their dead; to provide for their widows and orphans, and to regulate the time and fix the price of labor of working upon the shores or levees of the city of New Orleans of the members of the association.

SEC. 4. Be it further enacted, etc., That the officers of said association shall consist of a president, two vice presidents, a treasurer, a secretary and a grand marshal and two assistants, and a chaplain, all of whom and six members shall constitute a board of trustees, to be elected at such time and manner as may be provided and set forth in the by-laws of the association, to be adopted by a majority of the members at the first or any subsequent meetings of the association, and for the purpose of thus organizing, a majority of the persons named in section first of this act is hereby authorized and empowered to call a meeting of themselves and such other persons who may have associated themselves with them, at such time and place as they may deem proper and convenient, but the time of said meeting shall be within thirty days after the promulgation of this act. Said board of trustees, when so elected, shall serve for the term of one year from date of said election and until their successors are elected and qualified, and shall exercise all powers which may be vested in them by the by-laws of this association and this act of incorporation. A majority of said board of trustees shall be necessary to form a quorum, as also to elect any officer thereof and appoint employes and to do all things vested in them by the by-laws.

SEC. 5. Be it further enacted, etc., That the association shall have power and are hereby authorized to levy or impose such initiation fee, tax and contribution upon their members as may be deemed necessary, and to collect the same in any manner they may adopt not contrary to the laws of this State or of the United States.

SEC. 6. Be it further enacted, etc., That in the event of the association desiring to erect a suitable building or buildings for the exclusive use of the association in carrying out their charitable purposes, the board of trustees are hereby authorized and empowered to issue bonds in payment for the land and the erection thereupon the building or buildings required, said bonds to run for such time and for such amount, and payable in such manner and bear such interest as may be agreed upon by a majority of the members of the association at a meeting especially called for that purpose, and after notice of thirty days; provided, said amount of bonds thus directed to be issued shall not exceed the amount of twenty thousand dollars.

SEC. 7. 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 March 23, 1874.
(Signed) WILLIAM P. KELLOGG,
Governor of the State of Louisiana.
A true copy:
P. G. DESLONDE,
Secretary of State.

## No. 88.
## AN ACT

Authorizing Henry T. Burkholter to adopt Henry S. Burkholter his son, of the parish of Washington.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana in General Assembly convened, That Henry Burkholter, of the parish of Washington, be and he is hereby authorized to adopt Henry S. Burkholter his son, of the parish of Washington, by an act before any notary public of the parish of Washington.

(Signed) CHARLES W. LOWELL,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
(Signed) C. C. ANTOINE,
Lieutenant Governor and President of the Senate.
Approved March 21, 1874.
(Signed) WILLIAM P. KELLOGG,
Governor of the State of Louisiana.
A true copy:
P. G. DESLONDE,
Secretary of State.

## No. 87.
## AN ACT

To incorporate the St. Louis Roi and St. Angela Mutual and Benevolent Association of New Orleans, Louisiana.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana in General Assembly convened, That A. Bodreau, Louis Das, Joseph Scipion, Helen Das, F. H. Boissiere, L. Fortier, A. Jean and Alexis Ramee, on the part of St. Louis Roi and C. Louis, E. Ernest, M. Rivard, Augustine Adolph, E. Achille, J. Mathurin, M. J. Labatut and their associates be and are hereby constituted a body politic and corporate under the name and title of St. Louis Roi, St. Angela Mutual Benevolent Association of New Orleans, Louisiana, for the object and purpose of creating and perpetuating a charitable association. They shall be capable, in law, to purchase, receive, lease, sell personal or real estate; they shall have a common seal, and may change or alter the same at pleasure, and by said corporate names may sue or be sued, and shall have power under the above titles a perpetual succession of officers and members. They shall have full power to adopt such by-laws, rules or regulations for their government as they may deem proper, and to modify or change the same at will; provided, that such by-laws, rules or regulations shall not be in conflict with the constitution of the United States or the State of Louisiana and the laws thereof.

SEC. 2. Be it further enacted, etc., That the two above associations do agree, without losing their distinctive and particular character, [and] resolve themselves into a legal and common organization, under the name and title of St. Louis and St. Angela Mutual and Benevolent Association of New Orleans, Louisiana, which will be governed by a supreme council of administrators or directors.

SEC. 3. Be it further enacted, etc., That they declare and convened by the presents constituted themselves, and all the members duly recognized and those who may become members of the two different associations above named, in one corporation of assistance and mutual association under the common title of St. Louis Roi and St. Angela.

SEC. 4. Be it further enacted, etc., That those societies keep their seat of operation in the city of New Orleans, and the term of their duration is fixed to thirty years, unless the legitimate members of said corporation sees fit to dissolve before the expiration of said term by legal means.

SEC. 5. Be it further enacted, etc., That the council of administrators or directors will be composed of a president, vice president, secretary, assistant secretary, treasurer, two zealots, two commissaries.

SEC. 6. Be it further enacted, etc., That the president in default, the vice-president will be the officer on which will be served all public or private documents relative to the business of said society, such as notices, petitions and other judicial or extra judicial, and in this order the said officers will have the right to represent said societies in all contracts, public or private acts having in sight the alienation or administration of the property of the associations; also all the affairs in general, nevertheless after having had the authorization of the council of administrators or directors.

SEC. 7. Be it further enacted, etc., That this act 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 March 21, 1874.
(Signed) WILLIAM P. KELLOGG,
Governor of the State of Louisiana.
A true copy:
P. G. DESLONDE,
Secretary of State.

## No. 86.
## AN ACT

To enable the New Orleans, Mobile and Texas Railroad Company, the successor of the corporation of that name existing under acts of the Legislature of Alabama, with powers from other States to construct railroads to convey to the New Orleans and Texas Railroad Company a portion of their railroads, corporate property, rights, privileges and franchises, and to define the powers of said corporation.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana in General Assembly convened, That the New Orleans, Mobile and Texas Railroad Company, the successor of the corporation of the same name, incorporated by the State of Alabama, is authorized and empowered by this act to convey to the New Orleans and Texas Railroad Company all or any portion of the railroad, corporate rights, franchises, powers, privileges and property of the said company, within the States of Louisiana and Texas west of the Mississippi river, and the New Orleans and Texas Railroad Company is hereby authorized and empowered to accept of such a conveyance and to have perpetual succession, and to hold, possess, enjoy, use, employ and transfer the same under the same conditions, limitations and restrictions and with the same powers, faculties, rights, privileges and franchises as appertaining to the same, which have been granted or conferred upon the New Orleans, Mobile and Texas Railroad Company, or its successors, in its act of incorporation, or in any act of the General Assembly of this State, or of the State of Texas.

SEC. 2. Be it further enacted, etc., That the New Orleans and Texas Railroad Company are empowered to survey, locate, construct and operate the said railroad or railroads, to make combinations or connections with other railway companies, and to acquire by purchase, lease or otherwise, other railroads and franchises, under the powers and capacities contained in any of the acts passed relative to the New Orleans, Mobile and Texas Railroad Company, and to make mortgages for the purpose as expressed therein, embracing their capacity, franchises and estates, and to dispose of the said railroad, franchises, estates and interests by lease, sale or otherwise. The said corporation may provide for its organization and perpetual duration, and for the holding of corporate meetings, election of directors and appointment of officers, and the acts, contracts, proceedings of the said corporation done or to be done within or without this State shall be obligatory and binding upon said corporation.

SEC. 3. Be it further enacted, etc., That this act, and nothing done under it, shall be construed to diminish or impair the corporate powers, rights, franchises or property of the New Orleans, Mobile and Texas Railroad Company as the successor aforesaid in the railroads and other estates and interest not conveyed as herein provided. Nor shall this act be construed as recognizing or renewing any claims of the New Orleans, Mobile and Texas Railroad Company, or of its successor, to any aid from the State by bonds, guarantees of bonds, or otherwise, or to impair or diminish any claim of the State against the said New Orleans, Mobile and Texas Railroad Company; provided, that nothing contained in this act shall be constructed, either directly or by inference, as a grant or revival of any rights, franchises or privileges which have been forfeited by said New Orleans, Mobile and Texas Railroad Company, nor as a waiver in any respect of the right of this State to recover by law any bonds that may have been issued by the State to the said New Orleans, Mobile and Texas Railroad Company, and be it further provided that the said New Orleans and Texas Railroad Company shall complete their said road to Grand river within four months after the first day of March, 1874, and to the town of Vermilionville within twelve months after the said above-mentioned date, and to the Sabine river or Shreveport within two years from and after the first day of March, 1874, and should the said company fail or neglect to carry out and strictly comply with all the provisions herein contained, then this act shall be null and void and of no effect; provided farther, that this act shall not be so construed as to authorize the sale of the right of way, franchises or any other property beyond Brashear City, formerly belonging to the New Orleans, Opelousas and Great Western Railroad Company, and now in litigation in the United States court.

SEC. 4. 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 March 14, 1874.
(Signed) WILLIAM P. KELLOGG,
Governor of the State of Louisiana.
A true copy:
P. G. DESLONDE,
Secretary of State.

## No. 85.
## AN ACT

To authorize the council of the city of Shreveport to levy a police tax; to regulate levies of taxes, the proceedings of tax suits and jurisdiction of the parish court for the parish of Caddo in reference thereto; to define and punish forgery in certain cases; to authorize the funding of the floating debts; to consolidate, limit and provide for the debt of the city of Shreveport, principal and interest; to authorize a tax for the support of the city government; and to establish a fiscal agency, defining its duties, and for the better enforcement of the collection of all taxes, and other purposes.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana in General Assembly convened, That the council of the city of Shreveport be and he is hereby authorized and empowered to levy and assess police tax additional to all taxes levied in month of January, 1874, for the purpose of defraying the police expenses of the year ending December 31, 1874, and any deficiencies in the revenues of the city arising from the over receipts of police warrants for city taxes.

SEC. 2. Be it further enacted, etc., That said levy shall be made and assessed according to the assessment rolls homologated by the city council during the current year 1873, which for this purpose, and all future official reference thereto shall be denominated the assessment rolls for 1873.

SEC. 3. Be it further enacted, etc., That the tax hereinbefore authorized shall not exceed one half of one per cent of the assessed valuation of the real, personal and mixed property according to the rolls.

SEC. 4. Be it further enacted, etc., That said levy be made, any provision of section eleven of act No. 98 of 1871, to the contrary notwithstanding, which is hereby repealed so far as it may conflict with any provision of this act.

SEC. 5. Be it further enacted, etc., That the administrator of public accounts shall, as soon as practicable after the passage of this act, cause to be made out the bills required for the collection of the tax, which shall be signed by him, or a person or persons authorized by him so to do; or he may consolidate the additional police tax, herein authorized, with the former city tax levies, and make and remake bills for the same either together or separately; all bills whether of the present or said former levies for the year 1873, to be signed by the administrator of public accounts, or by a person or persons authorized by him so to do.

SEC. 6. Be it further enacted, etc., That the said bills for additional police tax shall be collected from March 1, 1874, to July 31, 1874, and exigible thereafter, and may be sued together with or separately from the other city taxes for the year 1873, provided no additional fee shall be allowed to the sheriff or the clerk for the fact of their being separate bills for different properties of the same person; but the taxes of each delinquent may be embraced in a single suit, with but one fee to the clerk and sheriff for their respective services. No crier's fee shall be allowed in any tax suit hereafter.

SEC. 7. Be it further enacted, etc., That if at any time any assessments made by or under authority of the council of the city of Shreveport shall be declared or become void and without effect by reason of non-compliance with any formality or requirement relative to the imposition of municipal taxes, then and in that case the council shall have full authority and power, by ordinance or otherwise, to make a new assessment thus becoming or being declared null and void, and to place the tax bills or certified accounts in court and obtain judgment therefor, after publication for the length of time and in the manner provided for the collection of city taxes, it being the true intent and meaning of this law that the city of Shreveport shall not lose the right to collect annual taxes by reason or on account of any legal informality after legal notice to the delinquent for ten days.

SEC. 8. Be it further enacted, etc., That no money shall be received or collected by the city of Shreveport by any department, unless an order, bill or receipt for the same shall have been made out by the administrator of the proper department and signed, countersigned by him, or by some person authorized by him; and no receipt to any person for money, note, or anything else taken by the city on account of revenue, or any other account, shall be valid unless so signed or countersigned.

SEC. 9. Be it further enacted, etc., That it is hereby declared a felony to forge or falsely sign, fill up, alter, or utter, or publish, as true any bill, certificate, receipt, account, or any part thereof, as given, made out or signed by the mayor or any administrator of department of the city of Shreveport, or by any officer, deputy, clerk or other person authorized by them, or either of them, and which may be given credence to, or pass, or be received as genuine, or authorized and be calculated to deceive or defraud any holder, receiver, transferee, pledgee, or other person; any person, upon being found guilty of such offense, shall be sentenced to imprisonment at hard labor not less than ten years, nor more than twenty years.

SEC. 10. Be it further enacted, etc., That all taxes due and unsettled at the passage of this act, or hereafter becoming due, or hereby declared to be a lien and privilege upon the property assessed for the same, and shall be concurrent with the liens and privileges now established by law, against all other properties of the delinquent; they shall have the force and effect of a lien from the date of their being recorded in the recorder's office as hereinafter provided.

SEC. 11. Be it further enacted, etc., That, as soon as practicable, after the passage of this act, the administrator of public accounts shall prepare registers of all taxes due and exigible; for the purpose of aiding him in so doing the administrator of finance, the clerks of courts, sheriff and all attorneys and ex-officers shall turn over to him for his temporary use all bills, accounts, writs and records in their hands, and for so doing shall not be entitled to any fee. The administrator of public accounts shall enter in duplicate registers, all the necessary particulars and dates for recording and settlement of the accounts, including interest and cost incurred, one of said registers for taxes of 1873 and previous years with index thereto, he shall deposit in the recorder's office of the parish of Caddo, and the deposit of said register and index shall be a due recording and inscription of the lien and mortgage in said office, and no fee shall be allowed the parish recorder for such inscription, but he shall be allowed one doller each for cancelling the same, which he may do upon the certificate of the administrator of public accounts of the payment or settlement thereof. After the thirty-first of July in each year, a like register for the unpaid taxes of the year shall be in like manner deposited under the same provisions as the foregoing.

SEC. 12. Be it further enacted, etc., That for undoubted debts existing December 31, 1873, and unpaid at the time of the passage of this act, or caused by receipts or certificates of 1872, for revenues proper of 1873, and for excavations and grading of streets and landings and keeping the same in repair, or other certificates of indebtedness duly authorized, the city may issue from time to time, as they may be required, bonds of the denomination of one hundred, five hundred and one thousand dollars, having twenty years to run, and bearing eight per cent, principal and interest payable in legal currency of the United States, in New York or New Orleans, and at other points that the council may designate, with quarterly coupons, and that the bonds thus issued shall be called the new consolidated debt of Shreveport. No bonds shall be issued but by authority of the council nor for a lower rate than ninety cents on the dollar, all issued for excavations and repairs of streets and landings or otherwise hereinafter mentioned or by laws previously enacted shall be marked "1873 series" and all taxes or other revenues over and above the current expenses of the city government, shall be devoted to the purchase from the lowest bidder of bonds issued for excavating grading and repairs of streets and landings; no bid to be accepted above par and the right reserved to the council to reject all unsatisfactory bids, and for other bonds of the city not matured and bearing interest at not less than eight per cent, the city may exchange bonds of the new consolidated debt at such prices, not less than par, for the new consolidated debt bonds as may be found to the advantage of the city, but no exchange shall be effected except by consent and order of the council publicly given or ordinance fully authorizing the same. For all bonds fully matured and payable so soon as the term they were issued for shall have expired and which the city shall not have available funds to pay in cash, the city may exchange new consolidated bonds at the rate of not less than ninety cents on the dollar on demand of the holders of the bonds so matured. And it is furthermore enacted that at no time shall the face of the bonded debt, outstanding and unredeemed, added to the certified debt of every form exceed one million two hundred and fifty thousand dollars, and all issued bonds or evidences of indebtedness whatever in excess of said amount shall be unlawful, and shall not impart or convey any obligation, and if any person, under color of office or otherwise, shall issue any bond or warrant in violation of this section, he shall be prosecuted criminally by indictment or information, and upon conviction shall be condemned to imprisonment for two years, and any person negotiating or attempting to negotiate such bond or warrant shall be considered an accessory to the fact, and subject to the same punishment as the said offender. That all resolutions or ordinances of the board of administrators making provision for the issue of any bond under this act shall not have effect of law or be valid unless the resolution or ordinance issuing said bonds be submitted to the legal and qualified voters of the city of Shreveport for approval or rejection, and fifteen days' notice of election to be held for said purposes shall be given in one or more newspapers published in said city, said election to be conducted in accordance with existing laws governing elections.

SEC. 13. Be it further enacted, etc., That the city council, after the adoption of the estimate in accordance to section eleven, act No. 98 of 1871, shall proceed to levy the annual taxes required, to wit: First, the city debt tax, which shall be based upon the detailed estimate of the sinking fund and interest falling due; for all bonds for which no other retiring provision exists by law an estimate shall be included of not less than two nor more than ten per cent of the face of the bonds outstanding of any of the several issues, which shall be applied to the retiring of bonds offered at the most advantageous rates, no bids to be accepted higher than par, and the right reserved to reject all bids; no limit other than herein laid down shall apply to this tax, which is hereby declared a vested right of the bondholders interested. Second, a tax for current city expenses, exclusive of police interest and schools. This tax shall in no year exceed one per cent upon the assessed value of real, personal and mixed property. These taxes shall bear the name of the years in which they shall be collectible, and the assessment upon which they shall be made shall be termed assessments for the said year.

SEC. 14. Be it further enacted, etc., That no provision in any general law of the State limiting the power of taxation by the several cities, towns, parishes and other corporations shall be held to apply to any of the taxes or other revenues of the city of Shreveport, herein or otherwise specially authorized to be levied for the support of the city government, and for other purposes herein mentioned.

SEC. 15. Be it further enacted, etc., That as soon as practicable after the passage of this act, the Council shall proceed to the election of a chartered State or national bank as fiscal agent of the city of Shreveport, and upon its election, acceptance and entering into due notarial contract, all present fiscal agencies shall cease, and their assets, duties and functions shall be transferred to the fiscal agency therein created; that the administrator of finance shall deposit with said fiscal agency, daily, all moneys collected by him, from whatever source; that the fiscal agent shall set apart and keep in separate funds the sums of money deposited on account of the consolidated loan tax, and for the payment of the interest and principal of the various bonds issued and to be issued by the city of Shreveport; and such funds shall not be subject to the draft of any city official, but shall be a vested right of the bondholders; that under the direction of the City Council, under existing laws, said fiscal agent shall purchase, from time to time, before maturity, such bonds of the city as there may be funds in its hands to pay for, and shall cancel the same; in the event of interest coupons falling due previously to the collection and deposit of taxes imposed for payment of said coupons on presentation, and any amount thus advanced shall be reimbursed to said agency out of the first taxes collected. It shall have an agency in the city of New York for the performance of duty, by which it shall be responsible for the payment of coupons or redemption of bonds provided to be paid there. The fiscal agency hereby created may be changed and taken away by the council by a vote of three-fourths of the members thereof for cause, provided the same can not be removed, or the assets transferred, without its consent, so long as the city is indebted to any fund or account, and until the fiscal agency is fully reimbursed, or so long as there shall remain any contract unexpired between it and the city.

SEC. 16. Be it further enacted, etc., That the administrators of the several departments shall receive an annual salary of twelve hundred dollars, payable monthly, upon their own warrants, approved by the mayor. And it is furthermore enacted that wherein any provision of section eight of an act, No. 98 of 1871, to the contrary notwithstanding, which is hereby repealed, so far as it may conflict with any provisions of this act.

SEC. 17. Be it further enacted, etc., That all laws or parts of laws in conflict with this act be and the same are hereby repealed, so far as they are in conflict, and this act shall have force and 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 March 23, 1874.
(Signed) WILLIAM P. KELLOGG,
Governor of the State of Louisiana.
A true copy:
P. G. DESLONDE,
Secretary of State.

## No. 90.
## AN ACT

Entitled an act to authorize Onesiphore Verdun to change his name to Ernest Verdun.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana in General Assembly convened, That Onesiphore Verdun, son of Cyprien Verdun, of the parish of St. Mary, be and is hereby authorized to change his name to Ernest Verdun.

SEC. 2. Be it further enacted, ect., 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 March 21, 1874.
(Signed) WILLIAM P. KELLOGG,
Governor of the State of Louisiana.
A true copy:
P. G. DESLONDE,
Secretary of State.

## No. 91.
## AN ACT

To change the name of Fannie Hutton, of Orleans parish, to Fannie Justine Kenner, and to authorize R. M. J. Kenner, and his wife Dulease V. Kenner, of said parish, to adopt the minor Fannie Hutton.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana in General Assembly convened, That the name of Fannie Hutton, of the parish of Orleans, a minor, be changed to Fannie Justine Kenner.

SEC. 2. Be it further enacted, etc., That R. M. J. Kenner, and his wife Dulease V. Kenner, of the said parish, be and they are hereby authorized to adopt said minor, Fannie Hutton.

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 March 21, 1874.
(Signed) WILLIAM P. KELLOGG,
Governor of the State of Louisiana.
A true copy:
P. G. DESLONDE,
Secretary of State.

## No. 92.
## JOINT RESOLUTION

Instructing our Senators and requesting our Representatives in Congress to aid in obtaining a pension from the general government to the veterans of the Mexican war.

WHEREAS, A convention of délegates from the Veteran Association of the different States was held in Washington City, January 15, 1874, for the purpose of petitioning Congress for a pension to the survivors and widows and orphans of the soldiers, sailors and marines of the Mexican war, 1846-47-48; therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana in General Assembly convened, That our Senators in Congress be instructed, and the members of the House of Representatives from the State be requested, to aid as far as consistent with their duty, in obtaining a pension from the general government to veterans of the Mexican war.

(Signed) CHARLES W. LOWELL,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
(Signed) C. C. ANTOINE,
Lieutenant Governor and President of the Senate.
Approved March 21, 1874.
(Signed) WILLIAM P. KELLOGG,
Governor of the State of Louisiana.
A true copy:
P. G. DESLONDE,
Secretary of State.

## No. 93.
## AN ACT

To amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the town of Mansura, in the parish of Avoyelles, approved March 13, 1860.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana in general assembly convened, That the ninth section of said act be and the same is hereby amended and re-enacted so as to read as follows, to wit: That the property heretofore owned by Joseph Jafrian, deceased, and now belonging to Valery Coco, be included within the corporate limits of said town.

SEC. 2. Be it further enacted, etc., That this act 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 March 21, 1874.
(Signed) WILLIAM P. KELLOGG,
Governor of the State of Louisiana.
A true copy:
P. G. DESLONDE,
Secretary of State.

## No. 94.
## AN ACT

To confer certain powers upon the Roman Catholic Church of Ascension.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana in General Assembly convened, That the congregation of the Roman Catholic Church of Ascension be and they are hereby authorized, through the agency of the wardens of said church, to sell or cause to be sold to such persons as may to them seem good, and on such terms and conditions as they may deem proper, any of the lands or property belonging to said congregation.

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 March 21, 1874.
(Signed) WILLIAM P. KELLOGG,
Governor of the State of Louisiana.
A true copy:
P. G. DESLONDE,
Secretary of State.

## No. 95.
## AN ACT

Incorporating the Euphonic Benevolent Association of New Orleans.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana in General Assembly convened, That for the purposes hereinafter specified, Charles Stewart, John Lewis Benjamin Rice, Martin Dickson, William Wallace Joseph, Elijah Drake are hereby, with succession in office, constituted and created a body corporate under the name of the Euphonic Benevolent Association of New Orleans.

SEC. 2. Be it further enacted, etc., That said corporation, by its name aforesaid, shall [have] perpetual succession, the members thereof shall have power to make and establish a constitution or form of government; to elect officers for the administration of their affairs, and from time to time amend or alter said constitution; to nurse, provide for, and bury their dead; and for these purposes are fully empowered to make such by-laws, rules and regulations as to them may seem proper and expedient; provided, that nothing in their constitution or by-laws shall conflict with the laws of the State or of the United States; to lay such tax upon the members, and collect the same as a majority may deem necessary; to sue and be sued; to plead and be impleaded in all the courts of [this] State and elsewhere; to receive donations of money or real and personal estate; to grant, sell, convey and dispose of the same; to have a common seal, the same to break, alter and renew at pleasure.

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 March 21, 1874.
(Signed) WILLIAM P. KELLOGG,
Governor of the State of Louisiana.
A true copy:
P. G. DESLONDE,
Secretary of State.

## No. 96.
## AN ACT

To amend and re-enact an act entitled an act to incorporate Independence Fire Company No. 2, in the city of Baton Rouge, approved March 15, 1854.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana in General Assembly convened, That F. Arbour, Jr., A. Altazin, S. Hyatt, F. E. Hebert, Isidore Langnier, Edward Horiat, V. Hencle, Alfred Sheppen and other members of said fire company and their associates and successors, not exceeding sixty persons in number, shall be known under the name and style of the Independent Fire Company No. 2 of the city of Baton Rouge.

SEC. 2. Be it further enacted, etc., That the above company is hereby constituted a body politic, and under its aforesaid title shall have succession, and shall be capable in law of suing and being sued, defending and being defended in all courts of justice whatsoever, and this company and its successors shall be capable of holding and conveying real and personal estate for the use of said company.

SEC. 3. Be it further enacted, etc., That it shall be the duty of said company to keep one or more fire engines in good and sufficient order, and on the alarm of fire within the limits of the city of Baton Rouge, to repair to it with dispatch, and to assist with all means in their power to extinguish the same.

SEC. 4. Be it further enacted, etc., That each member of said fire company shall be exempt from services on juries, or doing militia duty, during the time they are members of said company, and it shall be the duty of the commanding officer and secretary to annually testify under oath that the numbers on the roll of the company are active firemen, performing truly and faithfully the duties of the same on all occasions, unless prevented by sickness or absence, and each and every member of said company, after they have served as active members during the space of seven years shall be everafter exempted from serving on juries or doing militia duty; provided, that in every case said member shall have obtained a certificate from the foreman, or proper officer of said company, that he has during the said term of seven years well and faithfully served in said company as an active member thereof; and provided also, that in no case shall any member of said company be exempted from militia or military duty in times of invasion or civil commotion. It shall be the duty of the foreman, or proper officer of said company, to deliver to the sheriff of the parish of East Baton Rouge, and to the colonel or commanding officer of the Louisiana militia, in which regiments thereof said members may belong a certified list of the members composing said company.

SEC. 6. Be it further enacted, etc., That all fines imposed by the said company in conformity with its by-laws shall be recoverable before any justice of the peace within the corporation of the city of Baton Rouge.

SEC. 7. Be it further enacted, etc., That section six, reading as follows: "That the said company shall endure and this act be enforced for the space of twenty years, if before that time the Legislature shall not modify or repeal the same," be so amended and re-enacted so as to read: "That the said company shall endure and this act be enforced for the space of fifteen years, if before that time the Legislature shall not modify or repeal the same."

SEC. 8. Be it further enacted, etc., That all laws or parts of laws conflicting with this act are repealed so far as they conflict, and 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 March 21, 1874.
(Signed) WILLIAM P. KELLOGG,
Governor of the State of Louisiana.
A true copy:
P. G. DESLONDE,
Secretary of State.

## No. 98.
## AN ACT

To incorporate the Rising Star Society for Mutual Protection.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana in General Assembly convened, That the Rising Star Society for Mutual Protection be and is hereby created a body politic and corporate, holding its domicile in the parish of Orleans; that said society shall organize or continue its organization for the purpose of mutual protection, and shall be empowered to purchase land, to build a church and schoolhouse to educate the children of members and others, and bury the dead of the association and their families. The first officers shall be as follows: Dr. Pastor, president; Edward Burke, vice president; J. W. Archar, secretary; Adams Smith, treasurer, and Zinm Johnson, grand marshal.

SEC. 2. Be it further enacted, etc., That said association shall meet in the Sixth District of the city of New Orleans, and it shall require a vote of two-thirds of the members present at a meeting called for the purpose of changing the place of meeting. The association may also adopt by-laws, which it shall require a similar meeting and vote to alter or amend thereafter, and it may, in the same manner, add to or modify the objects of the organization and adopt others of a religious benevolent character.

SEC. 3. Be it further enacted, etc., That the said corporation shall have perpetual succession, and shall not be dissolved so long as fifteen members may be willing to and shall conduct the same in accordance with its duties, adopted objects and purposes.

SEC. 4. Be it further enacted, etc., That this act shall have force and 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 March 21, 1874.
(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 Second Regular Baptist Association of Natchitoches, Louisiana.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana in General Assembly convened, That Raford Blunt, P. W. Holmes, Benjamin Parrow, Samuel Johnson, Robert McClintoch, Minor Coleman and Alexander Thomas, and such other persons as are or may become members of said association, are hereby created and constituted in name and fact a body corporate and politic, under the name and style of the Second Regular Baptist Association of Natchitoches, Louisiana, for the object and purpose of promoting the stability and prosperity of the churches under its control, and to encourage and improve the ministry of said association; they shall be capable in law and so specially authorized to purchase, receive by donation or otherwise, lease, sell personal or real estate; they shall have the power to make and establish a constitution and such by-laws as they may deem expedient to govern the administration of said association, and from time to time to amend and alter the said constitution, provide for and to bury their dead, protect the widows of deceased members, and educate the orphans of their association; and for this purpose are fully empowered to make all needful rules and regulations as may be necessary in the premises; to sue and be sued, to plead and be impleaded in all courts in this State, and to receive donations of money or real or personal estate, and to do all other things necessary and legitimate in carrying out the object of their association, provided such constitution and by-laws be not repugnant to the constitution of the State of Louisiana or the United States.

SEC. 2. Be it further enacted, etc., That the officers of the association shall consist of a moderator, clerk, treasurer and secretary, who shall be chosen by the majority of the members of the said association; that citation shall be served on the moderator in all suits against said association. Said moderator shall represent said association in all the courts of this State.

SEC. 3. Be it further enacted, etc., That this act 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 March 21, 1874.
(Signed) WILLIAM P. KELLOGG,
Governor of the State of Louisiana.
A true copy:
P. G. DESLONDE,
Secretary of State.

## No. 100.
## JOINT RESOLUTION.

WHEREAS, The establishment of a fixed point for astronomical observation is of recognized importance in the world of navigation and commerce, as affording a permanent and authentic standard of time; and

Whereas, There is no such geographical point established by authority of law in the United States south of Washington City; and

Whereas, For all the purposes of astronomical calculations the city of New Orleans contains within its limits the most eligible sight for the researches of land and marine observers, being the point of intersection of two very important geographical circles, viz: The thirtieth degree of north latitude and the ninetieth degree of west longitude from Greenwich; therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana in General Assembly convened, That the establishment of an observatory at the point indicated in the preamble of this resolution will largely conduce to the interests of navigation and commerce, and that we urge upon the Congress of the United States to enact such laws as may lead to the early completion of this important work; be it further

*Resolved*, That a copy of this joint resolution be forwarded by the Governor, under the seal of the State, to our Senators and Representatives in Congress, to be laid by them before their respective bodies, and that they be respectfully requested to advocate the establishment of such a national observatory as is contemplated by this resolution.

(Signed) CHARLES W. LOWELL,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
(Signed) C. C. ANTOINE,
Lieutenant Governor and President of the Senate.
Approved March 21, 1874.
(Signed) WILLIAM P. KELLOGG,
Governor of the State of Louisiana.
A true copy:
P. G. DESLONDE,
Secretary of State.

## No. 99.
## JOINT RESOLUTION

Relative to the celebration of the one hundredth anniversary of the independence of the United States, in the city of Philadelphia in 1876.

WHEREAS, An act of Congress approved March 3, 1871, provided for the national celebration of the one hundredth anniversary of the independence of the United States by holding an exhibition of arts, manufactures and products of the soil and the mine; and

Whereas, The President, by a promulgation issued July 4, 1873, announced the celebration and international exhibition, and commended them to the people of the United States and of all nations; and

Whereas, The United States Centennial Commission, a body created and its members appointed by the President under provisions of act of Congress above referred to, in providing for an efficient adjustment of the preliminaries to the exhibition, and in order to organize a uniform system throughout the United States, has placed upon centennial boards of managers to be established by the States respectively the responsibility of securing full representation of the products and resources of their States in the exhibition; of disseminating information about it and issuing invitations to participate, of receiving and pronouncing upon applications made for space; of apportioning the space placed at their disposal among the exhibitors from their States; and of supervising such other details relating to the representation of their States, respectively, as may be from time to time delegated to them by the United States Centennial Commission.

SECTION 1. Therefore be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana in General Assembly convened, That the Governor shall appoint three citizens of the State, who shall, with the United States centennial commissioner, and alternate for Louisiana, constitute the State centennial board of managers, whose functions shall continue until the close of the centennial exhibition in Philadelphia in 1876. It shall be the duty of the said board of managers to take such action as will secure a full and thorough representation of the resources and products at the exhibition, and perform such other duties relating to the representations of the citizens of the State in the exhibition as may from time to time be delegated to it by the United States centennial commission, provided that nothing in this act contained shall be so construed as to render the State liable for any pay or expenses for said commissioners, or any persons employed by them.

(Signed) CHARLES W. LOWELL,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
(Signed) C. C. ANTOINE,
Lieutenant Governor and President of the Senate.
Approved March 21, 1874.
(Signed) WILLIAM P. KELLOGG,
Governor of the State of Louisiana.
A true copy:
P. G. DESLONDE,
Secretary of State.

## No. 102.
## AN ACT

Entitled an act to incorporate the Co-operative Association of the parish of St. Helena.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana in General Assembly convened, That Berry Robertson, Leonard Smith, Allen A. Jones, Peter Jenkins, Nelson Peterson, Henry Norwood, R. H. Isabelle and W. H. Pemberton, their associates and successors be and are hereby constituted a body corporate, under the style and title of the Co-operative Association of the parish of St. Helena, and under said style and title may sue and be sued, implead and be impleaded, and have all the rights, powers, immunities and privileges and be subject to all the duties and liabilities incident to such corporation.

SEC. 2. Be it further enacted, etc., That said corporation is created for the purpose of purchasing and dealing in provisions and other plantation supplies, and of furnishing the same to members of the corporation and to such other persons as they may elect such supplies upon the co-operative system or upon such other terms as they may deem expedient.

SEC. 3. Be it further enacted, etc., That the capital st