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AUCTION SALES THIS DAY.

BY SHERIFF HARPER, at 12 o'clock, at Merchants and Auctioneers' Exchange, a lot, with buildings, on Erato, between Carondelet and Baronne streets. At 5 o'clock, at No. 725 Magazine street, furniture and movables.

BY S. GUINAULT, at 12 o'clock, at Merchants Auctioneers' Exchange, a lot, with buildings, on Frenchman, between Dauphine and Burgundy streets; two story brick house, corner of Chartres and Barracks streets; lot, with buildings, in square bounded by Gird, Annette, St. John the Baptist and St. Bernard streets.

BY C. E. GIRARDEY, at 12 o'clock, at the St. Charles Auction Exchange, mansion and outbuildings in square bounded by St. Charles avenue, and Joseph, Arabella and St. Denis streets; ten other squares in the same neighborhood, more or less improved, and bearing orange and fruit trees.

BY THE UNITED STATES MARSHAL, at 12 o'clock, at the Customhouse, the schooner Zilphey Arrancey, her tackle, etc.

BY H. M. VAN SOLINGEN, at 10 o'clock, at the Customhouse, seized goods.

BY R. M. & B. J. MONTGOMERY, at 11 o'clock, at the corner of Natchez and Camp streets, a general assortment of new and second-hand furniture, etc; and at stable corner of Baronne and Gravier streets, a trotting horse.

Local Intelligence.

IMPORTANT CHANGES IN THE METROPOLITAN POLICE FORCE.—Under the new laws the Board of Police Commissioners yesterday made the following changes:

Honorably discharged—E. E. Adams, chief clerk; Thomas Tallis, clerk central department; V. Meilly, clerk superintendent's office; J. Marshall, clerk at mounted precinct; Thomas Dogherty, doorman, superintendent's office.

The following appointments were made:

Captains—Thomas Flanagan, G. J. Schrieber, William McCann, O. Rey, P. Joseph, E. C. Fortier, A. Wilson, J. H. Lawlor.

Sergeants—B. Robinson, E. Rapp, P. Taylor, J. McCann, J. H. Moore, J. Gray, J. McManus, G. A. Thibaut, J. P. Champagne, J. Isabelle, E. T. Stamps, William Sullivan.

Corporals—D. S. Gaster, F. Bahncke, J. Hussey, R. Fuentes, E. C. Vankirk, D. Kelley, J. F. Clermont, G. H. Hammersley, J. F. Bancroft, G. W. Miller, H. C. Nichols, Charles Labuzan, W. Thornton, L. Remy, C. A. Bergeron, A. Reading, A. Freitag, J. Johnson, J. Ryan, J. C. Aucoin, A. Talbert, W. Carleton.

The following were reduced to the ranks: J. D. Foster, D. O'Sullivan, J. Kennedy, L. G. Axelson, A. Ferrand, J. Slabowski, W. Killinger, W. Sherman, W. Filerig, M. E. Imbert, J. Parker, J. C. Patterson, W. Hereford, C. Schill, E. Duval, A. Ramos, P. Kennedy, W. West, J. Ward, A. Cartwright, F. Coleman, A. Besler, L. Malone.

E. Baker, promoted to chief clerk to the board; C. A. Adams, operator in fire alarm office.

L. Malone is assigned to detective duty in the third precinct.

Assignments of captains, serjeants and corporals:

To first precinct—Captain, Thomas Flannagan; sergeants, J. McCann, J. H. Moore; corporals, J. F. Clermont, D. S. Gaster, G. H. Hammersley, J. F. Bancroft.

Second precinct—Captain, G. J. Schreiber; sergeant, B. Robinson; corporals, G. W. Miller, H. C. Nichols and C. A. Labuzan.

Captain Schreiber is detailed as chief of detectives, and Sergeant B. Robinson will assume command of the second precinct.

Third precinct—Captain, William McCann; sergeants, J. Gray, J. McManus; corporals, W. Thornton and L. Remy.

Fourth precinct—Captain, Octave Rey; sergeant, G. A. Thibaut; corporals C. Bergeron and A. Reading.

Fifth precinct—Captain, P. Joseph; sergeant, J. P. Champagne; corporals, A. Freitag, J. Johnson and J. Hussy.

Sixth precinct—Captain, E. C. Fortier; sergeant, J. Isabelle; corporals, J. Ryan and F. Bahncke.

Seventh precinct—Captain, A. Wilson, sergeant, E. T. Stamps; corporals J. C. Aucoin and A. Talbert.

Eighth precinct—Sergeant E. Rapp in command; corporal, H. Fuentes.

Harbor precinct—Captain, J. H. Lawlor; sergeant, William Sullivan; corporal, E. C. Vankirk.

Mounted precinct—Sergeant P. Taylor in command; corporals, W. Carleton and D. Kelly.

WALK UP TO THE CITY ASSESSOR'S OFFICE.—Although that "ten days" has expired delinquents may yet find a little grace to respond to that little printed notification. The clerks will be very polite to all callers.

ABOUT THIS TIME LOOK OUT FOR GOOD FISHING.—In the absence of hard work or other profitable employment, people who are inclined to hook and line may freely indulge in such wholesome recreation as fishing.

First, if you desire to pass a day pleasantly in taking small pan fish, go to Bayou Barataria, down through Harvey's canal. Several varieties of excellent perch can be caught there with almost any kind of bait, and the locality is a pleasant one, as deep shade is furnished by gigantic cypress trees. Skiffs can be obtained at this end of the canal, and the simplest kind of tackle will answer.

For trout and perch, go over to Covington and drop a line into the Abita, but do not try it as an experiment. Skill and experience are required to land the finest trout over there.

Striped bass, trout and perch may be pulled in at several of the near stations on the Mobile railroad, and the facilities are complete. Miller's Bayou is the favorite place, though Lookout station need not be shunned.

A few croakers have been caught in Lake Pontchartrain, but it is too early in the season for line fishing.

Other places are well known, but the above are the best for a trip of one or two days.

THE GRANT PARISH PRISONERS.—Mr. W. R. Whitaker, counsel for W. J. Cruikshank and others, charged with conspiracy and murder in Grant parish last April, and whose recent trial in the United States Circuit Court resulted in a mistrial, yesterday appeared before Judge Woods and asked that the prisoners be released on bail, expressing the belief that the court could grant the favor. Judge Woods deemed the case entirely with the court, and announced that he would go no farther than to release A. C. Lewis on a good bond, as that accused had been returned as not guilty as charged. Other indictments are standing against Lewis as well as against the others. It is impossible to say when the next trial will begin; it is doubtful as to this term of court.

ADDITIONS TO THE CITY TREASURY.—The several municipal courts made the following returns to the Administrator of Police for the week ending March 17:

First District, Judge Gernon	$127 50
Second District, Judge Staes	132 50
Third District, Judge Long	55 00
Fourth District, Judge McCullough	32 50
Total	$347 50

BRIEF MENTION.—Although Poydras street does not run east and west, the new moon went to bed at the lake end of that thoroughfare last night.

The levee bulkheads at the head of Lapeyrouse street, about fourteen feet, has been stolen off, as is supposed, by people who needed fire wood. The other portions of that section of the levee remain sound.

The levee, from the upper Algiers ferry landing to Gretna, is in excellent condition.

Laborers are actively employed on the suspected levee at the Aurora (Morgan's) plantation.

Governor Randolph, of New Jersey, accompanied by Mr. R. D. Silly, is here trying to show the great advantages of a new ditching machine. The matter was referred to the park commissioners, as an application was made to test the apparatus at the new park.

Not less than a dozen couples availed themselves of St. Joseph's day to let people know that Cupid had called on them.

Coroner Folwell held an inquest on the body of Henry Coleman, at the Charity Hospital, and the verdict is that death was caused by a gunshot wound at the hands of John Britton.

Four steamboats tied to firm posts yesterday. Cause—No business.

Bartley Collins, Patrick Jones, George Finnegan and John Powers were before Judge McArthur yesterday, charged with robbing Cousley's grocery. Accused requested that the papers be sent to the Criminal Court, and they were gratified. No bail furnished.

A. Hils, patrolman in the fourth precinct, died Thursday night, at No. 756 Magazine street, of small-pox.

Peter Schmidt, not a deacon or a member of any religious organization, was collared by Detective Dumas. Peter is one of the horticulturists who stole a lot of fine camelia trees from Mr. Rusch's garden several weeks ago.

A. B. Befron was deprived of his watch and chain, and the chain was found on Manuel Parada, who in part acknowledged the corn. His liberty is cut as short as summer hair.

A FINANCIAL HAUL AND A NEW DEPARTURE.—Marx Elkin, once on a time somewhat mixed in the Crystal Palace cigar case and other trifles, is just now earnestly looked for by the police, because Mr. Gretsche, keeper of a beerhouse in Exchange alley, is firm in the belief that he (Elkin) deliberately stole a clean $1000 from him while a guest or inmate of his house. Exactly how it was done is not much clearer than mud, but that it was done is the belief of the beer seller, who is a very clever gentleman. A waiter girl in another beerhouse weeps because Marx has her diamond ring, and can't be found. Elkin seemed a very modest and well behaved young man, and to look at him no one would suppose that he could go to the bad.

COURT RECORD.

FRIDAY, MARCH 20, 1874.

United States Circuit Court.

United States vs. Hadnot et al.—Motion to admit to bail refused, except in the case of Alfred C. Lewis.

Superior District Court.

The following supplemental petition was filed:

To the Honorable the Judge of the Superior District Court in and for the parish of Orleans:

State of Louisiana ex rel. Attorney General vs. Charles Clinton, Auditor, and Antoine Dubuclet, Treasurer.—The amended and supplemental petition of the State of Louisiana, through A. P. Field, Attorney General, respectfully represents:

That since the filing of the original petition herein, he has discovered that various items and clauses in the act No. 59, entitled "An act making appropriations for the general expenses of the State for the year ending thirty-first day of December, 1874," and particularly the second section of the act aforesaid, is invalid, and all the appropriations enumerated in the said second section are in violation of the constitution of Louisiana, null and void, and should not be paid.

Your petitioner alleges that according to the title of the act no appropriation could be legally made, except for the expenses of the government incurred in the year 1874, as in said title designated. The said second section seeks to appropriate money out of the public treasury for different years prior to 1874, and running back as far as 1868.

That the third section of said act seeks to make warrants directed to be issued under said section two, and drawn for debts due prior to the passage of said act, receivable in payment in full of all taxes, licenses, etc., due the State prior to 1874, which is in violation of the provisions of the funding bill, and to a certain extent making them a circulating medium in the community, in violation of the constitution of the United States, prohibiting a State from issuing bills of credit.

Petitioners further represent that, adopting all the allegations and charges in the original petition, set forth in relation to the items therein contained, and applying them to each and every item contained in said second section, petitioner prays that this amended and supplemental petition be filed, and that Charles Clinton, Auditor, be enjoined, restrained and prohibited from auditing any claim, or issuing any warrants or certificates of indebtedness, under any appropriation claimed to be made in said second section in said act No. 59; and that Antoine Dubuclet, State Treasurer, be enjoined and restrained from paying; or receiving into the treasury, any warrants or certificates of indebtedness issued under any appropriation claimed to be made in section two of act No. 59.

Your petitioner further prays, after due legal proceedings had, that the injunction herein prayed for be made perpetual, and that the second and third sections of said appropriation bill, No. 59, be declared unconstitutional, null and void; and further, petitioner prays for all general and equitable relief in the premises.

A. P. FIELD, Attorney General.

Petition ordered filed, and injunction issued as prayed for, without bond.

First District Court.

NOLLE PROSEQUI ENTERED.

Larceny—F. P. Benedict, Henry Duvall, Mrs. Hart, Charles Austin, Marie Philomene, Marie Rose.

Assault and battery—August Hidon.

PLEADED NOT GUILTY.

Burglary—John Williams.

Assault and battery—Pat Murphy, David Shannon.

INFORMATIONS FILED.

Assault with intent to rob—John Henry.

Larceny—James Reinhart alias Flash Coon, John Foster, Reuben Baker.

Assault and battery—A. Adler.

Assault—Robert Scott.

Vagrant—Theo. George.

VERDICT.

State vs. Denon Decade.—Larceny; guilty.

SENTENCED.

State vs. John Lee.—Larceny; three months in Parish Prison.

MISTRIAL.

State vs. James Anderson.—Larceny.

BOND FORFEITED.

State vs. William Hall.—Two cases. Accused not appearing, judgment was entered against his securities, Charles Nelson and Mrs. Clara Brown, for $500 each.

Second District Court.

Successions of Jean B. Grossier, Claude Panty, Almedia Howe, Charles N. Coignard and Irma Carel, his wife, and Elyzabeth Smith, wife of William H. Hunt, opened.

Petition of interdiction filed in case of Mrs. Eliza Shepherd.

Fifth District Court.

George L. Gettworth and wife vs. Teutonia Insurance Company.—The array of petty jurors has been challenged in this on the ground that the sheriff in drawing the names did not use a list containing the names of all who are liable to jury duty, alleging that at least 10,000 qualified voters were omitted.

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Mr. Edwin Adams.

This distinguished tragedian, who recently closed an engagement at the St. Charles Theatre, New Orleans, has, accompanied by his lady, been making a visit to his friend and fellow-actor, Mr. Joseph Jefferson, on the beautiful orange island, near this place. We hope the visit to our healthful country and delightful climate will greatly benefit Mr. Adams' health, which we believe is not very good.—*New Iberia Sugar-Bowl.*

Acquitted.

Mr. Vileor Vallot, who, in 1853, killed Sosthene Guidry in Lafayette parish, but lately returned and surrendered himself for trial, was acquitted by the jury before whom the case was brought by a change of venue in Judge Train's court last Saturday. It seems the killing was done in self defense, and hence the verdict.—*New Iberia Sugar-Bowl.*

"Romance of Politics in the Backwoods."

EDITOR REPUBLICAN:

I had intended to prepare chapter twelve of this subject for next Sunday's REPUBLICAN, but amid the recent "wreck of matter and crash of worlds," I have not been able to do so—or, rather have not chosen to do so. Will go home—if the pruning hook of "injunction" will allow me—and continue the subject in the Homer *Iliad*. You will, I trust, copy my articles. The next chapter will be devoted to the Republican State ticket run and supposed to have been elected in the last campaign. I propose to show that much injustice, as usual, was inflicted upon North Louisiana in the formation of that ticket; and I propose to show that much of our present troubles are but the natural fruits of that injustice.

And allow me to say to you, Mr. Editor, and through you to our party friends, that the present condition of affairs and the present temper of our party leaders and our high officials, can not much longer exist without a total and final death and extermination of the Republican party of Louisiana. I think I am a pretty good party man, and can bear and forbear much for the sake of party unity; but I am not yet a slave nor a dog, and hold that there should be at least a little honor and decent manhood left even to the political and party relations of life.

I for one do not propose to put men into office and uphold them there to crush out not only the life-blood of the State, but also every vestige of individual prosperity and happiness. This is a phase in politics which is a little too romantic for me quietly to submit to forever, either in the backwoods or elsewhere.

I ask the Republican party to look to this thing in time, and be ready to redeem and avenge itself when the proper occasion shall arrive.

W. JASPER BLACKBURN.

New Orleans, March 20, 1874.

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.
Augusta	74	S. W.	Cloudy.
Cairo	55	S. E.	Fair.
Cincinnati	52	N. W.	Clear.
Davenport	51	S. W.	Fair.
Dubuque	51	S. W.	Fair.
Fort Sully	42	N.	Fair.
Galveston	76	S.	Fair.
Indianola	73	S.	Cloudy.
Keokuk	56	S. W.	Fair.
Key West	82	E.	Fair.
Lacrosse	52	S.	Fair.
Leavenworth	58	S.	Cloudy.
Louisville	52	N. E.	Fair.
Memphis	54	N. E.	Cloudy.
Nashville	54	N. E.	Fair.
New Orleans	78	S.	Fair.
New York	49	N. W.	Clear.
Omaha	56	W.	Fair.
Pittsburg	47	N. W.	Fair.
Savannah	62	S.	Fair.
Shreveport	53	E.	Heavy rain.
St. Louis	55	S. E.	Fair.
St. Paul	40	W.	Fair.
Vicksburg	60	S. E.	Cloudy.
Yankton	50	N. W.	Clear.
Baltimore	52	N. W.	Fair.
Mobile	75	N.	Fair.
Montgomery	83	S. W.	Cloudy.

THE RIVERS.

Stations.	Rise, inches.	Fall, inches.	Above low water mark. Ft.	In.
Cairo	..	2	36	9
Cincinnati	4	..	16	5
Davenport	..	12½	6	0
Dubuque	5	..	8	4
Helena	1	..	42	5
Keokuk	..	..	31	0
Leavenworth	10	..	2	11
Louisville	..	..	3	2
Memphis	..	1	33	10
Nashville	60	..	26	6
New Orleans	4	..	..	..
Pittsburg	36	..	19	8
Shreveport	1	10	26	10
St. Louis	..	5	15	0
Vicksburg	4	..	42	4
Yankton	..	3	8	5

The river here is one foot nine inches below high water mark of 1871.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

Notice.—Home Missionary Society, New Orleans, March 19, 1874.—The members of the above association are hereby notified that the twenty-third annual election of said society will take place on MONDAY, April 6, 1874, and they are requested to meet on SATURDAY next, twenty-first instant, for the purpose of making nominations, at 7 P. M.

By order of R. H. ISABELLE, President.
G. A. DEAN, Secretary. mh20 3t

Last Notice.—Office Loan and Pledge Association, otherwise called Accommodation Bank, in liquidation, corner of Camp and Perdido streets, New Orleans, March 19, 1874.—Parties having pledges left in the above named institution are hereby notified that they may redeem them until TUESDAY, the twenty-fourth instant, otherwise they will be sold on WEDNESDAY, twenty-fifth instant, without fail, at auction.

For further particulars see advertisement of Messrs. Hoffman, Marks & Co.

mh20 1d D. URBAN, Liquidator.

Southern Bank, New Orleans, July 12, 1873.—Notice is hereby given that the unredeemed notes issued by the old "Southern Bank" must be presented for payment within one year from the first publication of this notice, at the office of the Auditor of this State, who, on receiving satisfactory proof of the publication of this notice for one year, as aforesaid, will surrender any funds he may hold for the payment of the said unredeemed notes.

jy13 eowly J. GARR, Cashier

POLITICAL NOTICES.

Sixth Ward Radical Republican Central Club, New Orleans, March 21, 1874.—The officers and members of this club are notified that a meeting of the club will be held on MONDAY, March 23, at seven o'clock, at the hall of the club, on Claiborne street, near Ursulines street, for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing year. Prompt attendance of members is requested.

B. F. JOUBERT, President.
L. LAMANIERE, Jr., Secretary. mh21 2t*

Tenth Ward Radical Republican Central Club.—Special meeting on SATURDAY, March 21, at 7:30 P. M. Punctual attendance is requested, as business of importance will come before the meeting. CHARLES BIBB, President.
R. H. MCLEMORE, Secretary. mh21 1t*

Kellogg and Antoine Pioneers, Third Ward Sub Club.—A meeting of the above club was held on Thursday, March 19, 1874, at the Isabelle Hall, on Franklin street. The club proceeded to reorganize, and the following officers were elected: President, R. H. Isabelle; first vice president, George Devezin; second vice president, W. L. Evans; third vice president, Robert Diamond; fourth vice president, Charles Montaldo; secretary, John Daley; assistant secretary, George C. Mason; marshal, James Pendergrast.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That we adhere to the Central Club of the ward, of which Hon. C. F. Ladd is president, and we indorse the action of our Representatives and Senators in the General Assembly, and that this resolution be published in the New Orleans Republican.

The club adjourned to meet on Tuesday next.

R. H. ISABELLE, President.
L. D. HERBERT, Secretary pro tem. mh21

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C. D. STURTEVANT, Cashier.
fe24 1y HENRY BAGAS, Assistant Cashier.

CORPORATIONS.

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

STATE OF LOUISIANA.

PARISH OF ORLEANS, CITY OF NEW ORLEANS.

Be it known that on this twentieth day of the month of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-four, and of the independence of the United States of America the ninety-eighth, before me, Gustave LeGardeur, Jr., a notary public, duly commissioned and sworn, in and for the parish and city aforesaid, therein residing, and in the presence of the witnesses hereinafter named and undersigned, personally came and appeared Messrs. Michel Musson, John B. Camors, Lemuel J. Webster, Abraham Hirsch, Eustace F. Golsan, John Leisy, Henry Abraham, Anthony J. Gomila, Ivory K. Small, James Plaisent and Louis Schneider, all of this city, and composing the Board of Directors of the New Orleans Mutual Insurance Association, a corporation organized under the laws of this State, and having its domicile in this parish of Orleans, the said appearers herein acting in their aforesaid capacity, by virtue of a resolution adopted by the stockholders of said corporation, at their general meeting on the nineteenth day of March, 1874, a certified copy whereof is hereto annexed for reference.

Which said appearers declared in their said capacity, that in order to carry into effect, and causing to be recorded the resolutions adopted at a general meeting of the stockholders of the said corporation, held on the nineteeth day of March, 1874, pursuant to a call made by the Board of Directors, specially for the purpose of taking into consideration and voting upon the adoption of amendments proposed to the charters or acts of incorporation of the New Orleans Insurance Association, and New Orleans Mutual Insurance Association, by the Board of Directors at their sitting on the thirteenth day of February, 1874, which said call was advertised by notices in the New Orleans Republican, Picayune and Bee, newspapers published in the city of New Orleans, from the fifteenth day of February last until the day of holding said general meeting, as will more fully appear by reference to the annexed certified copy of the proceedings of the said general meeting of the stockholders, wherein stockholders owning and representing in the aggregate two thousand five hundred and twenty-four shares of the capital stock of the said corporation, being more than the three-fourths required by law of the whole number of shares represented at said general meeting, to wit: Two thousand and thirty-four shares, voted in favor of the adoption of the said amendments.

They, the said appearers, acting in their aforesaid capacity, do by these presents, in behalf of the stockholders of the said New Orleans Mutual Insurance Association, declare, proclaim and publish the said amendments to the charters or acts of incorporation of the New Orleans Insurance Association, and New Orleans Mutual Insurance Association, which have been adopted at the said general meeting of the stockholders of the said corporation, to be henceforth binding and obligatory upon the stockholders of the said corporation and all others whom the same shall or may concern and that the charters or acts of incorporation of the said New Orleans Insurance Association and New Orleans Mutual Insurance Association are accordingly amended so as to read as follows:

ARTICLE I.

1. The domicil of this corporation is established in the said city of New Orleans, and it shall hereafter be designated and known under the name of the NEW ORLEANS INSURANCE ASSOCIATION.

2. It shall exist for twenty-five years from the date of the original charter of the New Orleans Insurance Association, to wit: from the seventh day of August, 1869, unless its affairs should be sooner liquidated and settled by order of three-fourths of the stockholders, as provided in article eleven of this charter.

3. It shall have a corporate seal, the device upon which shall be a crescent, encircled with the name of the association.

4. The president, or in his absence the secretary, shall be the proper officer upon whom to serve citations in all suits against the association.

ARTICLE II.

The objects and purposes of this association are declared to be:

1. To make insurance on dwelling houses, stores and other buildings, household furniture, merchandise and other property against loss or damage by fire.

2. To make marine and river insurance upon vessels, freights, steamboats, goods, wares, merchandise specie, bullion, bills of exchange, commissions, profits, bank notes and other evidences of debt, bottomry and respondentia interests, and to make all and every insurance appertaining to or connected with marine or inland transportation risks. In other words, to effect fire, marine, river and inland insurance of any kind whatsoever, with privilege of exercising all or either of said purposes in this State, or in any other State or Territory of the United States, or in any foreign country.

3. To cause themselves to be reinsured against any risks upon which they have made or shall make insurance.

ARTICLE III.

1. The capital stock of the association is hereby reduced to three hundred thousand dollars, divided into shares of thirty dollars each. Any and all sums, except interest, realized from the assets of the association over and above the reduced value of thirty dollars per share, shall accrue and be exclusively applied as stock dividends to the holder of the stock so reduced.

2. The capital stock may be increased not to exceed three millions of dollars, divided into shares of thirty dollars each to be paid for at the time and in the manner hereinafter provided for in article four of this charter.

Each fiscal year shall end on December 31.

3. No certificate of stock shall be issued until the same is paid in full, and no transfer of less than one full share permitted, except at the pleasure of the directors, and the transferee assuming all indebtedness thereon.

4. Transfers of stock shall be made on the books of the association at its office in the city of New Orleans only, on demand of the legal holder thereof, and of surrender of certificate, but not while any matured indebtedness to the association exists on the part of the holder.

5. In addition to the capital stock of the association a contingent fund shall be created, to consist of all interest received, of profits on loans and investments, and of all amounts received from other sources than premiums; including the portion of net profits on premiums appropriated in article five, section four, to the creation and maintenance of said contingent fund. From this fund dividends of interest shall be made to stockholders.

6. At the close of each fiscal year an interest dividend of ten per cent shall be declared on the amount of stock paid in, at such time as the directors may direct; provided that if the annual increase of the contingent fund should be found insufficient to pay the said interest, then the deficiency shall be made up and paid out of the net profits of the business of the year; and provided further that the interest dividend on the capital stock may be declared and paid semi-annually, if earned, at the option of the directors, but the amount of same shall not exceed ten per cent per annum until the contingent fund shall have accumulated to the extent of $300,000, after which extra interest dividends may be declared from its earnings to stockholders.

These dividends shall cover all participation in the profits of the association except as hereinafter provided for in article five, section four and section six.

Any excess of the contingent fund, after payment of the interest dividend above provided for, shall accumulate, and shall not be appropriated except for the payment of losses, after all other funds of the company (except the capital stock) shall have been exhausted, and as is further provided for in section four of article five of this charter, and shall always be held as a protection for the capital stock until the same shall amount to five hundred thousand dollars; the surplus beyond which may be appropriated from year to year, as the directors may deem expedient.

7. The contingent fund shall never be invested in anything but United States government securities.

ARTICLE IV.

1. All persons who may hereafter subscribe to the capital stock of this association, shall pay ten per cent or three dollars on each share, in cash, passing their notes, well approved, to the association for the remaining ninety per cent, or twenty-seven dollars per share, payable at such times as the board of directors may determine.

2. Said notes shall contain a clause to the effect that if, in the judgment of the directors, the interests of the association require it, these notes or any portion of them shall be due and payable in such sums, and at such times as the directors may determine, after a thirty days' notice thereof, provided that not less than thirty days shall intervene between the time of payment of each installment.

3. The non-payment of said notes, or installments on the same, as above provided for, shall forfeit the entire stock to the association, together with all accumulation thereon, and all interest or benefits thereunto belonging, or the association may enforce the payment of the stock, at its option, provided that the Board of Directors may extend said payments for such time as they deem proper; provided also the stock so forfeited may be transferred with the consent of the Board of Directors.

4. For the foregoing subscriptions, receipts (not transferable) signed by the president and secretary shall be issued to subscribers, acknowledging the amount paid in cash and notes given, which receipts shall be surrendered to the association on issue of certificates of stock, as provided for in section three, article three.

5. No stockholder shall, in any event, be made liable for the losses of the association in any larger sum than the amount of his, her or their subscriptions to the capital stock, and his, her or their indebtedness to the association.

ARTICLE V.

The more effectually to carry out the objects and purposes of this association, it is hereby declared:

1. That the capital stock of the association, or any portion thereof, once subscribed, shall never be used for the liquidation of losses, or for any other purpose, until all the other available resources of the association shall have been first exhausted.

2. Whenever it shall have been necessary to use any portion of the capital of the association for the liquidation of losses, or otherwise, no dividend or interest shall be declared or paid until said losses shall be made good; but all earnings and profits, from whatever sources derived, shall be reserved until the capital is re-established.

3. That all dividends declared, as provided for in article three and in section four of article five of this charter, shall be made payable to the stockholders or their legal representatives, in cash, at the discretion of the directors, provided, that no dividend shall be paid while there exists any matured indebtedness of whatever kind against the holder; but the same shall be passed to the credit of said indebtedness until satisfied.

4. That within the month of January, in each and every year, the annual statement shall be made up to December 31, preceding, inclusive, in the following manner, to wit: 1. Showing the amount of premiums received on fire, river and marine risks, each deducting therefrom the amount of same not terminated. 2. Showing the amount of losses paid on fire, river and marine risks, each, reinsurance, return premiums, general expenses, losses, and cash return, less savings. The balance will show the net profits or premiums for the year. From this balance, the deficiency, if any, as provided for in section six, article three, of this charter, shall be taken; the balance then remaining shall be divided as follows: Eighty-five per cent to the stockholders of the association pro rata on the amount of earned premiums by each paid in within the year; and fifteen per cent shall be applied to the creation and maintenance of the contingent fund as provided for in sections five, six and seven, of article three; provided that no dividend of less than five dollars shall be declared, nor shall any dividend declared contain any fractional part of the said unit of five dollars, and that all such fractional sums shall be carried to the credit of the contingent fund.

5. That no dividend declared shall bear interest, and that any dividend unclaimed for the term of three years from the date declared shall be forfeited to the association and carried to the credit of the contingent fund, after the publication of the same once a week for four weeks successively.

Whenever a dividend is called for after being thus advertised the party entitled to it shall pay cost of advertising.

6. That any party insuring with the association, may receive such a cash return as the directors may from time to time determine, and any stockholder receiving such cash return, shall not forfeit his claim to any further participation in the profits of the association as provided for in section four of this article of the charter.

7. All premiums shall be due and payable in cash at the end of each month, in default of which the association may cancel the policy on giving ten days notice to the insured and to the party to whom the loss, if any, is made payable.

8. That within the month of January, annually, the president shall cause to be made a statement of the net profits of the association, as provided for in section four of this article, and shall cause the same to be published in at least two of the city papers for one month, together with a statement of the assets of the association, distinguishing the portion of same which is in cash, and the portion thereof invested in securities, and the nature thereof. This publication shall be made under oath of the president and secretary, and shall be conclusive and binding upon all persons interested.

TICLE VI.

1. All the powers of the association shall be exercised by a Board of Directors, to consist of twelve persons, three of whom shall form a quorum for the transaction of business.

2. The election of directors of the association shall be held on the fourth Monday of December, annually, at the office of the association, in the city of New Orleans, of which the president shall cause at least fifteen days previous notice to be given in two of the public newspapers printed in said city. The Board of Directors shall appoint three stockholders of the association inspectors to preside at such elections; and if any of the said inspectors decline or fail to attend, the president may appoint others to fill such vacancies.

3. The Board of Directors thus elected are to take their seats on the fourth Monday in January, after the election, and to hold the same one year therefrom until others are elected in their stead.

4. In all elections the vote shall be by ballot, and all those persons receiving a plurality of votes shall be considered duly elected. In the event of no election taking place on the day aforesaid, the president shall cause another election to take place within ten days thereafter, and give notice of the same by advertisement in one or more of the public newspapers published in this city.

5. The Board of Directors shall annually, at their first meeting, elect by ballot a president, who shall, if not elected from among themselves, be ex officio member of the Board of Directors, and who shall hold his office until his successor is elected and qualified. The president shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors and at the meetings of the stockholders of the association, and shall conduct the business of the association generally under the supervision of the Board of Directors.

6. In the absence of the President, the Board of Directors shall elect one of their members to act in the place and stead of said President during his absence. The Board of Directors shall also appoint all the other officers and clerks of the association.

7. The Board of Directors shall fix the compensation of all officers and clerks employed or elected by said association. All employes shall hold their offices at the will of the Board of Directors, and shall only receive salary for the time they render service.

8. The Board of Directors shall invest the profits of the association, as hereinafter provided for. They shall have power to adopt such by-laws as they may deem necessary and convenient for the government and regulation of the association, not contrary to the charter or the acts of the Legislature of this State providing for the organization and regulation of corporations.

9. Each and every stockholder shall be entitled at elections, either in person or by proxy, to one vote on each and every share of the capital stock which he, she or they may respectively hold, but not to vote on any stock to him, her or them transferred within three months prior to said election.

10. No person shall be a director of the association who does not, at the time of his election, and during his continuance in office, hold in his own name, or in the name of the commercial firm of which he may be a member, at least twenty shares of the capital stock thereof.

ARTICLE VII.

1. It shall be lawful for the Board of Directors to invest the capital stock and other moneys of the association (except the contingent fund) in bonds and mortgages on unincumbered and improved real estate in the parishes of Orleans and Jefferson, to an amount not exceeding three-fourths of the capital stock, and in every case the property shall be worth twice the amount loaned thereon. They may also invest the capital stock and other cash funds of the association, in any bonds or stocks created by or under the laws of the United States, or of this State, or of corporations of this State, or loan its funds on pledge of any of the aforesaid securities, bonds or stocks.

2. The corporation may hold real estate to an amount not exceeding one-fourth of its capital stock, but it shall be lawful for the Board of Directors, in addition to purchases in any property which may be mortgaged to the association, at any forced sale of the same, if in their opinion the interest of the association would be promoted thereby.

3. They shall have power to dispose of mortgages obtained by way of security, or of bonds or stocks pledged for security, or of property conveyed to them in satisfaction of debts previously contracted, or purchased at public sale upon judgments or orders of seizure obtained by said association, or of any property, movable or immovable, which may have been abandoned to said association, or for or concerning the operations of its business, but nothing herein contained shall be so construed as to authorize the said association to engage in mercantile or agricultural business, nor in commission, brokerage, stock jobbing, exchange or banking business of any kind, either directly or indirectly; provided that the association shall have the right to purchase a property or building for the purpose of establishing an office therein.

ARTICLE VIII.

The following named persons duly elected directors of the association on Monday, the twenty-second day of December, 1873, shall continue in office under this amended charter until the fourth Monday in January, 1875, or until their successors are elected and qualified. They are hereby vested with all the rights and powers thereunto belonging, with power to fill any vacancies which may occur in their number, and generally to do and perform all acts and things not herein provided for, which may be necessary to carry into full effect the objects and purposes of this association:

M. MUSSON, J. B. CAMORS,
J. LEISY, L. J. WEBSTER,
HY. ABRAHAM, A. J. GOMILA,
ABE HIRSCH, I. K. SMALL,
E. F. GOLSAN, J. PLAISENT,
LOUIS SCHNEIDER.

ARTICLE IX.

No stockholder shall ever be held liable or responsible for the contracts or faults of this corporation in any further sum than the unpaid balance due to the association on the shares owned by him; nor shall any mere informality in organization have the effect of rendering this charter null or of exposing a stockholder to any liability beyond the amount of his stock.

ARTICLE X.

The stockholders of the association, at a general meeting to be convened for the purpose, after thirty days' notice in two of the newspapers published in this city, shall have the power to make any changes, additions or modifications in the act of incorporation, or even to dissolve it, provided that three-fourths of the votes represented at such meeting shall vote in favor of such proposed measures, and any and all such modifications, alterations, amendments or dissolution shall be recorded and published according to law.

ARTICLE XI.

At the expiration of the charter, or sooner, if ordered by three-fourths of the votes of the stockholders, as provided in article ten, the affairs of this association shall be liquidated, according to law, under the charge and superintendence of three commissioners, appointed by the last board of directors, and who shall exercise all the corporate powers and functions necessary for the settlement and liquidation of the affairs of the same, with power to fill any vacancies which may occur in their number.

Each of said commissioners shall be a citizen of this State, and not indebted to the corporation, and the Board of Directors may fix their compensation and the amount of security to be given by them.

ARTICLE XII.

All acts or parts of acts passed before G. Le Gardeur, Jr., notary public, in and for the parish of Orleans and city of New Orleans, at the following dates, and by the following parties, to wit:

On the seventh of August, 1869, by Messrs. C. Cavaroc, Œnichen & Pothier, S. Cambon, U. Marinoni, Mummay, Luling & Co