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AUCTION SALES THIS DAY.

For Auction and Sheriff's Advertisements See Supplement.

BY A. M. & B. J. MONTGOMERY, at 11 o'clock, at No. 37 Natchez street, furniture, etc.; also, at 11 o'clock, at Leonard & Maxwell's stables, on Baronne street, near Union street, horses, mules, buggies, wagons, etc.

BY S. GUINAULT, at 12 o'clock, at the Merchants and Auctioneers' Exchange, one-sixteenth of a lot and buildings on Elysian Fields street, between Derbigny and Roman streets; four lots in square bounded by Marigny, Craps, Mandeville and Love streets; also, half of lot and buildings corner of Mandeville and Casacalvo streets; two shares in People's Bank; also, eight lots in McDonoghville; one-third of a lot on Enghein, between Moreau and Casacalvo streets; also, square bounded by Bartholomew, Mazant, Magistrate and Law streets; also, judgments, notes, claims, plantation, etc.—sold by order of assignee in bankruptcy.

BY NASH & HODGSON, at 12 o'clock, at the St. Charles Auction Exchange, two brick stores, Nos. 193 and 195 Poydras street, near Baronne street; National Hall, on Poydras street, between Liberty and Franklin streets; Kinney's Hall, No. 279 Lafayette street, between Liberty and Franklin streets; a two-story frame residence corner of Julia and Dryades streets; a half square of ground in the Third District; lot of furniture, etc.; also, insurance scrip; also, a lot of ground, corner of Berlin and Perrier streets; also, Brooklyn warehouse property in Algiers; also, square of ground bounded by Canal, Gasquet, Gencis and Telemachus streets.

BY G. DE FERIET & CO., at 12 o'clock, at St. Louis Auction Exchange, lot of ground, with improvements, in square bounded by Thalia, Locust, Melpomene and Freret streets; same in square bounded by Melpomene, Locust, Terpsichore and Freret streets.

BY C. E. GIRARDEY & CO., at 12 o'clock, at the Merchants and Auctioneers' Exchange, four lots of ground in square bounded by Esplanade, Kerlerec, Somas and Derbigny streets, with buildings thereon; also, a lot of ground in square bounded by St. Louis, Galvez, Johnson and Conti streets; two lots of ground in square bounded by Conti, Miro, Palmyra and Gasquet streets, with buildings thereon; also, the frame dwelling house, No. 296 Villere street, between Esplanade street and Bayou road; also, two lots in square bounded by Lafayette, Poydras, Bolivar and Bertrand streets; choice property in Carrollton; improved and vacant First, Second and Third District property; also, railroad, insurance and other stocks, belonging to the succession of Hugh McCloskey.

BY CHARLES E. FORTIER, at 12 o'clock, at the St. Louis Auction Exchange, a lot of ground, with buildings, on Orleans street, between Dorgenois and Broad streets.

BY WALTON, DAVIS & FRERET, at 12 o'clock, at Merchants and Auctioneer's Exchange, undivided quarter of two plantations in St. Charles parish.

BY SHERIFF HARPER, at 12 o'clock, at Merchants and Auctioneers' Exchange, two lots, with buildings, on Liberty street, between Perdido and Gravier streets; also, seven lots of ground, with buildings, on Ursulines and St. Philip streets, between Rocheblave and Dorgenois streets; also, undivided half interest of W. John McCall in the succession of his deceased parents; also, the steamboat Andrew Ackley, her furniture, tackle, etc.

Local Intelligence.

STREET CARS TELESCOPING.—Between ten and eleven o'clock yesterday morning passengers in a Magazine street car and one from the Prytania street line came close together at the corner of Poeyfarre and Magazine streets, obtaining an involuntary introduction. The Magazine car was in the rear, and the Prytania car bell rang just as it made the curve. The driver halted for a woman to debark. The Magazine driver, acting as conductor, director and driver, failed to see the car directly in front of him until his mule was in the act of entering the Prytania car for a free ride. Before the brake was down the rear car made an effort to telescope on the front car, and when the crash came, passengers in both vehicles suddenly traveled in opposite directions, while the bewildered mule sidled outside the track, so as not to impede the crash. For a moment there was direful consternation and some cuss words, but no person was injured. It does not appear that either driver can be blamed.

The complaint about the Jackson street cars changing passengers between eight and nine o'clock at night is chronic, and needs reformation. If the managers will not reform the nuisance, let them build a shed to protect passengers from rain.

We have received an invitation to participate in the Italian festival to-morrow evening at the corner of Customhouse street and Exchange alley. The festival is in commemoration of Italian independence.

Captain Malone yesterday took Charles Dart alias Ernest Postier in out of the wet, as certain circumstances are really against accused, who has before studied prison architecture. It stands against Dart that he deserted from the army on three occasions, and has been in several houses without invitation. The prisoner is a sharp fellow, but his shrewdness did not teach him to keep away from New Orleans.

A sneak thief very deftly entered the residence of Mrs. Zimmer, No. 306 Dryades street, yesterday, and silently gathered up $200 worth of Redon's bread tickets and $250 in currency. Mrs. Zimmer was in the house at the time, and was not aware of her loss until the rascal was well off.

SOCIABLE.—The pupils of the Bienville School, under direction of Mr. J. C. Wingard, principal, enjoyed themselves in the school house corner of Bienville and Robertson streets yesterday. The scholars and their guests passed the hours very pleasantly in wholesome recreation. This diversion seems to have an excellent effect on both pupils and teachers, giving the children a much needed recreation.

THE WRECKED STEAMBOAT MARY E. FORSYTH.—This vessel, loaded with United States ordnance, from Mound City, for Pensacola, was swamped near one of the Chandeleur islands, not far from Breton island, and is a total wreck. The direction taken was not the usual one for river boats, and in consequence of bad weather was lost. The officers and crew were all saved, landing on one of the Chandeleurs, with provisions sufficient for four days. The captain and clerk of the Forsyth secured a boat to take them to Biloxi, coming to this city on the railroad. The lighthouse steamer Dandelion, has gone to the wreck, principally to bring off the crew, but at the same time will make exertions to save something. A smart breeze rolled the waves in so strong that the Forsyth was stranded on the sand beach, and of course went to pieces. The large guns will probably never be recovered. The vessel was considered safe enough to make the voyage, having but recently been put in good order. She was owned by Captain Hambleton, of St. Louis, and was valued at $18,000, partly insured.

Sending a river steamboat outside the passes is an enterprise of some moment, as the risks are great at any season of the year. Indeed, it is seldom that men can be hired to make the trip in such craft as far Pensacola. Had the original intention been carried out the stores would to-day be safe in the navy yard. It was intended to transfer the stores from the steamboat to the steamship Lizzie in the New canal, which vessel is constantly making successful trips from this port to Pensacola.

It is not expected that the Dandelion will experience any great trouble in finding and bringing away the shipwrecked people, about thirty in number.

A SNATCH THIEF.—A sprightly young fellow yesterday morning purchased two pairs of pantaloons of a tailor shop hook on St. Charles, near Girod street. Having done this he moved off at a rapid pace, followed by cries of "Stop thief." An elderly gentleman, willing to act policeman without commission or pay, took an Arkansas method to stop the villain by placing one of his fingers in the thief's mouth. This style proved abortive, and was given over. Onsped the villain, still clinging to the pantaloons. A youngish man got in his work by landing his dexter on the fellow's head, but the head was hard and could stand several similar taps. Away he went again and made nearly a square, when some one brought him to an anchor, and he was towed into the first precinct stationhouse.

Late Thursday night a burglar was seen trying his rascally skill on the door of No. 49 Ursulines street. His progress was brought to a sudden halt by somebody firing a shot at him. As he did not remain to make any explanation it is not known where the bullet found a resting place. That is the way to serve the tribe—dose them with sudden lead.

WHERE IS THE SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS.—Perdido street, from St. Charles to Carondelet, is in a very bad condition. In the vicinity of the engine house there are large holes in the street, rendering it dangerous for vehicles to pass. The immediate attention of the Department of Improvements will, no doubt, soon remedy the evil.

COURT RECORD.

FRIDAY, JUNE 6, 1873.

Superior District Court.

Commissioner of Immigration vs. Decan, Zerega & Co., agents of steamship Legislator.—Petitioners claim $100 each for landing twenty-six passengers without giving plaintiffs a written report.

Board of Tobacco Inspectors vs. John S. Burke.—On rule taken by defendants to modify the injunction it is ordered that it be modified so as not to restrain the defendants in suit from sampling and marking all other preparations necessary for the purchase and sale of tobacco; allowing said defendants to receive, weigh, store and sample tobacco. It is further adjudged that if inspection is required by the purchaser or other person of tobacco, in any case such inspection must be had and made by the legally constituted board of inspectors.

First District Court.

State vs. Flying Johnson.—Assault and battery. Plea of guilty.

State vs. Charles Bradley.—Assault and battery. Plea of guilty.

State vs. Maria Benton.—Larceny. Plea of not guilty.

State vs. Henry Jones and J. Williams.—Larceny. Plea of not guilty.

State vs. Thomas Frances.—Larceny. Plea of not guilty.

State vs. Adam Bates.—Assault and battery. Plea of not guilty.

State vs. Frank Crawford.—Robbery. Plea of not guilty.

State vs. James Gallagher and Thomas Murphy.—Murder and robbery. On trial. Panel exhausted. One hundred talesmen summoned for Saturday.

Second District Court.

Succession of Henry Pinard opened.

Fourth District Court.

B. Nautre, agent, vs. C. A. Jaquet.—Jagment for defendant.

F. Belden vs. Read & Hunt.—Judgment for plaintiff of $5254 55.

Musical and Literary Entertainment.

The Presbyterian Church on Napoleon avenue needed funds to complete the interior, and it was necessary to resort to some genteel method to obtain the required sum of dollars. Among the friends of the church is a considerable amount of talent, musical and literary. It was arranged to give an entertainment in which this talent might be made available. A programme was easily arranged at little expense, and the price of tickets fixed at a low figure. Of course, those who were cast in the programme volunteered their services. After some few disadvantageous circumstances had been overcome, it was agreed to give the entertainment in Exposition Hall last evening, and all who attended will probably never forget the pleasure they experienced. A pertinent recitation by Mr. J. B. Guthrie was well rendered and received with applause. "Waiting," by Miss A. Ludwick, was given in a style that a professional might envy. A scene from "Hamlet," by Mr. C. F. Buck was delivered in splendid style. The song "I'll be no submissive wife," by Miss A. Ludwick was loudly encored and artistically sung. A duet by Miss E. C. Witherell and Mr. G. W. Doll was superb and elicited hearty applause. "Schneider's party," by Mr. Hisgin, in costume, pleased the audience extremely well. He made himself a reputation in the effort. "The Savoyard's return," quartette, by the Misses Gruneberg sisters, was splendidly sung, drawing forth repeated calls for a repetition, but as the programme was long they could not gratify their many admirers. Mr. Mason was to have discussed his mince pie, but business called him hence, and Mr. J. B. Guthrie supplied his place, although the undertaking was a difficult one indeed. However, he proved equal to the occasion, aquitting himself creditably, keeping the large audience in a continual smile. An aria sung by Miss M. Gruneberg, was really splendid, giving the young lady an opportunity to prove that she has one of the finest voices in New Orleans.

So well pleased was the audience with the entire performance that there was a general hope expressed that it will be repeated. Even a blase reporter was deeply interested in each part, and that is a compliment full of meaning.

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	70	N.	Fair.
Chicago	62	N. E.	Clear.
Cincinnati	66	W.	Fair.
Davenport	86	S. W.	Clear.
Galveston	74	N. E.	Light rain.
Keokuk	76	S.	Fair.
Leavenworth	84	S.	Fair.
Louisville	84	N. W.	Fair.
Memphis	79	S. W.	Fair.
Nashville	78	N. W.	Fair.
New Orleans	83	S. E.	Cloudy.
Pittsburg	79	N. W.	Fair.
Shreveport	83	S. E.	Cloudy.
St. Louis	83	N.	Cloudy.
St. Paul	89	S.	Fair.
Vicksburg	86	S. W.	Fair.
Fort Sully	93	S. W.	Clear.
Yankton	86	S.	Fair.

THE RIVERS.

Stations.	Rise, inches.	Fall, inches.	Above low water mark. Ft.	In.
Cairo	..	12	23	6
Cincinnati	..	10	10	2
Louisville	..	5	5	8
Memphis	..	9	28	9
Nashville	..	10	6	2
New Orleans	..	2	..	..
Pittsburg	8	..	3	10
Shreveport	4	..	27	4
St. Louis	7	..	24	6
Vicksburg	..	1	39	8

The river here is two feet seven inches below high water mark of 1871.

Assessments Nos. 135, 136 and 137. See special notice column. Death of A. C Hearing. T. A. McDonald and Andrew Eck. Payable at the office of the Mutual Aid and Benevolent Life Insurance Association, No. 19 Camp street. Amount paid out since roganization, August, 1868, $321,755.

To have elegant light biscuits, rolls, buckwheat cakes, fruit dumplings, etc., you should use Dooley's yeast powder. Ask your grocer for it. It's a pure baking powder.

Sandusky people go up to Toledo to catch frogs, and Toledo people go down to Sandusky to catch clams, and thus the tie of brotherly love is strengthened day by day.

LAWS OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

PUBLISHED BY AUTHORITY.

No. 96.

AN ACT

For the relief of Charles H. Walker, of St. Mary, authorizing and directing the State Auditor to issue a bond for one thousand dollars in lieu of one lost by fire.

WHEREAS, Charles H. Walker, of the parish of St. Mary, lost by being burned in the great fire at the city of Chicago, in October, in the year A. D. 1871, State bond number fifty-six, for the sum of one thousand dollars, dated Baton Rouge, Louisiana, June 1, A. D. 1853, with the coupons attached, number thirty-seven, due December 1, 1871, to and inclusive of number seventy-nine, due December 1, 1872.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana in General Assembly convened, That the State Auditor of Public Accounts be and he is hereby required and directed to draw and issue to Charles H. Walker a State bond for one thousand dollars, with coupon attached, viz: coupon thirty-seven, due December 1, 1871, to number seventy-nine, due December, 1872, inclusive, on the said Charles H. Walker furnishing a bond in the sum of one thousand dollars, which shall become payable to the State of Louisiana in case the original bond (number fifty-six) should be presented to the State Auditor for payment, then this bond shall become due and payable to the State, otherwise it shall become null and void.

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

(Signed) CHARLES W. LOWELL,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
(Signed) C. C. ANTOINE,
Lieutenant Governor and President of the Senate.
Approved June 3, 1873.
(Signed) WILLIAM P. KELLOGG,
Governor of the State of Louisiana.
A true copy:
P. G. DESLONDE,
Secretary of State.

No. 97.

AN ACT

To incorporate the town of Spearsville, in the parish of Union, 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 Spearsville, in the parish of Union, comprising one mile square, with the storehouse belonging to J. R. Geyue as a centre, 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 Spearsville, 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 matter 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 Spearsville, whose term of office shall be for the period of one year, dating from the first Monday of April, A. D. 1873, 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 Spearsville 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, 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 the 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 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 councilmen have power of laying an ad valorem tax upon all canals, houses, stores and movable property within the limits of said corporation; provided, the said tax shall not exceed at any time "two mills on the dollar;" to tax billiard tables, taverns, mercantile houses, apothecary shops, groceries, coffeehouses and shops retailing spiritous 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 Spearsville.

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 office of secretary, treasurer, assessor and 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 the 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 has 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 the 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 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 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 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. 13. 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 council 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 parish of Union whose duty it is hereby made to record the same.

SEC. 14. Be it further enacted, etc., That the mayor and council shall furthemore 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 the State and of the United States, and also to impose such fines and penalties for the breach of such regulations as they may think proper; provided, the said fine shall not exceed one hundred dollars, or imprisonment for each and every contravention.

SEC. 15. Be it further enacted, etc., That the mayor of the town of Spearsville 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 Spearsville 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. 16. 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. 17. Be it further enacted, etc., That in all cases when the mayor of the town of Spearsville 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 judgment 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 such penalty of imprisonment may be imposed shall be entitled, if he or she request 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. 18. Be it further enacted, etc., That the mayor and councilmen shall create such officers not provided for in this act as may be necessary for the good government of said town.

SEC. 19. Be it further enacted, etc., That this act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

(Signed) CHARLES W. LOWELL,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
(Signed) C. C. ANTOINE,
Lieutenant Governor and President of the Senate.
Approved June 3, 1873.
(Signed) WILLIAM P. KELLOGG,
Governor of the State of Louisiana.
A true copy:
P. G. DESLONDE,
Secretary of State.

No. 98.

AN ACT

Authorizing the police jury of the parish of St. James to call an election in a portion of said parish to determine whether a town shall be incorporated within certain defined limits.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana in General Assembly convened, That the police jury of the parish of St. James are hereby authorized and empowered to call an election of the qualified voters residing on the left bank of the Mississippi river, between the lower line of the Uncle Sam plantation, recently owned by the Widow Fagat, and the upper line of the plantation now owned by the Widow Welham, in said parish, for the purpose of obtaining an expression of opinion as to whether said tract of land or settlement should be incorporated or not, and what name should be given the same.

SEC. 2. Be it further enacted, etc., That said election shall be conducted in such manner and at such time and place not inconsistent with existing laws as the police jury may direct, and this act shall take effect from and after its promulgation.

(Signed) CHARLES W. LOWELL,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
(Signed) C. C. ANTOINE,
Lieutenant Governor and President of the Senate.
Approved June 3, 1873.
(Signed) WILLIAM P. KELLOGG,
Governor of the State of Louisiana.
A true copy:
P. G. DESLONDE,
Secretary of State.

No. 99.

AN ACT

Granting to Benjamin Brazeale, Ferdinand Luchini, Justin Condi and Neville Buard, the right to establish a steam ferry at Grand Ecore, with exclusive privileges.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana in General Assembly convened, That Benjamin Brazeale, Ferdinand Luchini, Justin Condi and Neville Buard be and they are hereby authorized to establish a steam ferry at the crossing over Red river, in this State, from Grand Ecore to the opposite bank of said river in the parish of Natchitoches, in this State, and that said ferry rights shall continue for the space of twenty years to the said parties, their heirs, assigns and legal successors, to date from the passage of this act; provided that said ferry company named above comply with the terms of this act; provided further, that no other ferry shall be established nearer than two miles from said crossing on the said river.

SEC. 2. Be it further enacted, etc., That the ferry boat at the said crossing shall be kept in readiness from six o'clock A. M. to eight o'clock P. M. for the convenience of passengers and transport cattle, horses, wagons, carts, carriages, freight and other property, and said parties who compose said steam ferry company shall be held responsible in solido for all damages occurring from their neglect or carelessness, or that of their agents or employes, in crossing or conveying said passengers or property.

SEC. 3. Be it further enacted, etc., That said ferry company shall be entitled to receive and charge in payment for the transportation of passengers and property across said Red river at Grand Ecore the following rates of ferriage: For each footman, five cents; each horse or mule, ten cents; horse or mule and rider fifteen cents; beeves, each per head, ten cents; carts or buggies and one-horse wagons, fifty cents; carriages or carts with two horses or mules or oxen, seventy cents, and for every additional yoke of oxen, twenty cents; hogs and sheep, per head, five cents; provided, that ministers of the gospel, school teachers and school children going to and returning from school shall be passed free of charge.

SEC. 4. Be it further enacted, etc., That the said parties authorized as aforesaid by this act to establish said steam ferry shall have the same in good running order, and be prepared and ready to ferry passengers and property at the expiration of three months from the passage of this act, and have a safe and passable landing.

SEC. 5. Be it further enacted, etc., That all laws or parts of laws in conflict with this act be and the same are hereby repealed.

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

(Signed) CHARLES W. LOWELL,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
(Signed) C. C. ANTOINE,
Lieutenant Governor and President of the Senate.
Approved June 3, 1873.
(Signed) WILLIAM P. KELLOGG,
Governor of the State of Louisiana.
A true copy:
P. G. DESLONDE,
Secretary of State.

No. 100.

AN ACT

Requiring the owners or agents of real estate sold for taxes at tax collector's sale to pay for all improvements made thereon by the purchaser thereof, and prescribing the manner of appointing appraisers and of appraising and collecting the valuation of said improvements, and for the payment of said appraisers, and imposing a penalty in case of their non-compliance when designated and called upon to act as such.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana in General Assembly convened, That after the passage of this act the purchaser of any real estate sold to pay taxes due thereon at tax collector's sale shall be entitled to receive from the owner or agent of said real estate, in addition to all other requirements prescribed and now allowed by law, the value of the improvements made upon said real estate by the purchaser thereof at said sale, but nothing in this act shall be construed as in any manner affecting the rights, claims and privileges now allowed by law to said purchaser.

SEC. 4. Be it further enacted, etc., That to ascertain the just valuation of the improvements made upon said real estate. The owner or agent of the real estate thus sold shall appoint one disinterested person and the purchaser thereof shall appoint one disinterested person, and both shall proceed to appraise the value of the improvements made upon said real estate, and in case of their disagreeing, then the said two appraisers shall appoint a third disinterested person, whose valuation shall be final, and the amount thus ascertained as the value of the improvements made upon said real estate shall be paid by said owner or agent to the purchaser thereof, or his assign, and in case of non-payment the amount shall be collected as any civil suit before any court of competent jurisdiction.

SEC. 3. Be it further enacted, etc., That the persons thus appointed as appraisers shall be entitled to and shall receive the sum of three dollars for every day actually occupied in the appraisement and going to and returning from the real estate upon which the improvements are, and which they have been called upon to appraise, and they shall receive the further sum of ten cents per mile for the actual and shortest distance they may travel in the performance of their duty, all of which expenses shall be paid by the owner or agent of said real estate, and the same shall be collected as civil suits before any courts of competent jurisdiction.

SEC. 4. Be it further enacted, etc., That the persons thus designated as appraisers shall make oath, before any qualified person to administer oaths, the following oath or affirmation: I do solemnly swear or affirm to truly, and without fear or partiality, and to the best of my ability, to value justly the improvements I am called upon to appraise.

SEC. 5. Be it further enacted, etc., That the persons thus designated or called upon by the parties interested to make the appraisement, shall proceed to make said appraisements under forfeiture of a fine of one hundred dollars in case of refusal to act, unless for reasons satisfactory to the court before which the suit is brought for the recovery of said fine; said fine shall be collectible by the parish attorney, as in case of any other fine, and which, when collected, shall be for the benefit of the parish school fund of the parish in which the parties prosecuted may reside, and the parish attorney is hereby directed to bring suit when requested by the party aggrieved under the forfeiture of his commission.

SEC. 6. Be it further enacted, etc., That this act shall take effect from and after its passage, and all conflicting laws on the same subject matter be and the same are hereby repealed.

(Signed) CHARLES W. LOWELL,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
(Signed) C. C. ANTOINE,
Lieutenant Governor and President of the Senate.
Approved June 3, 1873.
(Signed) WILLIAM P. KELLOGG,
Governor of the State of Louisiana.
A true copy:
P. G. DESLONDE,
Secretary of State.

No. 101.

AN ACT

For the relief of all purchasers of real estate sold at public auction to satisfy judgments for State, parish or municipal taxes, and to quiet such purchasers in their possession, and validate their titles thereto.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana in General Assembly convened, That all purchasers of real estate at public auction, sold under writs of fieri facias emanating from any court of competent jurisdiction of this State, to satisfy any judgment obtained in such court for State, parish or municipal taxes in any suit in which the State of Louisiana, the police jury of a parish, any city or town incorporated by the laws of the State of Louisiana, shall be plaintiff, shall be deemed and are hereby declared as bona fide purchasers and owners of such real estate, and the sale shall have the same force and effect and be as binding to all intents and purposes, on such defendant or former owner as in any judicial proceeding to enforce the payment of a previous debt.

SEC. 2. Be it further enacted, etc., That if such purchaser of real estate sold in satisfaction of judgments for State, parish or municipal taxes, shall have held judicial possession of such real estate under deed of sale, duly recorded in the office of the register of conveyances, for two years from the date of such purchase at public sale, without any action for eviction on account of error in the proceedings or informality in such sale having been brought by the defendant in such suit or former owner, such defendant or former owner shall be deemed as having acquiesced in such sale and waived all informalities connected therewith, and such defendant or former owner shall be forever debarred from entering upon or taking possession of the same to the prejudice of the deed of sale of such purchaser, his heirs or assigns, and such purchaser shall be, and he is hereby declared the true owner and possessor of such real estate, and he is hereby authorized and empowered to transfer, convey or sell the same, and give warranty deed therefor, in the same manner as if he had acquired title from such defendant or former owner under authentic act of private sale.

SEC. 3. Be it further enacted, etc., That all purchasers now in possession of real estate, acquired as hereinbefore provided, whose deeds of sale have been on record in the office of the recorder of conveyances two years, and who have had said judicial possession of such real estate for two years preceding the passage hereof, are hereby forever quieted in their possession, and declared the lawful and bona fide owners and possessors of such property, and shall in no manner be interfered with or dispossessed by any former owners or claimants.

SEC. 4. Be it further enacted, etc., That all laws or parts of laws heretofore passed inconsistent with this act are hereby repealed, so far only as they are in conflict with the provisions of this act, and that this act shall take effect from and after its passage.

(Signed) CHARLES W. LOWELL,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
(Signed) C. C. ANTOINE,
Lieutenant Governor and President of the Senate.
Approved, June 3, 1873.
(Signed) WILLIAM P. KELLOGG,
Governor of the State of Louisiana.
A true copy:
P. G. DESLONDE,
Secretary of State.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the original on file.

Given under my hand and the seal of the State at the city of New Orleans this fifth day of June, A. D. 1873, and of the independence of the United States the ninety-seventh.

P. G. DESLONDE,
Secretary of State.

No. 102.

AN ACT

Giving authority to the judges of the district courts to try at chambers rule upon defaulting tax collectors and their sureties, and fixing the duties of the district judges relative to 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 judges of the several district courts in this State, outside of the parish of Orleans, shall have authority to try at chambers rule upon any delinquent or defaulting tax collectors and his sureties within their respective districts, as now provided by State law.

SEC. 2. Be it further enacted, etc., That it shall be the duty of the several district judges, upon the application of the district attorney of their respective districts, within ten days from such application, to proceed to the courthouse of any parish within their respective district, in which a rule may be pending as above provided, and in a summary manner try and determine the same.

SEC. 3. Be it further enacted, etc., That this act shall take effect from and after its passage.

(Signed) CHARLES W. LOWELL,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
(Signed) C. C. ANTOINE,
Lieutenant Governor and President of the Senate.
Approved June 3, 1873.
(Signed) WILLIAM P. KELLOGG,
Governor of the State of Louisiana.
A true copy:
P. G. DESLONDE,
Secretary of State.

No. 103.

AN ACT

To create, locate, make and open for travel a new public road on the eastern side of the Bayou Teche, parish of St. Mary, and to provide for making the same.

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 parish of St. Mary, at the charge of said parish, or by subscription, or both, or by any other legal means, to locate, make and open for travel, a new public road, to run through said parish on the eastern side of the Bayou Teche, from Berwick's Bay to the northern limits or boundaries of said parish, the said road to be not less than forty feet wide, inclusive of ditches; and for this purpose they shall take any land of adjacent proprietors needed therefor, and such proprietors shall be entitled to compensation, and such road shall be located, made and opened for travel by said police jury in like manner as now provided by sections 3368, 3369, 3370, 3371 and 3372 of the Revised Statutes in relation to the making of public roads, the provisions of which shall be conformed to so far as applicable in all respects not herein provided for.

SEC. 2. Be it further enacted, etc., That this act shall take effect from and after its passage, and all laws and parts of laws inconsistent herewith be and they are hereby repealed.

(Signed) CHARLES W. LOWELL,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
(Signed) C. C. ANTOINE,
Lieutenant Governor and President of the Senate.
Approved June 3, 1873.
(Signed) WILLIAM P. KELLOGG,
Governor of the State of Louisiana.
A true copy:
P. G. DESLONDE,
Secretary of State.

No. 104.

JOINT RESOLUTION

Relative to quieting certain titles to United States lands.

WHEREAS, A very large number of the people of the State of Louisiana have settled in good faith upon the lands east of the Mississippi river, south of the Bayou Manchac, west of the Amite river, north of New river, situated in the parish of Livingston and Ascension, believing said lands to belong to the government of the United States; and

Whereas, These lands have been greatly improved by the actual settlers thereon; and

Whereas, These lands owe by assessment large sums of money to the State and parishes of Livingston and Ascension, assessed in the names of the parties claiming title thereto under under the Houmas grant, held adversibly to the United States government; therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana in General Assembly convened, That our Senators are instructed and our Representatives in Congress are requested to have an act passed by Congress that will enable the actual settlers on the above described lands to get titles thereto.

(Signed) CHARLES W. LOWELL,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
(Signed) C. C. ANTOINE,
Lieutenant Governor and President of the Senate.
Approved June 3, 1873.
(Signed) WILLIAM P. KELLOGG,
Governor of the State of Louisiana.
A true copy:
P. G. DESLONDE,
Secretary of State.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

All ex-officers, soldiers and sailors of the United