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The money market presents no new features of any moment, except that there is rather more demand for money, which is stimulated by the prospects of more currency being required for the country to meet the exigencies of the incoming cotton crop. The banks meet a fair demand for discounts compared with their resources, but continue to accept all offerings of good business paper. As we have before remarked, street rates have been a shade easier than last week, but without any quotable variation. Some transactions of considerable magnitude have been carried through within a few days at rates in accordance with our quotations, which we repeat as follows: First-class business paper at 9@10 ⅌ cent ⅌ annum; A1 at 10; less desirable names not second grade at 11; second grade at 12; first-class mortgage 9½@10; good to second grade do 11@12.

NEW ORLEANS CLEARING HOUSE.

	Clearings.	Balances.
August 24	$[illegible]	$[illegible]
August 26	[illegible]	[illegible]
August 27	[illegible]	[illegible]
August 28	[illegible]	[illegible]
August 29	[illegible]	[illegible]
August 30	[illegible]	[illegible]
Total this week	$4,261,145 50	$[illegible]
Total last week	4,351,605 21	[illegible]
Total week before	3,809,131 25	[illegible]

Gold opened at 112⅞@113⅛, against 112⅞ at New York, and, after a moderate business, closed at 112⅞@113⅛, against the opening rate in that market. The sales covered $67,000, embracing $9000 ($1,500, $1500), $2500 and $3000) at 112¾; $7500 at 112⅞; $3000 at 112 15-16; $17,500 ($1000, $500, $1000, $5000, $2500) at 113, and $10,000 at 113⅜@113¼.

Nothing was reported in silver. The market is quoted at 1/8@1/0 for American half-dollars, and 3¼@3½ ⅌ cent premium in gold for Mexican dollars.

There was very little movement in sterling exchange, and the only sale reported was £1000 A1 clear at 123½.

In francs we noticed sales of only 20,000 commercial at 4.72½.

At the close sterling bills were quoted nominal at 123@123½ for A1 clear, and 121@121½ for bank, and francs at 4.72½@4.71½ for private and nominal for bank.

The offerings in domestic exchange were very limited, and the rates were without variation. The sales included $20,000 private bankers' and commercial sight on New York at ¼ ⅌ cent premium, and $15,000 bank at ⅜ premium. The banks continued to check on New York at ⅜@½ ⅌ cent premium, and commercial sight was quoted at ¼@⅜ premium.

In stocks we noticed sales of 20 shares St. Charles Street Railroad at $77, and 15 Factors and Traders' Insurance Company at $90 50.

Nothing was reported in bonds.

The sales of gold certificates included $3000 recent dates at 62½, and $20,00 at 63½.

Warrants continued dull.

There was more movement in city appropriation certificates, but the only sales reported were $7000 at 68½, and $1000 at 69, and at the close they were quoted from 60@70.

State National Bank	90 00	$100 00
Mechanics and Traders Bank	20 00	[illegible]
Canal and Banking Company	161 00	[illegible]
Union National Bank	95 00	[illegible]
Citizens Bank	125 00	[illegible]
National Banking Association	52 00	[illegible]
New Orleans National Bank	— —	[illegible]
Southern Bank	— —	[illegible]
Crescent City National Bank	— —	[illegible]
Bank of America	171 00	[illegible]
Germania National Bank	171 00	[illegible]
Louisiana National Bank	112 00	[illegible]
People's Bank	55 00	[illegible]
Hibernia Bank	120 00	[illegible]
Lafayette Bank	49 00	[illegible]
Louisiana Savings Bank	— —	[illegible]
Tentonia National Bank	96 00	[illegible]
Mutual National Bank	110 00	[illegible]
New Orleans Mutual Insurance	95 00	[illegible]
Union Insurance Company	— —	[illegible]
Hope Insurance Company	— —	[illegible]
Germania Insurance Company	— —	[illegible]
Commercial Insurance Company	70 00	[illegible]
Factors and Traders' Insurance	90 00	[illegible]
Mechanics and Traders' Insurance	— —	[illegible]
Delta Insurance Company	70 00	[illegible]
Merchants' Mutual Insurance Co	90 00	[illegible]
Orleans Mutual Insurance Co	45 00	[illegible]
Crescent Mutual Insurance	40 00	[illegible]
Carrollton Railroad	114 00	[illegible]
Jackson Railroad	85 00	[illegible]
New Orleans City Railroad	170 00	[illegible]
St. Charles Street Railroad	77 00	[illegible]
Crescent City Railroad	65 00	[illegible]
Canal and Claiborne Railroad	35 00	[illegible]
Orleans Railroad	— —	[illegible]
New Orleans Gas Company	142 50	[illegible]
Jefferson City Gaslight stock	38 00	[illegible]
Ammonia Propelling Company	13 00	[illegible]
Louisiana Levee, or mary	75	[illegible]
Louisiana Levee, $5 paid	2 75	[illegible]
Carondelet Canal Company	— —	[illegible]
St. Charles Hotel	8 50	[illegible]
Varieties Theatre Association	200 00	— —
Calcasieu Sulphur Mining Co	21 00	[illegible]
Louisiana Ice Manufacturing Co	— —	[illegible]
Sanitary and Fertilizing Company	— —	[illegible]
Crescent City Fertilizing Company	— —	[illegible]
Mechanics and Agricultural Fair	— —	[illegible]
Importers' Bonded Warehouse	50 00	[illegible]
Lever Steam Cotton Press	— —	[illegible]
Louisiana State Lottery Company	51 00	[illegible]
Sugar Shed Company	— —	[illegible]
Loan and Pledge Association	— —	[illegible]
Crescent City Slaughterhouse	— —	[illegible]
New Orleans Wrecking Company	50 00	[illegible]
Opelousas railroad mortgage bonds, eight per cent	par	—
Jackson railroad mortgage bonds, eight per cent	55	[illegible]
Jackson railroad second mortgage coupon bonds	71	[illegible]
Jackson railroad second mortgage debt bonds	—	[illegible]
Mississippi Central railroad first mortgage bonds	72	[illegible]
Mississippi Central railroad second mortgage bonds	70	[illegible]
Canal and Claiborne Street Railroad first mortgage bonds	[illegible]	[illegible]
St. Charles Hotel mortgage bonds	[illegible]	[illegible]
Louisiana State class of 1868	[illegible]	[illegible]
Louisiana State class of 1870	[illegible]	[illegible]
Louisiana State class old	[illegible]	[illegible]
State Penitentiary seven per cents	—	[illegible]
State North Louisiana and Texas railroad eight per cents	—	[illegible]
Six per cent levee bonds	[illegible]	[illegible]
Eight per cent levee bonds	—	[illegible]
State warrants, old	[illegible]	[illegible]
State warrants, new	[illegible]	[illegible]
Consolidated city bonds, old	[illegible]	[illegible]
City six per cent railroad bonds	[illegible]	[illegible]
City five per cents	[illegible]	[illegible]
City seven per cents, old	[illegible]	[illegible]
City seven per cents, new	[illegible]	[illegible]
City ten per cent bonds, old	[illegible]	[illegible]
City ten per cent bonds, new	[illegible]	[illegible]
City seven-thirty certificates	[illegible]	[illegible]
Jefferson City bonds, old	[illegible]	[illegible]
City seven-thirty bonds	[illegible]	[illegible]
City wharf bonds	—	[illegible]
City certificates of appropriation	[illegible]	[illegible]
Metropolitan Police warrants	[illegible]	[illegible]
Crescent City Slaughterhouse first mortgage bonds	—	[illegible]

With dividend.

COMMERCIAL.

FRIDAY EVENING, August 30, 1872.

COTTON—The sales to-day embraced 625 bales at prices requiring no change in our quotations, which we accordingly repeat as follows and give also the Exchange figures, which are for average lots according with the official types, while ours present the proper range of the market for average lots, but with the outside figures for low middling given as the outside figures for strict:

	General quotations.	Exchange quotations.
Low ordinary	— @—	—
Ordinary	— @—	—
Good ordinary	— @—	—
Low middling	[illegible]	[illegible]
Middling	[illegible]	[illegible]
Strict middling	[illegible]	—
Good middling	[illegible]	—

COTTON STATEMENT.

	Bales.
Stock on hand September 1, 1871	28,529
Arrived since last statement	[illegible]
Arrived previously	1,265,158
Made from waste and damaged cotton, samples, etc	10,739—1,303,426
Total	1,295,542
Cleared to-day	450
Cleared previously	1,267,821
Manufactured	1,836—1,269,207
Stock on hand and on shipboard, not cleared	6,335

SUGAR—Only 12 hds were received from plantation this morning. The market is quiet and unchanged, with only a local demand. There were sales since noon yesterday of 135 hds in the sheds at 11½c for strictly prime to choice, and 11c for yellow clarified not reboiled. The dealers' sales in job lots to grocers embrace about 50 hhds at 10½@10¾c for fair, 10½c for fully fair.

MOLASSES—Only 6 bbls were received from plantation this morning. The sale of sour from plantation is quoted at 25@30c ⅌ gallon; city refinery is selling at 30c for inferior, 40c for common, 50c for fair, 55c for prime, 60c for choice and 80c@$1 ⅌ gallon for golden syrup.

CORN MEAL—The market is very dull. 100 and 100 bbls sold at $2 75, and 50 at $2 90 ⅌ bbl.

FLOUR—As usual at the close of the month, there is little or no demand. 75 bbls choice family extra sold at $[illegible], 200 and 200 do at $[illegible], 300 at $[illegible] 50 choice extra at $[illegible], and 75 good treble extra at $[illegible] ⅌ bbl.

PORK—The market is dull and there is no movement. Mess is quoted at $14 75 ⅌ bbl. It is retailing at $15@15 25 ⅌ bbl.

BACON—There is no demand, but the stock is held strongly at 8¾c for shoulders, 11½c for clear rib sides, and 12c for clear sides.

LARD—Choice continues scarce and in demand at 10c ⅌ lb for refined in tierces, and 12c for kegs. 50 tierces refined sold at 10c, and 20 kegs at 12c ⅌ lb.

DRY SALT MEAT—Dealers are retailing shoulders at 8½c, clear rib sides 10c and clear sides 10½c.

BREAKFAST BACON—Western is scarce and in demand at 13@14c ⅌ lb. Northern is dull at 11c ⅌ lb.

HAMS—The market is steady at 17½@18c ⅌ lb for choice sugar-cured. 40 and 50 tierces sold on private terms.

CORN IN SACKS—Is in good supply and limited demand at previous prices. The sales were confined to 1000 sacks, of which 500 mixed at 55c; 500 white and white mixed at 60c, and 900 white at 62c ⅌ bushel.

OATS—Are in good supply and dull at easier prices. 500 sacks St. Louis sold at 32½c; 150 at 33c, and 250 at 35c ⅌ bushel.

BRAN—The supply is limited and little in demand at yesterday's prices. 120 bags sold at 97½c ⅌ 100 lbs.

HAY—The inferior qualities are in fair supply and dull, while choice is scarce and in demand. 150 bales were sold to wit: 50 ordinary St. Louis at $26; 50 prime do at $27 50, and 50 choice do at $28 ⅌ ton.

POULTRY AND EGGS—Chickens are selling on the landing at $[illegible] ⅌ dozen for grown, and $1@1 75 for the young; ducks $[illegible]; geese $[illegible]; turkeys $12@15. Eggs are selling at 10@11c ⅌ dozen.

ESCULENTS—Potatoes are in light supply and good demand; white sprouts, by river, are selling at $2 25@2 30 ⅌ bbl; russets and early rose at $2 50 by river, and $2 65@2 70 by rail. Onions are rather scarce and selling at $3@3 25 ⅌ bbl. Green apples are dull at $2 50@2 75 for choice. Cabbages are in good supply by rail and in poor condition, and selling at $2 50@5 ⅌ box. Sour krout is dull at $5 50@6 ⅌ bbl. Northern beans—White $12@13; Western $10@12; red beans $8@12; green peas $8@[illegible]; lady peas $6@8 ⅌ bbl. Beets $1. Carrots $2 50 ⅌ bbl. Dried apples 7@7½c for new crop; dried peaches 5@6c ⅌ lb.

BUTTER—The market is well supplied with Western, but the demand is limited. Choice is quoted at 18c, and medium 10@12c ⅌ lb. There is a fair stock of Goshen, with slow sale at 30c ⅌ lb for choice. Inferior grades are neglected and prices are nominal.

CHEESE—Western is in large supply and dull. Choice is quoted at 12@13c, the latter price for small selections. New York cream is selling at 16c ⅌ lb. The inferior qualities are neglected and unsalable.

COFFEE—The market is quiet, though very firm. We quote: Prime (gold) 18½@19¼c; good 17½@18¼c; fair 17@17¼c; ordinary 15@16c ⅌ lb. The stock in the hands of jobbers is about 2500 bags.

RICE—The stock in first hands is about 800 bbls, with a very limited demand, being the end of the month. We quote No. 3 (chitta) 2¾@2⅞c; No. 2 (broken) 4@4½c; inferior 6@6¼c; ordinary to good ordinary 7¼@7½c; prime to good prime 8@8½c, and choice 8¾c ⅌ lb.

SALT—We hear of a cargo sold to arrive at about $1 75 per sack. The highprices in Liverpool, and small stock will tend to keep up prices. Dealers' rates from store are $1 80 for coarse, and $1 90 for fine, with a reduction of 10c ⅌ sack when taken from warehouse. There is a good stock of Turks Island, it is selling from store at $1 35 ⅌ bag. Table salt in pockets is selling at 7½@8c each, as in size.

FRUIT—The stocks of nuts and raisins is fully equal to the light demand, but lemons are lower. We quote lemons at $10 ⅌ box; oranges none in market; layer raisins $2 75 ⅌ box; London layers none; currants 9½@10c ⅌ lb; prunes (German) 10@11c; Brazil nuts 13c; English walnuts 15@18c; almonds 17@18½c; shelled almonds 30c; filberts 12½@14c; pecans 10c; figs 16c; citron 10@11c ⅌ lb; bananas $1@3; plantains 75c@$1 25 ⅌ bunch; pineapples $2@2 50 ⅌ dozen; cocoanuts $2 50@3 50 ⅌ 100; peaches 50c@$1 50 ⅌ box, as in quality.

FISH—The limited supplies of new mackerel being received are readily taken, and prices have advanced. We quote No. 1 bay $15 in bbls, $8 in half bbls, and $1 85 in kits; No. 2, $12 in bbls, $6 25 in half bbls, and $1 55 in kits. Potomac roe herring $7@7 50 in half bbls. Cod ⅌ box $1 10, and 5½@6 ⅌ lb in drums. New haddock $1 25@1 50, and herrings 35c ⅌ box.

BAGGING—We hear of some sales of domestic jute at wholesale, but the particulars have not transpired. India is offered freely at wholesale at 15c, and domestic jute at 12c ⅌ yard, with very little doing. The stock of India is light and very little in demand. There is a good local inquiry for jute. Dealers are doing a brisk business in filling country orders, and are retailing domestic jute at 18½c; India in bales at 15½@16c, and 11½c in rolls. Hemp and flax is held at 17½@18c ⅌ yard.

BALING TWINE—Dealers are retailing at 17@18c ⅌ lb.

IRON COTTON TIES—Are selling at 8c ⅌ lb.

GUNNY BAGS—There is very little demand for them. They are held at 18c each.

COOPERAGE—Sugar hogsheads and molasses barrels are held firmly at $1@1 25 for the former, and $1 60@1 65 for the latter. Hoop poals are higher, and now held firm at $80@85 for hogsheads; $30@35 for barrel, and $20 ⅌ 1000 for half bbls. Cypress staves sell at $15@20 ⅌ 1000 for barrel, and $35@40 for hogshead.

MALT AND HOPS—There is a little more doing, but the stock is ample for the demand. Choice Western fall malt commands $1 30@1 50, choice Western spring do $1 35@1 45, good $1 10@1 25, and common 90c ⅌ bushel. There is no Canada in the market. Prime to choice New York hops, crop of 1871, sell at 80c@$1, and ordinary to good Wisconsin 70@80c ⅌ lb. Old hops sell at 15@19c ⅌ lb.

BEEF—Texas is in fair supply, but Northern and Western is scarce, with very little demand for either. We quote: Texas mess $11@12; extra mess $12 50 ⅌ bbl, and $7@7 50 for half bbls. Tierces are quoted at $17@17 50 for mess, and $18@18 50 for prime mess. Western mess $14@15 in bbls, and Northern $15 50@17 50 for bbls and $9 for half bbls.

LARD OIL—Is selling from store at 70c ⅌ gallon.

STAR CANDLES—Are in ample supply for the wants of the trade, all weights command 19c wholesale and 19½c ⅌ lb jobbing.

WOOL—There is nothing doing. Northern orders have been withdrawn on account of the dullness of manufactured goods. We quote lake 40@45c; clean Louisiana 37@40c, and burry 20@25c ⅌ lb.

WHISKY—A lot of 50 bbls choice Cincinnati rectified sold at 99c ⅌ gallon. Ordinary Western and Louisiana is quoted at [illegible] ⅌ gallon. The market is quiet but firm.

The New Iberia *Sugar Bowl* says.

Since Colonel D. B. Penn has so handsomely fitted up his Teche plantation, others have become infected with the same spirit to make handsome improvements on their sugar plantations, and we hope ere long that Attakapas will again be noted, as in days gone by, for her handsome residences and grounds, and tastefully painted tenees, quarters and outhouses generally.

Mr. Daniel Thompson, who purchased the Cornay plantation, has for one year past had a large number of men at work repairing his residence and fences, building stables, blacksmith and cooper shops, sugar houses, etc., and the work has been very substantially done, and with especial view to beauty.

The Iberville *News* says of the crops

We are grieved to report that the cane crop is not doing so well as one not over-sanguine could wish. The stalks are small, and seem to lack a proper quantity of juice. The present drought is having a most disastrous effect, and it it continues much longer, and is finally supplemented six weeks hence by copious rains, our planters can not hope to harvest more than half a crop.

LAWS OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

PUBLISHED BY AUTHORITY.

AN ACT No. 86.

To fix the terms of the district court in the Fourteenth Judicial District, designating certain weeks of said terms for the trial of civil cases, and certain weeks for the trial of criminal cases, and providing for the drawing and summoning of juries for said terms.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana in General Assembly convened, That the terms of the district court in the Fourteenth Judicial District are hereby fixed, and shall commence as follows, to wit: For the parish of Ouachita, on the second Mondays of March and September; for the parish of Richland, on the third Mondays of April and October; for the parish of Morehouse, on the third Mondays of May and November.

SEC. 2. Be it further enacted, etc., That the first two weeks of each term shall be devoted exclusively to the transaction of the business on the civil docket of the court, to the business of the grand jury, and to the filing of criminal informations and the orders thereon; no other proceedings on the criminal docket of the court shall be had during the first two weeks.

SEC. 3. Be it further enacted, etc., That the remaining weeks of each term shall be devoted to the transaction and disposal of the criminal business of the court, and to the trial of civil jury cases. During said remaining weeks no proceeding shall be had in any civil case, unless an order for the trial of such case by a jury shall have been made previous to the third week; provided, that in all cases judgments may be signed, and motions for new trials and motions for appeals may be made and disposed of during said remaining weeks; and, provided further, that, by special permission of the court first obtained, together with consent of parties, proceedings may be had in any other case during said remaining weeks.

SEC. 4. Be it further enacted, etc., That, in the manner provided by law, two juries shall be drawn for each of said terms of court, to be designated as the "first jury" and the "second jury." The first jury shall be summoned to attend on the first day of the term. From the first jury the grand jury shall be selected and drawn in the manner provided by law. The remaining jurors of the first jury shall then be discharged till the third Monday of the term, when they shall again attend, and shall serve for the third week. The second jury shall be summoned to attend on the fourth Monday of the term, and shall serve for the fourth week, and as much longer as they may be needed. Any of the first jury who may be impanneled on the trial of a case shall be retained until the termination of said case. All objections or exceptions to the formation, construction, drawing, or summoning of said juries shall be filed on the first day of the term, and not afterward; and if the juries should be set aside a new first jury shall be immediately drawn and summoned for the second Monday, and a new second jury for the fourth Monday of the term, and the court shall proceed. Juries drawn for the first term of court under this act shall be legal, without regard to the time when drawn, if in other respects legal.

SEC. 5. Be it further enacted, etc., That all laws or parts of laws conflicting with this act are hereby repealed so far as they conflict, 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 June 11, 1872.
(Signed) H. C. WARMOTH,
Governor of the State of Louisiana.
A true copy:
F. J. HERRON,
Secretary of State.

AN ACT No. 94.

To provide for the construction of a shell road in the parish of Jefferson by the police jury of the left bank of said parish, and for the payment thereof; for the keeping of the same in repair, and to authorize said police jury to levy a special tax for said purpose.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana in General Assembly convened, That it shall be the duty of the police jury of the left bank, parish of Jefferson, and it is hereby authorized and empowered to pass and adopt, within ten days from the passage of this act, the necessary ordinances and resolutions for the construction within one year from the adjudication of the contract, of a shell road extending along the Metairie ridge in said parish of Jefferson, from the New Orleans canal west as far as the Labarre road, and at the option of said police jury along the Labarre road to the river Mississippi; said road shall be in all respects a first-class shell road, and shall be built in accordance with the specifications to be furnished by the surveyor of the parish; and it shall be the duty of the police jury to cause the surveyor of said parish, or of some other, in case there be no such officer, to furnish the necessary plans, lines, grades, levels, curves, etc., and to take the general superintendence, in accordance with the specifications furnished, and the cost of this shall be assumed by the contractors.

SEC. 2. Be it further enacted, etc., That the cost of the construction of said shell road shall be borne in equal proportions, one-half each by the front proprietors bordering on said road, pro rata, and the said police jury of the left bank, parish of Jefferson, and the proportion of the front proprietors shall remain a lien and privilege superior to all other liens and privileges upon the property fronting on said road in favor of the contractors thereof, until fully paid, by recording the bills for the same, duly certified by the surveyor of said parish, in the office of the recorder of said parish.

SEC. 3. Be it further enacted, etc., That it shall be the duty of said police jury of the left bank, parish of Jefferson, within ten days from the passage of this act, to advertise for ten days in the official papers of the parishes of Jefferson and Orleans for proposals, to be sealed and directed to said police jury, and to be opened by them in open and public meeting of said police jury on a day to be named in said advertisement, when said police jury shall proceed to adjudicate the contract to build said road to the lowest bidder, and shall proceed, in such form as said police jury shall determine, to make a formal contract in accordance with the plans and specifications, and said lowest proposal, with said lowest bidder, and may require of such lowest bidder such security as said police jury may think proper for the faithful performance of the contract within such time as the said police jury and said contractors may agree, it being understood that this shall not exceed one year.

SEC. 4. Be it further enacted, etc., That from and after the completion of said shell road hereinbefore provided for, it shall be the duty of said police jury, during the month of December of each and every year, to appropriate a sufficient sum of money out of its treasury to keep said road in repair during the current year, which sum shall not be appropriated to any other purpose.

SEC. 5. Be it further enacted, etc., That upon the completion of said shell road, and said completion having been duly certified to, according to the provisions of this act, it shall be the duty of said police jury of the left bank, parish of Jefferson, to at once pay to the builders of said road, or otherwise settle with them, as both parties to the contract may agree, the proportion of the police jury being one-half the total cost thereof; and should there not be sufficient funds in the treasury, the police jury are hereby authorized to levy a special tax sufficient to pay the sum required upon all the taxable property in the left bank, parish of Jefferson, to be equally assessed according to the last assessment made before the levying of such special tax; and upon the collection of such special tax, which shall be immediately preceded with, said police jury shall pay its proportion of the cost of the shell road herein provided for.

SEC. 6. Be it further enacted, etc., That all laws or parts of laws contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed.

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.
A true copy:
J. W. FAIRFAX,
Assistant Secretary of State.

Received in the office of Secretary of State August 9, 1872.

The foregoing act having been presented to the Governor of the State of Louisiana for his approval, and not having been returned by him to the house of the General Assembly in which it originated within the time prescribed by the constitution of the State of Louisiana, has become a law without his approval.

AN ACT No. 42.

Making Shrove Tuesday, or Mardi-Gras, a legal holiday.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana in General Assembly convened, That the day known as Shrove Tuesday, or Mardi-Gras, be and is hereby declared a legal holiday throughout the State of Louisiana.

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 23, 1872.
(Signed) H. C. WARMOTH,
Governor of the State of Louisiana.
A true copy:
F. J. HERRON,
Secretary of State.

AN ACT No. 93.

To incorporate the city of Natchitoches, and 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 all that portion of land within the following boundaries, to wit: bounded on the east by Red river, including the left bank of said river; on the south by the lower line of the land belonging to Auguste Martin; on the north by a line beginning at Red river, and running due west across the highest point of Badin's Hill to Bayou Ides or Yaco; thence on the west by a line running due south until it intersects the southern line, shall be known and distinguished by the name of the city of Natchitoches.

SEC. 2. Be it further enacted, etc., That to provide for the government of the city of Natchitoches, there shall be elected on the first Monday in May of every year, by the qualified voters of said corporation from among themselves, one mayor and six councilmen, with the powers and duties herein-after set forth.

SEC. 3. Be it further enacted, etc., That the election of the officers created by the second section of this act shall be held at the courthouse in said city, and be previously notified to the inhabitants by public advertisement at the door of the courthouse and two other public places in said city, which notice shall be given by the mayor of said city, ten days before holding the election; and said election shall commence at six o'clock A. M. and close at six o'clock P. M. of the same day, and the said election shall be conducted in all respects according to the laws of the State regulating elections, and the returns to be made and commissions issued according to the election laws of the State, which may be in force at such time.

SEC. 4. Be it further enacted, etc., That in case of a tie vote at said election, or in case of the death or resignation of any of the officers mentioned in the third section of this act the clerk of the district court or his deputy shall order an election in the manner set forth in the third section of this act, and a plurality of votes at all elections shall be sufficient.

SEC. 5. Be it further enacted, etc., That on receiving their commissions of election the mayor and councilmen shall meet and organize themselves into a body to be known as the "mayor and council of Natchitoches," and shall proceed to elect one suitable person to be assessor and collector of the city taxes and licenses, and to elect a treasurer of the city of Natchitoches, who shall be ex officio secretary of the city council.

SEC. 6. Be it further enacted, etc., That the Mayor shall preside at all meetings of city council, shall call meetings of the council when he deems necessary, shall approve all laws, ordinances and resolutions of the city council, shall vote as other members of the council upon all questions, and shall be vested with the same powers as are now exercised by the recorders of the city of New Orleans. He shall be committing magistrate, with full power to examine and commit in all cases arising under the laws of the State, for all crimes, offenses and misdemeanors against the State in the same manner and to the same extent as justices of the peace now or hereafter may do. He is hereby authorized and empowered to examine, try and sentence persons for violation of the laws and ordinances of the corporation of the city of Natchitoches, and offenses against the same; and shall hold his court daily, from nine o'clock A. M., until three o'clock P. M., or longer if necessary. All fines collected by said mayor's court under the provisions of this act, shall be paid into the treasury of the city of Natchitoches monthly.

SEC. 7. Be it further enacted, etc., That the mayor shall hold his office for the term of one year from the first Monday in May, eighteen hundred and seventy-two, or until his successor shall have been elected and duly qualified, and he shall be entitled to and receive an annual salary to be fixed by the city council, which shall be neither increased nor diminished during the term of office in which it shall be established.

SEC. 8. Be it further enacted, etc., That the mayor of the city of Natchitoches is hereby authorized to appoint one court officer, who shall be at all times subject to the orders of the mayor, and said court officer shall be empowered and authorized to serve warrants, summons, search warrants, attachments and mittimus issued by the mayor in offenses against the State and city incorporation, and shall receive the same fees for such services as are by law allowed to constables, to be paid by the city of Natchitoches.

SEC. 9. Be it further enacted, etc., That that the mayor and city council, and their duly elected and qualified successors in office, shall have perpetual succession; that they shall be capable of instituting and defending suits in all courts of this State, under the title of "The Mayor and City Council of Natchitoches," and that citations and other legal process shall be served on the mayor.

SEC. 10. Be it further enacted, etc., That the mayor and city council shall have full power and authority to make and pass such laws and ordinances as are necessary and proper; first, to regulate and preserve the peace and good order of the city, and provide for and maintain its cleanliness and salubrity, in a manner not inconsistent with the laws of this State; second, to adopt and use a common seal; third, to purchase, hold and convey, alienate any estate, real or personal, to accept any gift, grant or inheritance of property for public or charitable purposes, to erect school, market and fire engine houses, and such other buildings as may be for the public benefit, and to build a city workhouse; fourth, to establish a quarantine for the protection of the city against contagious diseases and epidemics; fifth, to levy and collect such annual and special taxes on the real and personal, movable and immovable property of the city of Natchitoches as shall be deemed necessary by them; provided, that said taxes shall in no one year exceed two per centum on the assessed value of the real and personal estate within said city for the year for which the assessment of taxes is made; sixth, to impose an annual license tax on trades, professions and callings, said license to expire on the thirty-first day of December in the year in which it was obtained, and which license tax shall be due and payable at the office of the city treasurer from the first day of January to the twenty-eighth day of February inclusive; seventh, to fix the amount of bonds to be given by the city officers from whom bonds are required; eighth, to organize, appoint and uniform and commission a police force, and to appoint as many police officers as may be necessary; to fix their salaries and compensation of all officers and others appointed or elected by them; to remove for sufficient cause any of the appointees or officers elected by themselves, and to define the duties of all such officers and appointees; ninth, to survey and lay out streets, public squares, to regulate and make improvements to the streets and squares and other public property, and provide for lighting and watering the same; to construct a wharf within the corporate limits, and fix the wharfage dues thereon; to order and direct the ditching, filling, opening, widening and continuing of any of the streets, and if for the above or other public purposes the land of any private person or body corporate is necessary to be had, to purchase the same at a reasonable price, or to cause the same to be expropriated according to the mode and formalities prescribed by existing laws upon the subject, to regulate the proportions and to make and repair all common drains, public roads, levees, causeways and bridges, to determine the completion and pavement of the streets, to fix the squaring, and to prevent encroachment upon the stopping and obstructing of the streets, public squares, sidewalks, levees, public roads or river banks of the city of Natchitoches, and to order any object, whatsoever may be its value, which may incumber the said places or prevent and embarass the free use of the same, to be removed or sold for whom it may concern, in the same manner and after such advertisement as shall be required by ordinance; tenth, to clean the banks of Cane river, or other streams within the limits of the city, and reopen such ancient and natural drains as have been obstructed by the owners of adjacent land; eleventh, to determine what animals shall run at large within the corporate limits, and prohibit others from doing so, to impound all animals running at large in violation of the laws and ordinances of the city, to fix the penalties and fines which the owners thereof shall pay before the animal so impounded shall be delivered up, and to pass laws and ordinances for the sale of said animals, after three days' notice in a newspaper, or by posting; twelfth, to abate nuisances, suppress houses of ill-fame, and cause the arrest and punishment of vagrants; thirteenth, to enact laws and ordinances, and to make appropriations for the purpose of building a city workhouse, and providing for the government of the same; fourteenth, to pass laws and ordinances imposing a fine upon all persons who shall conduct any business or pursue any occupation for which a license is to be collected, whenever such persons shall conduct such business or pursue said occupation without previously obtaining such license; fifteenth, to regulate the police of theatres, public balls, taverns, places for shows and exhibitions, houses of public entertainment, saloons and shops for retailing liquors, and to order the same to be closed whenever the public safety and tranquillity shall require it, and impose such duties and regulations upon persons keeping such places as they may deem necessary and proper; sixteenth, to regulate the proper government of carts and drays, carriages, omnibuses and other vehicles of every description; seventeenth, to establish market places, and adopt regulations by ordinances governing said market houses and places.

SEC. 11. Be it further enacted, etc., That the mayor and city council of Natchitoches shall succeed to, and be invested with, all the rights, property and possessions of the town of Natchitoches, as previously incorporated.

SEC. 12. Be it further enacted, etc., That the mayor and four councilmen, and no less number, shall constitute a quorum to transact business, but to levy any tax, toll or impost, or to fix any license, or to make any appropriation, it shall require a vote of the majority of the councilmen and mayor, and the affirmative and negative of each vote shall be recorded on the minutes.

SEC. 13. Be it further enacted, etc., That whenever the owner of the property in front of which a sidewalk, banquette or ditch shall have been ordered to be made, filled up, cleaned out or repaired, shall fail to do so in the time required by the laws and ordinances of the corporation, the mayor and city council shall cause it to be done at the expense of the owner of the property, and the said corporation shall have a special privilege on said property to secure the payment so due, which privilege shall hold until the corporation be paid; and in case such owner shall be absent from or have no authorized agent living in the corporation or parish of Natchitoches, or be unknown, the corporation shall have the right to proceed to rem against the property in the manner pointed out by article 222 and seq. of the Code of Practice; and the corporation shall be entitled to eight per cent interest upon the amount paid.

SEC. 14. Be it further enacted, etc., That in case of the absence or inability of the mayor to attend, the city council shall elect one of their number mayor pro tempore.

SEC. 15. Be it further enacted, etc., That the treasurer shall be ex-officio secretary of the city council, and as such he shall keep minutes of the proceedings of each meeting, and he shall read all laws, ordinances and resolutions, and all other proceedings of the city council; he shall file all the bonds of the officers of the city and record them in a separate book, and certified copies of said bonds and of all laws and ordinances shall be evidence in all courts of this State; he shall furnish, free of costs, to the mayor of the city certified copies of all laws and ordinances which impose a fine or penalty, or both, for their infraction, and he shall do and perform such other duties as may be imposed upon him by the ordinances of the city.

SEC. 16. Be it further enacted, etc., That as treasurer he shall keep a correct account of all moneys received and disbursed, he shall keep separate and apart from each other all moneys received by taxation on real and personal estates, licenses, fines and forfeitures, and he shall exhibit his account whenever required to do so by the mayor and city council.

SEC. 17. Be it further enacted, etc., That it shall be the duty of the assessor and collector to assess the taxes on real and personal estate in the city, in the manner pointed out by the laws and ordinances of the city, and to collect the same.

SEC. 18. Be it further enacted, etc., That for the purpose of levying and collecting taxes and licenses, the mayor and city council are hereby invested with full power to pass all laws not inconsistent with the constitution of the United States or of this State, to compel the payment, by compulsory process, of all taxes or licenses which may be due, and they are hereby authorized to confer on the assessor and collector power sufficient to carry into effect the laws and ordinances pertaining to the levying and collecting of such taxes and licenses.

SEC. 19. Be it further enacted, etc., That from and after the passage of this act the powers of the police jury of the parish of Natchitoches shall cease and determine within said city of Natchitoches, and the mayor and the city council shall possess all the powers within said corporation which have been heretofore exercised by the police jury, except so far as it relates to public buildings and property within said city which belong to said parish of Natchitoches, and that the inhabitants and property within the corporate limits of said city of Natchitoches shall be exempt from the payment of all parish taxes.

SEC. 20. Be it further enacted, etc., That all the laws and ordinances of the mayor and city council shall have effect two days after publication in the official journal of the parish, or after certified copies of them are posted at three public places in said town.

SEC. 21. Be it further enacted, etc., That no inconvenience may arise in the administration of the affairs of the city of Natchitoches in consequence of a failure or neglect to elect the municipal officers thereof, it is hereby declared that all officers elected under this act shall remain until their successors are duly elected and qualified.

SEC. 22. Be it further enacted, etc., That this act shall take effect from and after its passage, and the officers elected under the former charter shall hold their offices until the first Monday in May, A. D. one thousand eight hundred and seventy-two, or until their successors shall have been duly elected and qualified, and the clerk of the court shall order an election under this act as soon as the same is promulgated, and the officers elected at said election shall enter upon the discharge of their duties on the first Monday of May, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-two, or as soon hereafter as they may qualify; provided, that if any officer elected shall refuse or fail to qualify within thirty days from the date of his election, the office for which he was elected shall be deemed vacant, and a new election to fill such vacancy shall be ordered and held in accordance with the provisions of this act.

SEC. 23. Be it further enacted, etc., That the right of appeal shall exist in all cases where f