenant Governor and President of the Senate.
Approved May 18, 1872.
(Signed) H. C. WARMOTH,
Governor of the State of Louisiana.
A true copy:
F. J. HERRON,
Secretary of State.

No. 77.
AN ACT

To appoint trustees to the Vermilionville Academy, and giving them power to alienate 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 directors of the public schools for the town of Vermilionville, in the parish of Lafayette, be and are hereby appointed trustees of Vermilionville Academy, with power to alienate and dispose of the building known as the Vermilionville Academy, by public or private sale, or otherwise, and use the proceeds of the alienation to procure a house for the use of the free public schools of the town of Vermilionville.

SEC. 2. Be it further enacted, etc., That all laws or parts of laws contrary to or inconsistent with this act be and are hereby repealed, and that this act 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 May 18, 1872.
(Signed) H. C. WARMOTH,
Governor of the State of Louisiana.
A true copy:
F. J. HERRON,
Secretary of State.

No. 79.
AN ACT

For the relief of the heirs of the late J. H. Wisner, Sheriff of Ouachita parish, and for the relief of his deputy, Henry G. Dobson.

WHEREAS, His Excellency H. C. Warmoth, Governor of the State of Louisiana, did, on the twenty-second day of July, eighteen hundred and sixty-nine, cause to be published his proclamation offering a reward of one thousand dollars for the arrest and conviction of one T. B. Beavers, charged with the crime of murder; and

Whereas, J. H. Wisner, sheriff of Ouachita parish, and his deputy, Henry G. Dobson, did arrest the said T. B. Beavers after incurring much trouble and expense; and

Whereas, The said Beavers, after an examination before the Hon. Robert Ray, parish judge of Ouachita parish, was committed to jail on the charge of murder; and

Whereas, The said jail was soon after broken open, the sheriff and one of the principal witnesses in the Beavers' case were murdered, and the said T. B. Beavers rescued from jail by a mob of unknown men; therefore

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana in General Assembly convened, That the sum of one thousand dollars be and is hereby appropriated out of any money in the treasury, not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of reimbursing and compensating the heirs and legal representatives of J. H. Wisner and his deputy, H. G. Dobson.

SEC. 2. 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 May 18, 1872.
(Signed) H. C. WARMOTH,
Governor of the State of Louisiana.
A true copy:
F. J. HERRON,
Secretary of State.

No. 80.
AN ACT

Relative to dispensing with the publication of legal and judicial advertisements in the French language in the parish of Natchitoches.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana in General Assembly convened, That the publication of all legal and judicial advertisements in the French language in the parish of Natchitoches be dispensed with, unless otherwise directed by the parties litigant, and it shall be lawful that all legal and judicial advertisements be published in the English language only in said parish of Natchitoches, unless otherwise directed by the parties litigant.

SEC. 2. Be it further enacted, etc., That all laws contrary to or inconsistent with this act be and the same are hereby repealed.

SEC. 3. 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 May 18, 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. 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. 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, grog-shops 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. 69.
AN ACT

To incorporate the Citizens' Savings Bank.

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