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REGULAR SESSION

OF THE

THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

OF THE

STATE OF LOUISIANA.

Twenty-eighth Day's Session.

SENATE CHAMBER, New Orleans, February 3, 1873.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by Hon. C. C. Antoine, Lieutenant Governor of the State and President of the Senate.

On call of the roll the following Senators answered to their names:

Messrs. Alexander, Barber, Butler, Blunt, Blackburn, Brewster, Burch, Greene, Harris, Harper, Ingraham, Kelso, Masicot, Pollard, Stamps, Sypher, Twitchell, Weber, Wharton—19.

The President of the Senate announced a quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

The reading of the minutes of yesterday's proceedings was dispensed with, and the President announced that the journal stood approved, after the same had been corrected, if there were no objections.

Mr. Barber moved that the approving of the journal be postponed till Monday.

Mr. Anderson moved that the motion to postpone lie on the table.

On call of the yeas and nays, the Senate refused to postpone by the following vote:

Yeas—Barber, Butler, Blunt, Blackburn, Burch, Harris, Ingraham, Masicot, Pollard—9.

Nays—Alexander, Anderson, Brewster, Greene, P. F. Herwig, E. F. Herwig, Kelso, Stamps, Sypher, Twitchell, Weber, Wharton—12.

The journal was then adopted.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS.

The following was submitted by his excellency the Governor:

STATE OF LOUISIANA, Executive Department, New Orleans, February 7, 1873.

To the Honorable President and Members of the Senate:

I am directed by his excellency the Governor to inform you that he has this day signed an act originating in your honorable body to provide for and regulate the clerical force in the Auditor's office.

H. CONQUEST CLARKE, Private Secretary.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE.

The following communication was received from the House of Representatives:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, February 8, 1873.

To the Honorable President and Members of the Senate:

I am directed by the House to ask concurrence from your honorable body in the following House bill, viz:

House bill No. 89, entitled an act to amend and re-enact an act entitled an act to incorporate the Roman Catholic Church of Saint Martin, in the parish of St. Martin.

Also, that the House has concurred in the following Senate bill, viz: Senate bill No. 3, joint resolution asking Congress to give its material assistance in the suppression of slavery in the island of Cuba, with amendments.

Very respectfully, JOHN W. ROXBOROUGH, Assistant Clerk.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Mr. Harper, the chairman of the Committee on Libraries, submitted the following report:

COMMITTEE ON LIBRARIES, February 8, 1873.

To the Honorable President and Members of the Senate:

Your Committee on Libraries beg leave to report favorably on the inclosed bill, and recommend its passage.

Senate bill No. 44, an act relating to the State Library, providing for a board of trustees for the government of the same, and the election of State Librarian, and defining her duties.

WILLIAM HARPER, Chairman; GEORGE Y. KELSO, O. H. BREWSTER.

Mr. Barber, from the Committee on Health and Quarantine, reported without action the following:

Senate bill No. 17, an act to organize and incorporate a Board of Health of the State of Louisiana, to define its powers and duties, the provide for the expenses of said board, to fix penalties for violations of this act, and to repeal certain acts now in force.

Mr. Burch, from the Committee on Enrollment, submitted the following report:

COMMITTEE ON ENROLLMENT, February 8, 1873.

To the Honorable President and Members of the State Senate:

Your Committee on Enrollment beg leave to report as duly enrolled the following joint resolution:

Joint resolution, appropriating twelve hundred dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, to provide office room for the Attorney General.

Very respectfully, J. HENRI BURCH, Chairman.

RESOLUTIONS.

Mr. Brewster introduced the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Committee on Railroads be and is hereby instructed to investigate and inquire into the management of the New Orleans, Mobile and Texas Railroad Company, and said investigation and inquiry shall be for the purpose of obtaining full and complete answers to the following questions:

What disposition has been made of the $2,500,000 of bonds given by the State to the New Orleans, Mobile and Texas Railroad Company for the construction of the branch line from Vermilionville to Shreveport?

Has said company ever constructed and completed any portion of said branch line?

Is the said company now engaged in the construction thereof?

Is not said company obliged to complete said branch line of road by the time specified in act No. 95 of 1871, or in case of failure, to return the bonds given in aid of the work?

Has said company (the New Orleans, Mobile and Texas Railroad Company) ever made an issue of fraudulent mortgage bonds amounting to about $4,000,000, or any other amount?

Why has not said New Orleans, Mobile and Texas Railroad Company paid the interest due on their first mortgage bonds on the portion of road west of the Mississippi river?

Why has not said New Orleans, Mobile and Texas Railroad Company paid the interest on the second mortgage bonds guaranteed by the State of Louisiana?

Is the State properly secured in her lien (deeds of trust) upon said railroad, known as the second mortgage bonds?

Is not the State of Louisiana the only *bona fide* stockholder in the aforesaid railroad, or the portion west of the Mississippi river?

Is not the stock held by Oakes Ames, and others, constituting the directory of said railroad company, from 1870 to 1873, inclusive, worthless from the fact that the same was purchased at a nominal value?

Does not the State of Louisiana lose all her interest in stock in case of a sale by foreclosure of mortgage upon said railroad?

Resolved, further, That in order to make this investigation complete and to obtain the full and correct information required by the Senate, the Committee on Railroads be and are hereby instructed to cite said New Orleans, Mobile and Texas Railroad Company to produce the books of said company with the by-laws, and that the secretary of said company, John J. Howell, shall be summoned therewith, and to send for all persons and papers necessary to make a full and complete investigation.

Laid over.

JOINT RESOLUTIONS LYING OVER.

Mr. Brewster called up the following joint resolution:

Senate joint resolution No. 9, requesting our representatives in Congress to use their influence to secure an appropriation to construct the Fort St. Philip canal.

On motion of Mr. Brewster, the joint resolution was considered engrossed.

The constitutional rule was then suspended by a four-fifths affirmative vote, the resolution read a third time, and finally adopted with its title.

Mr. Burch called up Senate joint resolution No. 3, asking Congress to give its material assistance in the suppression of slavery in the island of Cuba, reported back from the House with amendments, as follows:

And be it further resolved, That the Legislatures of the several Southern States where slavery formerly existed, be and are hereby invited to adopt the resolutions; and that copies of the same, duly authenticated, be at once forwarded to them by the clerks of our respective houses.

On motion of Mr. Burch the amendments were adopted, the bill considered engrossed, under a suspension of the constitutional rule read the third time, and finally adopted, as amended, with its title.

Mr. Twitchell called up Senate bill No. 22, an act punishing extortion in office by the public officers, reported back from the Houe, with amendment, February 7.

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 22.

First amendment—To title, by changing the same to read as follows:

An act punishing extortion in office by the public officials of the State of Louisiana, of parishes, judicial and other districts, and of cities or towns incorporated or having governments authorized by law.

Second amendment—To section one, by a change of the proviso at the end of said section to read as follows:

Provided, That the provisions of this act shall also be made to apply to and extend to all officers and employes of parishes, judicial and other districts, and cities and towns incorporated or having governments authorized by law.

Mr. Twitchell moved that the amendments be concurred in.

Adopted.

The amendments were considered engrossed.

Under a suspension of the constitutional rules, the bill as amended was read the third time and finally passed.

Mr. Wharton called up the following entitled act, reported favorably by the Committee on Federal Relations: House bill No. 58, joint resolution to memorialize Congress to pass a bill regulating a steam postal line between the ports of New Orleans, Mexico and South America.

Constitutional rule was suspended by a four-fifths vote, bill read third time, and finally passed with its title.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

Mr. Ingraham called the following resolution of Mr. Harris, as chairman of the Committee on Railroads:

NEW ORLEANS, February 7, 1873.

To the Honorable President and Members of the Senate:

I most respectfully resign as chairman of the Committee on Railroads and Internal Improvements. A. B. HARRIS.

Mr. Ingraham sent the following motion to the desk, and moved its adoption:

That the Senate refuses to accept the resignation of Senator A. B. Harris, as chairman Railroad Committee.

The motion was unanimously adopted.

Mr. Blunt moved that the vote by which the bill concerning the Central railroad was referred to the Committee on Corporations be reconsidered, and demanded the previous question.

The previous question was ordered, and on call of the yeas and nays the Senate voted to reconsider the vote taken yesterday by the following vote:

Yeas—Barber, Butler, Blunt, Brewster, Blackburn, Burch, Harris, Ingraham, Masicot, Pollard, Stamps—11.

Nays—Anderson, Alexander, Greene, P. F. Herwig, E. F. Herwig, Twitchell, Weber, Wharton—8.

BILL BEFORE THE SENATE.

Mr. Burch moved to refer the bill to the Committee on Railroads, and on that motion called for the previous question.

Mr. Twitchell moved to adjourn.

On call of the yeas and nays the Senate refused to adjourn by the following vote:

Yeas—Alexander, Anderson, Greene, E. F. Herwig, Twitchell, Weber, Wharton—7.

Nays—Barber, Butler, Blunt, Blackburn, Brewster, Burch, Harris, P. F. Herwig, Ingraham, Masicot, Pollard, Stamps, Sypher—13.

The question then recurring on the motion for the previous question.

The main question was then ordered.

On call of the yeas and nays, the Senate voted to refer the bill to the Committee on Railroads by the following vote:

Yeas—Barber, Butler, Blunt, Blackburn, Brewster, Burch, Harris, Ingraham, Kelso, Masicot, Pollard, Stamps, Sypher—13.

Nays — Alexander, Anderson, Greene, P. F. Herwig, E. F. Herwig, Twitchell, Weber—7.

Mr. Burch moved to reconsider the vote just taken, and moved to lay that motion on the table.

The motion to lay on the table was adopted by the following vote on call of the yeas and nays:

Yeas—Barber, Butler, Blunt, Blackburn, Brewster, Burch, Harris, Ingraham, Masicot, Pollard, Stamps, Twitchell—12.

Nays—Alexander, Anderson, Greene, P. F. Herwig, E. F. Herwig, Kelso, Sypher, Weber—8.

SPECIAL ORDER OF THE DAY.

Mr. Stamps called up House bill No. 103, to be entitled an act to amend an act to incorporate the city of Carrollton, approved March 17, 1859, and acts supplementary thereto.

The bill was adopted on second reading.

The constitutional rule was suspended by a four-fifths affirmative vote, the bill read the third time and finally passed, with its title to stand.

Mr. Brewster, by unanimous consent, introduced the following bill:

A bill to be entitled an act fixing the fees of clerks of district courts.

Bill read first time.

The constitutional rule was then suspended by a four-fifths vote, the bill was read a second time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

On motion of Mr. Harris, the Senate voted to adjourn until Monday at the usual hour.

The President then announced that the Senate stood adjourned until Monday, February 10, 1873, at twelve o'clock M.

P. E. BECHTEL, Secretary of the Senate.

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Twenty-ninth Day's Proceedings.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, New Orleans, February 10, 1873.

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker Charles W. Lowell in the chair.

On call of the roll the following members answered to their names:

Speaker Lowell and Messrs. Allain, Armstead, Baker, Boyd, Benham, Boatner, Barrow, Carey, Connaughton, Cousin, Demas, Davidson, D. C. Davis, R. R. Davis, Decker, Devezin, Dejoie, Dayries, Dewees, Elliot, Fontelieu, Greene, Grant, Gantt, Guichard, Heffner, Hubeau, Hill, Heath, Hedgepath, Jones, Keating, Kirkman, Kenyon, Lewis, Lawes, Murrell (Lafourche), Murrell (Madison), Mayo, Marie, Montaldo, Peyton, Page, Raby, Rochon, Rodrigues, Sauer, Sawyer, Stewart, Snaer, Southard, Sutton, Sewell, Thomas, Tureaud, Williams, Wilson, Worthy, Wiggin, Ward, Wands—62.

A quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

On motion of Mr. Allain, of West Baton Rouge, the reading of the journal was dispensed with.

On motion the journal was approved.

Under a suspension of the rules, Mr. Fontelieu, of Vermilion, introduced the following resolution, which was adopted:

WHEREAS, It has pleased Almighty Providence to remove from our midst our fellow member, Joseph A. Judice; therefore be it

Resolved, That the members of the House extend to his unfortunate family their sincere and heartfelt sympathy, and that a copy of these resolutions be sent to his family.

Resolved further, That this House do now adjourn until to-morrow, at twelve o'clock M., out of respect to the memory of the lamented deceased.

The Speaker announced that the House stood adjourned until to morrow, at twelve o'clock M.

WILLIAM VIGERS, Chief Clerk.

THE SENATE YESTERDAY.

Twentyeighth Day's Session.

SENATE CHAMBER, New Orleans, February 10, 1873.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by Hon. C. C. Antoine, Lieutenant Governor of the State and President of the Senate.

On call of the roll the following Senators answered to their names:

Messrs. Alexander, Barber, Blackburn, Blunt, Butler, Burch, Brewster, Greene, Harris, P. F. Herwig, E. F. Herwig, Harper, Ingraham, Kelso, Masicot, Stamps, Twitchell, Weber, Wharton—19.

The President of the Senate announced a quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Reading of the minutes of Saturday's proceedings was dispensed with, and the President announced that the journal stood approved, after the same had been corrected.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE.

The Clerk of the House submitted the following messages:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, February 10, 1873.

To the Honorable President and Members of the Senate:

I am directed by the House to ask the concurrence of your honorable body in the following House bills, viz:

House bill No. 116, entitled an act to admit American citizens who have studied law in the legal institutions of France, Germany and England, and who have been admitted to practice in the superior courts of those respective countries, to practice in the several courts of Louisiana.

Also, to inform you that the House has concurred in concurrent resolution relative to the sale of old and disused furniture, etc.

Senate bill No. 30, entitled an act for the relief of the *Semi-Weekly Louisianian*, a newspaper published in the city of New Orleans, Louisiana.

Very respectfully, JOHN W. ROXBOROUGH, Assistant Clerk.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Mr. Herwig, chairman of the Committee on Finance, submitted the following:

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE, February 10, 1873.

Your committee beg leave to report by substitute on Senate bill No. 40, an act for the relief of taxpayers of Claiborne parish, and to facilitate the collection of unpaid taxes in said parish.

P. F. HERWIG, Chairman.

Mr. Burch, chairman, from the Committee on Enrollment:

COMMITTEE ON ENROLLMENT, February 10, 1873.

To the Honorable President and Members of the Senate:

Your Committee on Enrollment beg leave to report as having been duly enrolled the following bills:

Substitute to Senate bill No. 56, entitled an act to amend and re-enact sections two and three of act No. 10, entitled an act making an appropriation to pay the mileage and per diem of the members, salaries of officers and employes, and the contingent expenses of the extra session convened and commenced December 9, 1872, of the third General Assembly of the State of Louisiana, by appropriating and providing for the sale of $75,000 of legislative warrants, and declaring the manner of disbursing the amount realized by the sale of said warrants, or for their redemption, approved January 10, 1873, and authorizing the Auditor of Public Accounts to issue warrants in exchange for certificates of the General Assembly, and providing for the fixing of the rate of such exchange, and for other purposes.

Also, Senate joint resolution No. 6, asking the Congress of the United States to pass an act appropriating the proceeds of all public lands hereafter sold for the support of free common schools.

Respectfully, J. HENRI BURCH, Chairman.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

Mr. Blackburn, according to previous notice, introduced the following bill:

An act relating to last wills and testaments.

The constitutional rule was suspended by a four-fifths vote, bill read second time, and ordered to be printed.

REPORTS LYING OVER.

Mr. Stamps called up the report on Senate bill No. 28, reported unfavorably upon by the Committee on Metropolitan Police, entitled an act to provide prompt payment of the officers, members and employes of the Metropolitan Police, by authorizing the issuance of additional warrants to make up losses which may hereafter be sustained by members, officers and employes by reason of the depreciation of Metropolitan Police warrants; to make such warrants so to be issued for discount, receivable for taxes, by and chargeable (pro rata) to the general corporations of the Metropolitan Police District, and to provide a penalty for refusal to receive the same, and to limit the power of the Board of Police Commissioners to issue such additional warrants.

The bill was fixed as the special order for Wednesday next at 1 P. M.

Mr. Burch called report on House bill No. 38, reported by Committee on Corporations, with amendments, a bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the Pelican Lodge, Knights Cush, of the State of Louisiana.

The following amendments were adopted, viz:

In section two, lines thirty and thirty-one, strike out the words "in any way they may deem proper;" and commencing at the beginning of line thirty four, strike out all to the end of the said section.

Mr. Burch moved the bill be adopted as amended.

The bill was adopted as amended on second reading.

The constitutional rule was suspended by four fifths vote, the bill read third time, and finally adopted with its title.

Mr. Wharton called for the report of the Committee on Commerce on House bill No. 75, a bill to be entitled an act relative to the refunding of the cotton tax.

Bill adopted on second reading.

The constitutional rule was suspended by a four-fifths vote, the bill read a third time and finally adopted with its title.

RESOLUTION LYING OVER.

Mr. Brewster called up the following joint resolution:

Resolved, That the Committee on Railroads be and is hereby instructed to investigate and inquire into the management of the New Orleans, Mobile and Texas Railroad Company, and said investigation and inquiry shall be for the purpose of obtaining full and complete answers to the following questions:

What disposition has been made of the $2,500,000 of bonds given by the State to the New Orleans, Mobile and Texas Railroad Company for the construction of the branch line from Vermilionville to Shreveport?

Has said company ever constructed and completed any portion of said branch line?

Is the said company now engaged in the construction thereof?

Is not said company obliged to complete said branch line of road by the time specified in act No. 95 of 1871, or in case of failure, to return the bonds given in aid of the work?

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Why has not said New Orleans, Mobile and Texas Railroad Company paid the interest due on their first mortgage bonds on the portion of road west of the Mississippi river?

Why has not said New Orleans, Mobile and Texas Railroad Company paid the interest on the second mortgage bonds guaranteed by the State of Louisiana?

Is the State properly secured in her lien (deeds of trust) upon said railroad, known as the second mortgage bonds?

Is not the State of Louisiana the only *bona fide* stockholder in the aforesaid railroad, or the portion west of the Mississippi river?

Is not the stock held by Oakes Ames and others, constituting the directory of said railroad company, from 1870 to 1873, inclusive, worthless from the fact that the same was purchased at a nominal value?

Does not the State of Louisiana lose all her interest in stock in case of a sale by foreclosure of mortgage upon said railroad?

Resolved, further, That in order to make this investigation complete, and to obtain the full and correct information required by the Senate, the Committee on Railroads be and are hereby instructed to cite said New Orleans, Mobile and Texas Railroad Company to produce the books of said company with the by-laws, and that the secretary of said company, John J. Howell, shall be summoned therewith, and to send for all persons and papers necessary to make a full and complete investigation.

Mr. Brewster moved to adopt the resolution.

Adopted.

Mr. Brewster called up Senate bill No. 44, to be entitled an act relating to the State Library; provididg for a board of trustees for the government of the same, and the election of State librarian, and defining her duties, and moved that it be printed.

The usual number of copies were ordered printed.

Mr. Burch called up Senate bill No. 7, lying on the table subject to call, as follows:

A bill to be entitled an act relative to the fees and emoluments of the Auditor of Public Accounts, and to repeal section three of act No. 21 of 1872, and for other purposes.

The constitutional rule was suspended and the bill read a second time, and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Harris called up House bill No. 116, to be entitled an act to admit American citizens who have studied law in the legal institutions of France, Germany and England, and who have been admitted to practice in the superior courts of those respective countries, to practice in the several courts of Louisiana.

Rule suspended, and the bill taken up and read the first time.

The constitutional rule was suspended by a four fifths vote, and the bill read a second time.

On motion, the bill was adopted on second reading.

Mr. Sypher moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Mr. Barber moved to lay the motion to commit on the table.

The motion to table prevailed.

Mr. Sypher moved to amend the bill so as to make the same conform to the existing rules of the State.

The Chair decided that the bill was not in a condition to be amended.

On motion of Mr. Harris, to suspend the constitutional rule for the purpose of putting the bill on its third reading, the Senate refused to suspend the rule by the following vote:

Yeas—Barber, Butler, Blunt, Blackburn, Brewster, Burch, Greene, Harris, P. F. Herwig, E. F. Herwig, Ingraham, Masicot, Pollard, Stamps, Twitchell—15.

Nays—Anderson, Kelso, Sypher, Weber—4.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, February 10, 1873.

To the Honorable President and Members of the Senate:

I am directed to inform your honorable body that the House of Representatives has adjourned until to-morrow, on account of the death of Hon. Joseph A. Judice, member elect from the parish of Lafayette.

WILLIAM VIGERS, Chief Clerk.

ADJOURNMENT.

The Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives having announced that the House had adjourned out of respect to the memory of J. A. Judice, Representative from the parish of Lafayette, deceased, Mr. Anderson rose and stated that the deceased was a Representative from one of the parishes of the senatorial district he represented. He, therefore, moved to adjourn till to-morrow at twelve o'clock M., out of respect to the memory of the deceased.

Adopted.

The President then announced that the Senate stood adjourned until Tuesday, February 11, 1873, at twelve o'clock M.

AMUSEMENTS.

Academy of Music.

Mrs. D. P. Bowers will appear this evening in "Love's Masquerade." Her *Lady Audley*, last night, was rather an improvement on her previous impersonations of the same character. The Memphis *Appeal* says of Mrs. Bowers, who during the first week of her engagement there appeared in "Marie Antoinette," "Lady Audley," "East Lynne," "Lucretia Borgia" and "Marie Stuart:" "The people like to see Mrs. Bowers act the queen; she can do it so naturally. They like to see her, also, depict the deep feelings—passions that storm in a woman's bosom—such as love, maternal affection, revenge, hatred, jealousy. No one can give more vivid pictures of the workings of passion than Mrs. Bowers. Her eye, her voice, her gestures, speak out the feeling of the heart. They speak out in a manner that is commonly conceived to be proper expressions of the passions portrayed. The hard experince of life shows us that the worst people are those who have no outward expression to speak of; that those who feel, and think, and suffer most acutely and deeply are those who 'make no sign.' Nevertheless, we invariably associate outward expression with inward passion. It is for this reason Mrs. Bowers suits our imagination, while she gives the lie to our experience. We have seen people that shot and stabbed and poisoned their way to notoriety and the gallows; have seen those that suffered all manner of wrong, and were hounded down to the grave by adverse fate and an unfeeling world, but none of them ever spoke out in the sweetly tragic tones of Mrs. Bowers. We are sorry that they did not. They were wrong in not having done it, and Mrs. Bowers is right in showing how it ought to be done. They were at fault. They were unnatural, tame, prosaic, commonplace, vulgar. Mrs. Bowers has the correct notion about such things. This also is the verdict of the crowds who go to see her. She is poetry; they are prose. She gives expression to what they felt but never spoke. She furnishes words expressive of the mental hell that great people and great sufferers endure. She does beautifully and tastefully. She loves to distraction. Her pride is sublime, her elocution a study. She is a wonderful woman."

St. Charles Theatre.

Mr. Joseph Proctor, in the romantic drama of the "Red Pocket Book," which was first produced in San Francisco and played to immense houses, will appear this evening. In the course of the play the entire stage is converted into a ship's deck, a supposed storm causes the ship to perform the usual movements incidental to such an occasion, terminating in the wreck of the vessel and its sinking in full view of the audience. Next Friday evening Mr. Proctor will take a benefit.

Varieties Theatre.

The *Wilkins Micawber* of Mr. John E. Owens will be repeated this evening at the Varieties Theatre, in the dramatic version of "David Copperfield." The same play will constitute the matinee performance to-morrow. Next week Mr. Owens will go to Mobile, and Mlle. Marie Aimee, the queen of opera bouffe, will hold the boards, with her newly organized company, comprising sixty-five performers. The sale of seats will commence next Thursday, at nine o'clock, at the box office of the theatre.

Roller Skating.

The second grand skating tournament will take place at Carondelet Hall, Exposition building, to-morrow evening. Contestants will appear in costume. Two handsome prizes will be awarded.

Meteorological and River Report.

The signal service, United States army, reports, for the benefit of commerce, the meteorological record, and rise or fall of the rivers, at 3:43 P. M., local time, yesterday, as follows:

Place.	Ther.	Wind.	Weather.
Cairo	45	S.	Light rain.
Chicago	40	S.	Cloudy.
Cincinnati	44	S.	Cloudy.
Davenport	34	S. W.	Fair.
Galveston	64	S. E.	Threatening.
Indianola	60	S. E.	Cloudy.
Keokuk	47	S. W.	Cloudy
Leavenworth	49	S	Cloudy.
Louisville	50	S.	Cloudy.
Memphis	50	S.	Threatening.
Nashville	52	S.	Cloudy.
New Orleans	65	S. E.	Fair.
Omaha	43	S. W.	Fair.
Pittsburg	34	W.	Cloudy.
Shreveport	56	S. E.	Cloudy.
St. Louis	43	S. E.	Light snow.
St. Paul	34	S. W.	rain.
Vicksburg	54	S. E.	Cloudy.

THE RIVERS.

Stations.	Rise, inches.	Fall, inches.	Above low water mark. Ft.	In.
Davenport	..	..	4	4
Keokuk	River gorged.			
Cairo	..	..	20	8
St. Louis	..	..	7	6
Pittsburg	..	11	6	6
Cincinnati	..	13	33	11
Louisville	..	..	12	2
Memphis	1	..	10	3
Vicksburg	..	..	18	1
Shreveport	..	7	10	1
Nashville	..	3	21	4

The river here is eleven feet four inches below high water mark of 1871.

The Rush (Texas) *Intelligencer* proposes the construction of a railroad from Galveston to Beaumont, intersecting with the New Orleans, Mobile and Texas road when it reaches Beaumont. Thus may Galveston tap the New Orleans road, and place that city in direct communication with this city. The scheme is feasible.

LAWS OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

PUBLISHED BY AUTHORITY.

No. 23.

JOINT RESOLUTION

Appropriating twelve hundred dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, to provide office room for the Attorney General.

Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana in General Assembly convened, That the sum of twelve hundred dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, be and the same is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the State treasury not otherwise appropriated, to be paid to A. P. Field, Attorney General, on his order, warrant, to provide office room for eighteen hundred and seventy-three, in which to transact the business of the State.

(Signed) CHARLES W. LOWELL, Speaker of the House of Representatives. (Signed) C. C. ANTOINE, Lieutenant Governor and President of the Senate.

Approved February 10, 1873.

(Signed) WILLIAM P. KELLOGG, Governor of the State of Louisiana.

A true copy:

WILLIAM WEBBS, Assistant Secretary of State.

MEDICAL.

IMPORTANT MEDICAL NOTICE.

DR. E. DE F. CURTIS,

AUTHOR OF MANHOOD—MEDICAL ESSAYS ON MARRIAGE, ETC.,

Begs to inform his Southern patients that he has been called to New Orleans to attend upon an important case there which will detain him for about one month in the city, and that he can be consulted at

No. 9 Rampart Street,

Between Canal and Customhouse.

Daily from 10 A. M. to 2 P. M., from 6 to 9 P. M. On Sundays from 11 A. M. to 2 P. M. only.

DR. CURTIS has devoted twenty years of his practice entirely to the treatment of

NERVOUS DISEASES

ARISING FROM PHYSICAL DEBILITY,

EXHAUSTED VITALITY,

ABUSES OF THE SYSTEM,

AND OTHERS APPERTAINING THERETO.

DR. CURTIS addresses those particularly who have placed themselves under the care of ignorant advertising charlatans, from whom they have received no relief, and who, in fact, have done them more harm than good. Medicine, like all other sciences, is progressive, and every year demonstrates an advance, by a combination of remedies of great curative power. Dr. CURTIS has so arranged his treatment that it will afford not alone immediate relief, but permanent cure.

The Medical Times says: "Dr. Curtis' system, the result of twenty years' successful practice, differs from all others in general use, and commends itself to the afflicted as the only true source of relief. Many cases pronounced incurable have yielded successfully to the remedies employed by him."

MANHOOD.

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CURTIS ON MANHOOD.—There is no member of society by whom this book will not be found useful, whether he be parent, preceptor or clergyman.—London Times.

CURTIS ON MANHOOD.—This book should be read by the young for instruction, and by the afflicted for relief. It will injure no one.—London Medical Gazette.

Price fifty cents by mail. Address the author, DR. CURTIS, No. 9 Rampart street, New Orleans.

Dr. Curtis would once more impress upon those patients who have corresponded with him the necessity of a personal interview. He never leaves his home practice, and his stay in New Orleans is necessarily limited to one month.

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BUSINESS CHANGES.

NOTICE.....NOTICE.

The death of Mr. CUTHBERT H. SLOCOMB will cause no change in the style of our firm, which will be continued as heretofore.

SLOCOMB, BALDWIN & CO.

New Orleans, February 4, 1873. fe4 1m

CIGARS.

JAYME MAGI,

IMPORTER OF HAVANA CIGARS,

Wholesale and Retail Store,

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Constantly on hand a very large and selected stock of the best known brands and sizes, for sale at moderate prices. n 9m

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TEUTONIA INSURANCE COMPANY,

No. 111 Gravier Street.

Insures against

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At the Lowest Tariff Rates.

A. RIMER BADER, President.

CHAS. KNOSTFELD, Vice President.

GEORGE STROMEYER, Secretary.

First Fiscal Year.

Premiums received	$106,125 79	
Fire, marine and river losses paid	$84,647 69	
Reinsurances, rebates, expenses, etc.	49,293 85	134,941 54
		$53,124 15
Total amount of assets		$784,919 13

DECLARED:

Interest on capital paid in, ten per cent.

Dividend on capital paid in, eight per cent.

Dividend on premiums paid, sixteen per cent.

TRUSTEES.

Henry Abraham, Louis Schneider, Joseph Keller, N. A. Baumgarten, H. Seip, C. H. Miller, H. Rieke, J. N. Schwartz, H. Pohlman, M. Frank, N. Weisenbach, F. Roder, S. Kahn, A. Rimer Bader, J. B. Schmidt, Theodore Allenthal, E. F. del Bondio, Isaac Scherck, S. L. Nasita, Charles Engstfeld, Louis Schwarz, F. Rickert, H. E. Gregrove, J. Ch. Wildermann.

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MERCHANTS' MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY OF NEW ORLEANS,

104.....Canal Street.....104

EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL STATEMENT.

In conformity with the requirements of their Charter the company publish the following statement:

Premiums received during the year ending 31, 1872, including unearned premiums of the previous year—

On fire risks	$719,323 57
On marine risks	163,615 17
On river risks	169,212 00
Total premiums	$991,150 74
Less unearned premiums	201,900 00
Net earned premiums May 31, 1872	$789,250 74
Losses paid—	
On fire risks	$206,068 41
On marine risks	36,690 32
On river risks	125,905 63
	$368,664 36
Taxes	21,537 41
Reinsurances, return premiums, and profit and loss	56,416 87
Total	$446,618 65
Deduct interest, less expenses	17,356 53—428,522 12
Profits	$360,728 62

The company have the following assets:

Real estate	$121,665 14
City bonds	289,050 00
Bank and railroad stocks	52,168 00
Notes secured by mortgage	449,745 65
Notes secured by pledge	122,559 97
Bills receivable	43,611 30
Premiums in course of collection	77,418 95
State bonds	1,500 00
Scrip and stock of other companies	1,982 50
Stock of Vallette Dry Dock Company	16,800 00
Stock of Levee Steam Cotton Press	2,500 00
Stock of Marine Dry Dock and Ship Yard Company	4,000 00
Harbor Protection Company	1,000 00
Mortgage bonds Turners' Association	2,000 00
Mortgage bonds Odd Fellows' Hall	5,000 00
Cash on hand	261,059 83
New Orleans, Florida and Havana Steamship Company	3,000 00
St. Louis Hotel Association	5,000 00
Total assets	$1,461,241 26

The above statement is a just, true and correct transcript from the books of the company.

PAUL FOURCHY, President.

G. W. S[illegible], Secretary.

STATE OF LOUISIANA, Parish of Orleans, City of New Orleans.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 30th day of June, 1872.

P. CHS. CUVELLIER, Notary Public.

At a meeting of the Board of Directors held on the 30th day of June, 1872, it was resolved to pay A CASH DIVIDEND OF THIRTY PER CENT on the net earned participating premiums for the year ending May 31, 1872, payable on the third Monday of July next. Also, to pay on demand ten per cent interest to the scrip holders upon conversion of their scrip into capital stock, as per amended charter of the company.

Directors.

P. MASPERO, DAVID McCOARD, S. Z. RELF, L. F. GENERES, M. PIZ[illegible], F. FOURCHY, P. S. WILT