

New Orleans Republican. OFFICIAL JOURNAL OF THE UNITED STATES. OFFICIAL JOURNAL OF NEW ORLEANS.

AUCTION SALES THIS DAY. BY THE SUCCESSORS OF C. R. GIRARDET & CO., at 12 o'clock, at No. 16 Howard street, between Gravier and Perdido streets, furniture and household effects.

BY SHERIFF HARPER, at 12 o'clock, at Merchants and Auctioneers' Exchange, divided sixth of two lots, with buildings, on Poyferré street, between Fouquier and Annunciation streets, two lots, with buildings, on Villere street, between Belleville and Customhouse streets, lot with buildings on Burgundy street, between Bienville and Customhouse streets, a promissory note for \$200. At 5 o'clock, at railroad yard head of Calhoun street, timber.

Local Intelligence.

A WITNESS FINED \$50 AND COSTS.—James Dunn, summoned as a witness in the Grand parish trial, having failed to obey his subpoena, was fined \$50 and costs of attachment by Judge Woods.

NATIONAL LOUISIANA REPUBLICAN CLUB. A meeting of this club will be held on Wednesday March 11, at 7:30 P. M., at their hall corner Rampart and Bienville streets.

FIRST WARD.—At a meeting of the First Ward Central Republican Club, held last evening, at Brown's Hall, Melpomene street, for the purpose of organizing the following named officers were elected:

W. G. Johnson, president; Zenos Jones, Thomas J. Hill, Lawrence Scott, Henry Stroutler, Joseph Harris, vice president; Daniel Crowley, recording secretary; Theodore Smith, corresponding secretary; John Ambrose, treasurer; Louis Davis, sergeant-at-arms; Harry Denis, grand marshal; Silas Sistrup, drum major.

TWELFTH WARD.—A meeting of the Twelfth Ward Mutual Club will be held on Friday, March 13, at 7:30 P. M., at the old Jefferson City Hall, corner of Magazine and Berlin streets, Sixth District.

WORKBOX FOUND.—Mr. Ellis, the stationer, opposite the Postoffice, yesterday morning found a workbox in the gutter of the street. It had been left there by a thief known as Rhinehart alias Flying Squirrel, who was arrested there after which he went home.

STABBING AFFAIR.—Yesterday afternoon, about four o'clock, a difficulty occurred in the rear of Honesty's blacksmith shop, at the corner of Delta and St. Joseph streets. John Gibbons was severely stabbed by two boys in the shoulder and breast. The boys, who were identified as respectively Connors and Craft, made their escape. The wounded man sought attendance at the nearest drug store, after which he went home.

PARDONED.—Gayetano Rosa, convicted of arson without capital punishment, and sentenced for life, has been pardoned by Governor Kellogg, on recommendation of the officers of the Parish Prison and the officers of the First District Court, he having conducted himself in a praiseworthy manner since his confinement, as to which the respect and sympathy of all with whom he came in contact.

HE DIED.—Henry Wilson, so-called, burglar by profession, died at the Charity Hospital yesterday morning. He had been an inmate of that institution since the twelfth of January last, when he was arrested in a cab, suffering from a wound in the left breast. He stated that he had wounded himself accidentally while handling a pistol, but subsequent investigation by Special Officer Smith, developed the fact that Wilson had received his supply of lead while seeking to burglariously enter a bar-room on the New Basin on the night of the twenty-eighth of January.

GUSTAVE ARNHEIM.—This man appears to figure alternately as a claim agent for others and then as a pensioner himself on the bounty of the State. He was recently promoted to board at the Parish Prison on Mena Schieler's complaint that he has embezzled the sum of \$300, amount of a claim intrusted to him for collection.

WAREHOUSE PLUNDERED.—Last Saturday night the warehouse belonging to the Chattanooga Railroad Company was entered by thieves, who stole a quantity of flour, four sacks of corn, two sacks of oats and one box of soap.

ROBBERY.—Yesterday morning about two o'clock the house of Mr. K. J. C. Bull, No. 336 Camp street, corner Melpomene, was entered by a thief, who succeeded in capturing clothing and valuables belonging to Mr. E. D. Eldridge, one of the occupants of the house, to the amount of \$150. The policeman on the beat saw the thief as he was making his exit, and promptly gave chase, but could not overtake the robber. He fired three or four shots, but whether they took effect or not is not known. The thief ran like a scared dog with a tin pan in his tail, dropping a portion of his plunder as he fled. The clothing has all been recovered, but some \$50 worth of jewelry still lingers with the robber and his pals. The policeman, whose name we regret we are unable to ascertain, has not credit for his promptitude and vigilance.

FIRE.—About two o'clock yesterday morning a fire broke out in the old stone factory, on Julia street, between Galvez and Johnson streets. The building was entirely destroyed, together with all the machinery therein. The value of the machinery was estimated at \$10,000, the value of the building is known. There was no insurance upon the property in the Hibernia Mutual Insurance Company for \$500. The origin of the fire is not known. The property is owned by Mr. J. L. Swan.

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

Table with columns: Place, Ther., Wind, Weather, Blue, Fall, Above water mark. Rows include Augusta, Cairo, Cincinnati, etc.

THE RIVERS. The river here is three feet below high water mark of 1871.

The thermometer at Louis Frigero's, No. 50 Chartres street, on March 10, stood as follows: At 8 A. M., 69°; at 2 P. M., 74°; at 4 P. M., 71°. Lowest point during the night of March 9, 49°.

COURT RECORD.

TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 1874. United States Circuit Court. United States vs. Hadnot et al.—On trial. Supreme Court.

Present.—All the judges. Mr. Wade, attorney of Catahoula, and Mr. James T. O'Reilly, of Orleans, were admitted to practice. The following decisions were rendered: BY CHIEF JUSTICE LEBLANC.

No. 5082. Succession of Walter O. Winn.—From parish of Rapides. The interference of the public administrator is officious. The succession was not vacant. The question whether the executrix should be removed is not before the court. Judgment reversed.

No. 5011. Manuel J. de Lizardi et al. vs. Hugh M. Kenny, et al., appellants.—From the Ninth Judicial District. Two hundred dollars being considered a sufficient attorney's fee in the proceedings, the judgment reduced from \$1000 is affirmed.

No. 4936. Mrs. Amanda J. O'Neal vs. J. W. Burbridge et al., appellants.—From the Seventh Judicial District. As the mortgage was duly registered, demand of payment made, and notice given to third possessor, and the evidence sustains her judgment, the court affirmed the judgment of prescription is unfounded the judgment is affirmed.

No. 5089. John A. Eastin vs. succession of the Succession of Walter O. Winn.—From the Ninth Judicial District. The draft sued on appears prescribed, but it is alleged that it was interrupted by suit. The evidence is conflicting, whether or not there had funds with the drawer. The presumption is against I. Pars. Bills and Notes, 329. Judgment reversed.

No. 4976. Mrs. Anne Ford, appellant, vs. Mrs. Ann E. Kittredge.—From parish court of Assumption. Suit to destitute defendant for maintenance. The plaintiff's attorney has filed an acknowledgment of the note claimed by plaintiffs, but claims the succession was discharged by time being given to the plaintiff to pay the note. The defendant was not a surety, but one of the joint makers, and was not discharged by the time allowed. If husband and wife are separately indebted, and the property by a judgment and remain apart many years and afterward become reconciled the law of Louisiana affords no warrant for saying the debt of the wife is extinguished by the property is wiped out or that property acquired in the interim falls into the community. No article in the Louisiana code, which provides for the defendant has not filed her account. R. S. 9. She claims there are no funds. If so she has not performed her duty. Judgment reversed, and defendant removed from the administration.

No. 5025. Emily Archinard vs. Henry A. Boyce and Archinard's Bank. Fowlston Clark, intervenor and appellant.—From the Ninth Judicial District. Judgment reversed. Judgment in favor of appellant, and property to be returned to him.

No. 5077. William W. Edin vs. Edwin Chase, appellant.—From Seventh Judicial District. Judgment affirmed in reasons assigned by district judge.

City of New Orleans v. James Stafford.—Ruling allowed, returnable March 18. James Stafford vs. city of New Orleans.—By consent of counsel the rule herein is fixed for March 18, 1874.

Successions of Jean Cosar Schmidt, Jean Garcia y Nora and George Zickendorf opened.

United States Supreme Court. The following decision was rendered March 3, 1874: Oliver C. Morgan, executor, vs. William Gay, Administrator of the Estate of Louisiana. Strong, J. The testator was charged as the drawer and acceptor of an inland pay order, of which one Goodrich was the drawer, and with being the drawer of another, of which Picher and Goodrich were the drawers. The plaintiff did not allege that the payee and first indorser was a citizen of Louisiana, and the court only averring that he was a citizen of Louisville, Kentucky. This allegation is deemed insufficient to give the court jurisdiction, and the judgment is reversed. It is remanded, that amendments may be made to the pleadings showing the citizenship of the indorsers of the bills, and whether such as to give jurisdiction.

AMUSEMENTS.

Opera House. To-morrow at the matinee, Auber's grand opera, "La Muette de Portici," will be presented. M. Gueynard will sing the role of Raoul, and M. Gueynard will sing the role of Raoul. To-morrow night will occur the benefit of Captain Henry Ducaet, the controller of the Opera, "L'Africain," will be produced.

Incidentally this occasion has been chosen for the benefit of the most estimable citizens, who has been intrusted with that important department of the drama, the accommodation of the public. The benefit accorded to-night is an event of great importance to the opera troupe, as we trust, impressed them favorably with the appreciation for high art and hospitality of our people, but it must not be valued as a mere social gathering of our own city, who is a permanent participant in our good or evil fortunes. He has devoted himself ably, honestly, courteously and successfully to the accommodation of whatever our friends or our friends do to encourage him in the continued service which he so well performs, should be done. With his numerous friends and well wishers, and with an incidental attraction as "L'Africain," we trust Captain Ducaet will make a successful appeal to the public, whom he has served so faithfully in the duties of his office.

Mr. Robert M. Wade continues to act *Ex Pro Vice* at this theatre to the satisfaction of all who witness his performances. The play will act throughout, and the story scene always met with great success. The star will take his benefit on Friday evening, and will play *Ex Pro Vice* Saturday noon.

Mr. Frank McEvoy's new Hibernian, the well known pictorial exhibition of Irish scenery, will be unrolled at the Varieties Theatre on Monday evening next, continuing for a series of nights. Mr. Wm. Lawlor will appear as Barney the Guide, and will be assisted in songs and dances by Miss McCrea and Miss Kate Byrne.

Church Societies. The church societies of the city are holding their annual meetings at the Felicity Street Methodist Church this evening, and conclude to-morrow night. Those who wish to enjoy a pleasant evening, meeting, singing, and playing good music, and obtaining the best of refreshments at small price, can do no better than to visit the church upon one or both of the evenings of the societies.

On Saturday evening next the Variety Dramatic Club will give an entertainment at this theatre for the benefit of the St. Mary's Orphan Boys' Asylum, which will be performed in the grand drama of "Charles II." and the farce of "Who Speaks First."

William M. Ervatt tells this good story: "A few summers since, at the urgent request of one of his younger daughters, he sent up to his country place in Vermont a donkey for her use. She had a number of donkeys, but was not familiar with their peculiar vocalism. The animal's strange noises inspired her with the profoundest pity for his wretched lot, and she wrote long papers. 'Dear papa! I don't wish you would come up here soon, my donkey is so lonesome!'"

THE PEOPLE'S COLUMN.

(Brief Communications Published—Long Ones Invariably Rejected—The Editor not Responsible for the Sentiments Expressed in the Communications.)

The law promulgated in the official journal on the eighth instant, giving authority to the Common Council to make the taxes exigible on the thirty-first of March of each year, is one of the greatest outrages ever perpetrated against the owners of real estate in this city, and I am satisfied Governor Kellogg would not have signed the bill had he examined the subject more fully. So far as the personal tax is concerned it is proper to change the time of collection, but to set aside the established laws since the date of consolidation in 1852 argues very unfavorably for the wisdom of the Mayor and Administrators who originated the scheme. In one of the many decisions of the Supreme Court relative to taxes this language is used. "The corporation is not bound to tax both species of property at the same time (real estate and personal); a tax may be imposed on either alone." Therefore the law making the tax on real estate payable in the months of January, February and March, and exigible, that is, ready for the execution (the sheriff) on the first of April, is not only a bad financial measure on the part of the city, but extremely unjust, unjust and oppressive to one people.

The main revenues of the city government are from January to July, while the expenditures are about equal in all months of the year. In former years, when the Treasurer carried over a good balance on the first of July, the small revenues coming in would help out until December, when the sale of the revenues of the market, with the notes discounted by the Citizens' Bank for the full period, enabled the city to come out square by the first of January, when the licensees carried the government through until the taxes became payable on the first of March of each year.

As the expenditures for the twelve months are nearly equally divided, it would be better to conform the receipts to them as much as possible. Now let us see the effect of the change in the law. The licensees are collected in January and February, \$50,000; the taxes for city purposes, two per cent, \$2,000,000; amount collected in January, February and March, \$2,000,000. Total on the thirty-first March collected, \$2,500,000 for city purposes. Now deduct \$300,000 per month and you have \$1,900,000 in the hands of the fiscal agent, not counting back taxes, on the first of April of each year, to be disbursed for city purposes alone at the rate \$300,000 per month.

The taxes for interest alone, or more properly speaking for coupons, in 1873, amounted to \$1,578,423.68. One per cent of the three, amounting to \$1,578,423.68, is levied for the payment of this item. Now suppose \$1,000,000 of this sum is collected by the first of April. The Fiscal Agent pays up to that time \$417,720.22, leaving an amount, not counting back taxes, in round numbers of \$1,000,000. Let us recapitulate: There will be an deposit for city purposes in the hands of the Fiscal Agent on the first of April of each year, provided the tax is maintained of three per cent, the sum of \$1,000,000; amount to pay coupons, \$1,000,000; back taxes, \$1,000,000, making a total of \$3,000,000. From this amount I strike off \$300,000 reserved for police and other warrants, leaving \$2,700,000 on deposit April 1, which amount is disbursed by the Fiscal Agent on an average of \$225,000 per month.

Should the city reduce the rate of taxation the same principle will rule, and as a matter of course the deposit will not be so large, but work it as we may it is not proper for the city to have so many eggs in one basket. The city is paying the Fiscal Agent eight per cent annum interest on a large sum, probably \$600,000, assumed by the bank, and for which collaterals such as ten per cent bonds and market securities are given, while the bank will not allow the city one cent interest on the large amounts daily deposited to the credit of the several accounts from the collection of taxes made voluntary and by compulsion.

The city had best strain a point, and put the taxes down to one and a half per cent for all purposes. If, as has been stated, \$1,000,000 has been saved for the city or suspended for awhile, it can be easily done. Sell out the revenues of the wharves. Let out the cleaning and repairing of the streets by contract, and you will have no trouble. You will collect more taxes at one and a half than two and a quarter per cent. Be liberal in your arrangements for the payment of taxes; make them payable in four installments, say January, April, July and October. You will collect more freely by so doing, and disburse your collections more properly. Recollect that our community is impoverished; \$200,000,000 will scarcely place them in the position they were before this hellish strife commenced. Many that condemned it have been struck down and are now on the rolls of poverty. Look around. You will not have far to go to meet distress; it is not altogether in the hovels of the poor, but is found in the cottages amid families of honorable birth, whose saddened hearts but too plainly reveal the distress they by force of circumstances, are compelled to endure. These are the people stricken by this foul and obnoxious law. All fish that goes to the net of the tax gatherers and sheriff, the law touches all alike, and if the city Administrators have any sympathy for the rich, who are able to pay, they should be charitable to the poor and needy who are expected to deprive themselves of bread to pay exorbitant taxes fattened with exorbitant penalties.

I repeat, let the taxes be reduced to the lowest limit; property will then change hands and back taxes come in without compulsion. S. HOWELL.

The blank forms prepared by the House Committee on Education and Labor will be issued at once to the agricultural colleges of the country. The authorities of each institution are required to furnish the committee an accurate statement of the number of the students, 8. Character of the expenses of each department of instruction, the salaries of instructors, and every possible item of expense. Particular inquiry is made into the condition of the students, and the amount of their endowment, 2. Value of property, 3. Financial management, 4. Income, 5. Expenditures, 6. Debts, 7. Subsequent occupations of the students, 8. Character of instruction, 9. Graduates and discipline, 10. Conditions of admission, 11. The law of July, 1862, 12. Documents. Under the last head, but one the college authorities are asked, "Has your institution in good faith performed all the conditions and requirements of the statute of July, 1862, and the acts supplementary thereto? If not, state for what cause and in what particulars you have failed. Has the gift of the United States been preserved unimpaired and devoted to the purposes of your institution? If not, state for what cause and in what particulars you have failed, and under what circumstances?"

CITY ORDINANCES—OFFICIAL.

PUBLISHED BY AUTHORITY. MATHEW L. LUTZ, Mayor. [No. 2523—Administration Series.]

Resolved, That the City Attorney be and he is hereby authorized and directed to inquire into the part of the city of New Orleans, in the suit now pending before the Superior District Court by the Crescent City Gas Company as plaintiff and the New Orleans Gaslight Company as defendant, in order to protect, maintain and defend the interests and rights of the city so far as the same may be involved in or endangered by said suit, or any decree, or order, or other proceeding growing out of said suit, and to resist and controvert any claim set up by either of the above named parties, which may be adverse to the rights of the city.

Adopted by the Council of the city of New Orleans, March 10, 1874. A TRUE COPY: DANIEL SCULLY, Secretary.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

Northern Bank, New Orleans, July 12, 1873. The directors of the Northern Bank, New Orleans, Louisiana, in their annual meeting held on the 12th day of July, 1873, have resolved that the directors of the said bank be and they are hereby authorized and directed to receive for the payment of the same one year from the date of the publication of this notice, the office of Auditor of this State, who, on receiving satisfactory proof of the public debt, and the amount thereof, will surrender any funds he may hold for the payment of the said unredemmed notes.

La Variete Association, New Orleans, July 12, 1873. In accordance with article four of the charter of the La Variete Association, the directors of the said association are directed to receive for the payment of the same one year from the date of the publication of this notice, the office of Auditor of this State, who, on receiving satisfactory proof of the public debt, and the amount thereof, will surrender any funds he may hold for the payment of the said unredemmed notes.

New Orleans Mutual Insurance Association, New Orleans, February 14, 1873. Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the New Orleans Mutual Insurance Association, New Orleans, Louisiana, will be held on the 15th day of March, 1873, between 10 A. M. and 2 P. M., at the office of the Treasurer, for the purpose of reducing the capital stock, amending the charter of the said association, in accordance with article twelve of the charter.

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POLITICAL NOTICES.

Notice.—Hall Central Ward Club, First Ward. The Republicans of the First Ward are hereby notified to meet at their hall, corner Melpomene and St. Joseph streets, for the purpose of registering their names for an election for delegates to a parish convention to be held on the 15th day of April, next, in accordance with the order of the State Executive Committee, and the order of the Republican Central Executive Committee of this parish. The registration office will be open every evening from 7 o'clock to 10 o'clock, on the 15th day of March, 1874.

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INSURANCE.

NEW ORLEANS MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY. Corner of Canal and Camp Streets. FOURTEENTH ANNUAL STATEMENT.

In conformity with their charter, the company publish the following statement: Premiums during the year ending December 31, 1873: On fire risks, \$414,633.55; On marine risks, 101,180.83; On river risks, 42,874.36.

Total premiums, \$558,688.74. Less reserve for unexpired risks, December 31, 1873, \$125,605.93. Less returns premiums, 11,776.59—177,292.61. Net earned premiums, 421,776.42.

Reserves, \$125,605.93. Losses on fire, \$103,970.47. Losses on marine, 67,172.96. Losses on river, 9,571.20—200,714.63. Expenses, taxes, etc., less in advance, 17,401.45. Commissions on agency, 7,738.97. Rebate paid to the assured, 20,773.40. Semi annual interest on capital stock, 3,000.00. Five per cent paid August, 1873, 25,000.00. Five per cent paid in February, 25,000.00—50,000.00—417,514.63.

Reserved for unsettled claims, \$63,261.75. The company has the following assets: Cash, \$40,407.16. Bills receivable for premiums, 15,077.16. Bonds, city and others, 153,000.00. Stocks, Gas Company and others, 67,514.50. Real estate and mortgage notes, 575,738.69. Premiums in course of collection, 182,230.82. Suspense account, 3,500.79. Agency premiums for December, 10,123.20. Warranty account, 6,799.89. Louisiana Cotton, 4,234.21. Louisiana Cotton, 4,234.21. Property corner Canal and Camp streets, 70,622.77. Other real estate, 28,232.29. Due by insurance companies, 7,400.76. Total, \$774,560.77. Depreciation, 97,560.94. Cash market value, \$676,999.83.

LIABILITIES. Capital stock, \$500,000.00. Unexpended risks, 125,605.93. Interest on capital stock, 97,560.94. Arrears, 25,000.00. Interest and dividends uncollected, 11,115.13. Bills payable, 1,716.09. Claims unsettled, 3,261.75. Losses, two and a half per cent on losses, 10,125.97. Total, \$874,560.77. The above statement is a true and correct transcript from the books of the company.

J. W. HARRIS, Secretary. J. T. YVES, President. Sworn to and subscribed before me, this ninth day of January, A. D. 1874. P. CHARLES CUVILLIER, Notary Public, No. 140 Gravier street, New Orleans.

The semi-annual interest dividend of five per cent, due first MONDAY in February, will be paid to the stockholders on and after that date.

Directors: GEORGE URQUHART, M. PAYRO, H. G. GALEY, F. L. DE FORESTALL, GEORGE W. BARBOCK, AUGUST RICHARD, T. BAILEY BLANCHARD, E. MILTENBERGER, A. SCHREIBER, W. R. SCHMIDT, CHARLES LAPITTE, J. T. YVES. July 17.

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