New Orleans Republican.

OFFICIAL JOURNAL OF THE UNITED STATES

OFFICIAL JOURNAL OF NEW ORLEANS

AUCTION SALES THIS DAY.

BY GEORGE PEARSON, at 10½ o'clock, at No. 238 Camp street, furniture and household effects.

BY SHERIFF HARPER, at 12 o'clock, at Merchants and Auctioneers' Exchange, a lot, with buildings, on Villere street, between Ursulines street and Bayou road; same, corner of Customhouse and Dauphine streets; promissory notes, bills receivable, etc.; for taxes, valuable improved and vacant property in the First, Second, Third, Fourth and Sixth Districts.

Local Intelligence.

LEGAL TROUBLE IN STORE.—Carrollton lawyers, at least a portion of them, profess to believe that the law which made that burg the Seventh Municipal District of New Orleans does not control the higher courts, or indeed the police court altogether. Judge Price, of the last named tribunal, has committed several parties to our criminal courts, but it has been asserted that when an important case arises the matter will be stubbornly contested. Another emergency is likely to cause trouble, namely: The parishes of Jefferson and Orleans both draw jurors from names of residents of Carrollton, so it may happen that one man can be drawn to serve in both at the same time. Should such a circumstance arise the victim will deserve the sympathy of all his poor relations. The trouble is not distant, and therefore perhaps it would be well to force it during the heated term, if for nothing more than to give us something to talk about when legitimate business has no charms.

THE BLOODY KNIFE.—John Hicks and Armand Fonvergne failed to arrive at an understanding concerning some great national question, therefore resorted to the arbitration of arms at the corner of Gallatin and Hospital streets. Hicks got his work in first, and so Fonvergne is now in the Charity Hospital, while Hicks is in closer quarters.

Lizzie Edwards was greatly offended at something that W. Taylor Bazile said or did, so she resolved herself into judge, jury and executioner, without stopping to consider the consequences. A simple twist of her wrist, and Bazile lost so much gore that a policeman took him to the Charity Hospital, and an officer escorted the Amazon to the first calaboose.

HOWARD NO. 1.—The boys of this hook and ladder company insist that they won the race at the picnic last Sunday, and as no one contradicts the statement, let the record be so amended.

THE ROUX MURDER.—Notwithstanding but little has lately been said about this case, it must not be understood that all interest in it has died out. Several persons are actively engaged in it daily.

Fancy cashmerette suits, $6 50. Brown Cheviot suits, $7 50; and furnishing goods at retail at cost, at Garthwaite, Lewis & Miller's, No. 100 Common street.

SUPPLY DEPOT FOR THE OVERFLOWED—Routine business at the depot, No. 68 Tchoupitoulas street, experienced a change from its usual course yesterday and the day before, by the appearance of Mr. H. G. Crowell, a gentleman who has come here from Boston on the part of the committee who so generously devoted time and money to relieve our overflowed sufferers. Mr. Crowell called on Mayor Wiltz and made himself known. It is unnecessary to say that he was received with open arms.

Our distinguished visitor was invited to inspect the depot for supplies and to examine the account books, so that he might understand how donations had been disposed of. With keen business eye Mr. Crowell comprehended the method, which he approved, and complimented Mr. J. N. Payne and his co-laborers for their excellent manner of doing business. To-day Mr. Crowell and wife, accompanied by Mayor Wiltz and several other citizens, will go over the Morgan railroad to Brashear.

The daily shipments of provisions amount to about 600 barrels: Shipments to date—Meal, 3298 barrels; crackers, 2027 barrels; flour, 365 barrels and 211 sacks; pork, 1280 barrels; bacon, 6100 pounds, and unnumbered sundries. Of the United States rations 80,000 have been shipped, the relief committee here paying all freight and drayage.

The wholesale stock of spring clothing at retail at cost for cash, at Garthwaite, Lewis & Miller's, No. 100 Common street.

BRIEF MENTION.—Michael Gallagher, sometimes called Red Mike, whose reputation is not as pure as ice, is in prison charged with burglary. He recently made a predatory visit to a rice mill in St Joseph street.

Jim John, a long distance from China, swears that Turner Thomas and James Braxton robbed one of his fellow Celestials, taking a silver watch and some paper money from him when he was sick.

Adam Abrahart was politely shown into the first precinct calaboose, because he was so cruel as to work a very sick mule. The poor beast's sides were raw where a trace chain dragged the flesh.

John Burse, roustabout on the steamboat Selma, was accidentally drowned when that vessel was at Baton Rouge Monday.

PROBABLE SUICIDE.—Last evening about eight o'clock, a man was noticed on the floating wharf at the head of Jackson street, with his coat lying beside him. Two or three gentlemen saw him quietly drop himself into the river, and they immediately made attempts to recover him, but were unsuccessful. Examining the coat, papers in it indicated that the person is J. H. Bowen, formerly a steamship captain, and once member of a commercial firm of this city. Mr. Bowen was a member of the Legislature of 1870 and 1871.

The Weather and Rivers.

OFFICE METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVER, New Orleans, May 12, 1874.

The following is a report of the weather and rivers at 3:43 P. M. to-day, local time:

Place.	Ther.	Wind.	Weather.
Cairo	85	S. W.	Fair.
Cincinnati	87	W.	Fair.
Davenport	76	S. W.	Fair.
Dubuque	75	W.	Fair.
Galveston	80	S. E.	Fair.
Indianola	78	S. E.	Fair.
Keokuk	79	W.	Fair.
Key West	85	W.	Clear.
Lacrosse	73	N. W.	Fair.
Leavenworth	80	N.	Fair.
Louisville	88	S.	Clear.
Memphis	84	N. W.	Fair.
Nashville	86	S. E.	Clear.
New Orleans	85	S. E.	Clear.
Omaha	72	N. W.	Clear.
Pittsburg	82	S. E.	Clear.
Shreveport	85	S. E.	Fair.
St. Louis	76	N.	Fair.
St. Paul	61	S. W.	Cloudy.
Vicksburg	84	N. W.	Clear.
Yankton	67	N. W.	Clear.
Augusta	74	N. E.	Cloudy.
Baltimore	65	S. E.	Fair.
Mobile	89	N. E.	Clear.
Montgomery	86	N. E.	Clear.
New York	55	S. E.	Fair.
Savannah	85	N. E.	Heavy rain.

THE RIVERS.

Stations.	Rise, inches.	Fall, inches.	Above low water mark. Ft.	In.
Cairo	..	16	41	8
Cincinnati	..	29	20	9
Davenport	..	..	7	10
Evansville	..	40	23	6
Dubuque	1	..	11	4
Helena	..	..	25	6
Keokuk	..	..	8	6
Leavenworth	..	..	2	7
Lacrosse	..	..	8	6
Louisville	..	5	8	6
Memphis	..	1	34	4
Nashville	..	32	15	2
New Orleans	..	2	..	..
Omaha	..	5	5	5
Pittsburg	..	3	14	6
St. Louis	..	3	7	1
St. Paul	..	..	43	3
Vicksburg	..	..	..	..

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

The Temperature.

The thermometer at Louis Frigerio's, No. 50 Chartres street, on May 12, stood as follows: At 8 A. M., 70°; at 2 P. M., 83°; at 6 P. M., 79°. Lowest point during the night of May 11, 60°.

To get a sailor on the wrong tack, let him walk around barefooted in a hotel bedroom.

CITY COUNCIL—OFFICIAL

REGULAR MEETING.

CITY HALL, NEW ORLEANS, Tuesday, May 12, 1874.

The Council met this day at 12 M., in regular session.

Present—Hon. Louis A. Wiltz, Mayor, presiding, and Administrators Brewster, Calhoun, Fitzenreiter, Lewis, Schneider, Sturcken and Turnbull.

Communication from the Mayor and Administrators.

The following message from the Mayor and the accompanying documents were read and ordered to be spread upon the minutes:

MAYORALTY OF NEW ORLEANS, City Hall, May 12, 1874.

To the City Council of New Orleans:

I present herewith to the Council copy of power of attorney given by me to Hon. Louis Janin, of Washington, District of Columbia, and Albert C. Janin, Esq., of New Orleans, to receive from the United States General Land Office certificates of location or scrip for land awarded by the United States Supreme Court in October last to New Orleans, together with a communication from the Hon. Henry D. Ogden, attorney for New Orleans in said suit.

LOUIS A. WILTZ, Mayor.

Whereas the Supreme Court of the United States, at its October term of 1873, rendered a decree against the government and in favor of the cities of New Orleans and Baltimore for certificates of location, or scrip, for 104,146 acres of land, now therefore Louis Janin, of Washington, District of Columbia, and Albert C. Jannin, of New Orleans, Louisiana, are hereby constituted the attorneys-in-fact of the city of New Orleans, jointly or separately to receive from the United States General Land Office the portion belonging to said city of said scrip for 104,146 acres of land, and to receipt for the same.

A. WILTZ, Mayor.

Sworn to and subscribed, New Orleans, May 8, 1874.

JULES MOSSY, United States Commissioner for Louisiana.

NEW ORLEANS, May 5, 1874.

To the Hon. L. A. Wiltz, Mayor:

In response to your inquiry I have the honor to state that there will be no extra charge incurred by the issuing of the authorization to the Messrs. Janin. The authorization is needed to enable me to comply with my contract, viz: To prosecute the suit to its termination. It is well understood that the city will in no wise be liable beyond the original agreement with me. Very respectfully,

H. D. OGDEN.

The Mayor presented the monthly report of the Administrator of Improvements for April and the monthly report of the Administrator of Police for the same month, and both reports were received. The former, which was ordered to be spread upon the minutes, is as follows:

DEPARTMENT OF IMPROVEMENTS, May 12, 1874.

To His Honor L. A. Wiltz, Mayor of New Orleans:

I have the honor to submit herewith my report for the month of April, 1874. Before proceeding to the details I will mention that the amount of expenditures exceed by far that of any previous month of my administration of this department. The reason, however, is so well known to you and the honorable Administrators that an apology is not necessary.

It was required that the most strenuous efforts should be made, almost during the whole month, to save our city from being overflowed and thousands of lives and millions of property from destruction. With the help of Almighty Providence, and using all the exertions and means within our control, we succeeded to accomplish that end.

Sincere thanks are due to your honor and the honorable members of the Council for your co-operation in providing the means, and assisting me in the management of our defenses against the terrible element at the most dangerous points, night and day, and exposed to winds and heavy rains. Thankful acknowledgment, also, to Mr. W. H. Bell, our worthy City Surveyor, for his energy, zeal and good judgment, and to the superintendents, foremen and men, who kept, with their hard labor during days and nights, the immense volume of water of the Father of the Waters within its artificial limits.

On the evening of the sixteenth the river had reached its extreme heighth, nine inches above the high water mark of 1871, and some few days afterward the lake four inches within the mark of 1871. The amount of rainfall to the morning of the twenty-fifth was ten inches and upwards, and we may say wind, lake, rain and river, for several days, combined in the contest against us, and our efforts to save this fine city.

As hereafter enumerated in detail, the month of April has caused to this department a grand total of expenditures amounting to $94,225 44, of which at least $40,000 occurred by reason of the threatened overflow. Comparing, however, this outlay with that caused by the crevasse in 1871, accounted for only in part in the month of June and amounting to $97,118 25 from the budget, and taking all things in consideration, we can congratulate ourselves with so small an outlay to have prevented an inundation which outside of the loss of many lives, would certainly have been followed by ruination of our wealth and commercial prosperity for many years to come.

BUREAU OF STREETS.

Carts hauled ballast and shells and 2050 loads of street scrapings, and removed 3950 loads of garbage. To promote public health an order is now rigidly enforced, that kitchen stuff, etc., must be taken by the offal carts either to the rear of the city and dumped where it can not be offensive to residents, or discharged at the nuisance wharves.

Heavy rains and the water sepping from the river proved very detrimental to the condition of our streets and retarded their being well worked until the latter part of the month, when favored by clear weather and a decline of river and lake, repairs were rigidly set in operation.

Carrollton avenue, St. Charles avenue and Valence street, Washington road, First, Eighth, Josephine, Fulton, Felicity, Magnolia, Delord, both sides of Canal and Broad streets, Bienville, Claiborne, Louisa, Lapeyrouse and Frenchmen streets, received extensive repairs by use of shells, ballast, etc., and are now again in good condition.

Paving gangs were employed in the First, Second and Third Districts, to repair round stone streets and ballast roads.

Bridge gangs repaired eighty-six bridges, twenty-six crossings and eight plankroads, many of which were seriously damaged or washed away by the heavy rains, and built three bridges and five crossings, expending 38,500 feet assorted lumber and necessary quantity of spikes.

The expenses for this bureau amounted to $3558 33 for salaries, $24,604 50 for cart hire and labor, $3359 28 for material and $265 25 for office rents and expenses; in all $32,367 36.

Your attention is respectfully invited to the intersections on St. Charles avenue, from Toledano to Joseph streets. I am of opinion that it will be much better and saving at least one-half of the outlay, to repair the present wooden pavement with good material of the kind, than to take it up entirely with a view to use square block, shells, ballast or gravel for reconstruction, the cost of which will have to be paid by the city.

BUREAU OF WHARVES AND LANDINGS.

The corps of carpenters and laborers was increased daily from the beginning of the month until the seventeenth, in consequence of the rapid rise in the Mississippi, and distributed along the levee from the Slaughterhouse to Camp Parapet. At Algiers a large force had also to be placed at work to raise and strengthen the levee (which duty was actually assumed by the Louisiana Levee Company) to save that part of our city from inundation. The largest numbers were employed night and day from the sixth to the seventeenth, repairing and strengthening the levees and bulkheads from Marigny to Poland streets, at which point the levee was in a most critical condition and liable to break at any moment, if not well attended to—also near French Market, and from Louisiana avenue to Camp Parapet the danger was great. The carts had to be largely increased to provide ready means for the transportation of material and implements to the different points of imminent danger. The purchase of large quantities of lumber, hardware and other material was required to meet the emergency, for which the greater portion of the accounts have already been presented and are now in the course of settlement.

The nuisance wharves and boats were also repaired and placed in serviceable condition at less cost than it could have been done by contract.

The expenditures of this bureau amounted to $549 99 for salaries, $31,568 75 for hire of labor and carts and $3627 82 for materials, showing a total of $35,746 56.

It is due and proper to mention the kindness of the honorable Administrator of Commerce to obtain and the generosity of captains and stevedores of many vessels to donate piles of ballast for public use, and I take with pleasure this opportunity to thank them all for the great interest they have taken in assisting this department with this so much needed material, at a time when the appropriation to purchase is completely exhausted. I also remember with gratitude the many favors shown the department in those trying hours by G. L. Norton, Esq., harbormaster of the Fourth District, and Captain W. F. Loan, harbormaster of the Third District, and others connected with the supervision of the shipping.

BUREAU OF DRAINAGE.

The number of carpenters, laborers and carts were increased to meet the consequences of the continuous rains and winds which were the means of forcing the lake water into the navigation canals, and raising the same to within eighteen inches of the tops of the levees. By strict attention and constant watching we were enabled to avoid the overflow from the rear. Bulkheads were repaired; also the rear protection levees raised and strengthened, and several canal bridges built, and quite a number repaired.

The draining machines worked at their full capacity more than half the hours throughout the month, and for nine days without intermission, day and night. All praise is due the superintendents and men employed on the levees and canals, and the engineers, firemen and laborers at the machines, who stood indefatigable, doing their duty in this emergency. The amount of fuel consumed during this month was over 10,000 barrels of coal and upward of 200 cords of pine wood.

The machines are, after this great trial of their efficiency, in need of many extensive repairs, and bricklayers, carpenters and machinists are now busily at work to place them again in servicable condition. The cost of these repairs will be considerable, but can neither be avoided, nor the work deferred to some future time without serious consequences. At the Bienville and Dublin avenue machine, one new set of boilers is urgently required, but it is not within the reach of the budget to meet this outlay. I respectfully ask that some provision be made to pay for them by issue of bonds.

For the Administrator's office were expended $316 67, for salary of chief clerk, clerk and messenger, and $50 for forage, as the only item of expenses. Total $366 67.

Before closing this report I would respectfully invite your attention to the subject of our wharves and river levees, which undoubtedly, immediately after the receding of the river, will require a large amount of expenditures for repairs to place them in proper condition for the shipping interests and future safety of the city. The budget being exhausted, other means will have to be resorted to to pay for the labor as well as the material needed therefor.

JAMES LEWIS, Administrator.

Financial Business and Other Bills on Final Passage.

Mr. Calhoun called up the ordinances described as follows, which, having been read twice, were now on third reading, and passed unanimously, the yeas and nays having been called on each, and all the members present at roll call voting:

"Providing for the payment of the several accounts therein named," beginning Firemen's Charitable Association of New Orleans, passed with amendments, changing in the item of New Orleans Republican Printing Company, advertising proceedings of Council to $193 20, and advertisings ordinances to $292, and in the item of J. McPhelin changing $345 to $435.

"Providing for the payment of the several accounts therein named," beginning A. W. Dearie.

"Levying city taxes for the year 1874, in conformity with act No. 53 of the acts of the General Assembly of Louisiana, approved March 12, 1874, to modify and reduce the last tax levy for the same purposes," with an amendment filling up the blank, in the first section, with the figures 2590.

"Levying a special Metropolitan Police tax for the year 1874, with an amendment filling up the blank with the figures 2590."

"Providing for the payment of disinfectants ordered by the Board of Health during the summer of 1873."

"Providing for the payment of the several accounts herein named," beginning R. L. Bruce.

Reports of Committees.

The Mayor, for the committee of the whole, reported unfavorably on the proposal of E. W. Foster to buy land scrip belonging to the city, in the McDonogh land claim case. Received.

Mr. Lewis reported unfavorably on the petition of proprietors for the repair of the sidewalk, on the south side of Poydras street, between Broad and Galvez streets. Received.

Mr. Fitzenreiter reported that in response to his advertisement for proposals to supply water pipe, he had received bids at $55 per ton from Schickle, Harrison & Co., of St. Louis, and Dennis Long, of Louisville, Kentucky, and recommended that the bid of the latter be accepted, as he would sell on time and the former would not. Received.

Mr. Sturcken reported unfavorably on the petitions of the estate of P. Dalman, A. D. Doriocourt, heirs of Dufossat, Sisters of the Holy Cross, R. Erickson, W. M. Goodrich and J. M. Moss, for reduction of assessments. Received.

Mr. Lewis, for himself and the Administrator of Waterworks and Public Buildings, reported favorably upon the recommendation of Dr. Joseph Holt, sanitary inspector of the Fourth District, that the fire plugs in that district be opened. Received.

Mr. Lewis also reported:

1. Recommending that the bid of Frank Ottendorfer, for towing and moving the nuisance boats, be rejected, and that proposals be advertised for again. Adopted.

2. Reporting that bids had been received from Higgins & Wilson and L. Sewell for graveling the west side of Rampart street, between Dumaine and Hospital streets, and recommending that they be rejected as too high. Adopted.

3. Announcing that he had appointed Patrick Creagh district superintendent of streets for the First District, vice Charles Montaldo, resigned. Received.

Ordinances and Resolutions Offered.

By Mr. Lewis, and rejected: To contract with John Coleman for paving Baronne street, between Common and Canal streets.

By Mr. Fitzenreiter, and adopted: To contract with Dennis Long for furnishing water pipes.

By Mr. Lewis, and adopted:

Authorizing advertisement for proposals to furnish materials to repair pavement on the intersections of St. Charles avenue, from Joseph street to Toledano street.

By Mr. Sturcken and adopted:

For the relief of the heirs of Jules Armant, N. L. Dickey, Widow C. M. Bradford and Herring & Farrell.

By Mr. Calhoun, and read twice:

An ordinance providing for the payment of the several accounts therein named.

Be it ordained, That the following appropriations be and are hereby made, and that the Administrator of Public Accounts warrant on the Administrator of Finance in payment of the same, whenever there shall be money in the city treasury to the credit of the appropriate fund, for each account, and not otherwise appropriated:

Johnson Armstrong & Co., stationery, etc., for the following departments, approved: Department of Finance, $40; Department of Public Accounts, $85 25; tax bill makers of 1874, $151; registry of mortgages, $5.

Register of conveyances, for certificates of transfer of property in March and April, 1874, approved by the Administrator of Assessments, $240.

W. Kersten, cash advanced for sundries in March and April, 1874, approved by Administrator of Assessments, $10 65.

J. A. Gresham, law books for City Attorney's office, approved, $94 50.

T. H. Thomason, blanks for Department of Public Accounts, approved, $14.

New Orleans Times, advertising notice to license payers, approved by Department of Finance, $10 50.

Jefferson City Gaslight Company, for lighting the Sixth District in April, 1874, approved by the Administrator of Police, $2615 40.

J. M. Conway, transferee of F. J. Herron, recorder of mortgages, for recording writs of seizures filed by the heriff in April, 1874, approved, $154.

A. Grabere, for fencing schoolhouse property, approved by Administrator of Waterworks and Public Buildings, $10.

James Buckley, stationery, etc., for Mayor's office, approved, $30 15.

New Orleans Republican Printing Company, for printing 150 copies, report of Department of Public Accounts, approved, $540 90; advertising proposals for Department of Improvements, approved, $196; advertising proposals for water pipe, approved, $33.

William E. Murphy, transferee of J. Burke, clerk of the Superior District Court, for clerk's costs on tax bills of 1873, on account, $6000.

I. W. Patton, criminal sheriff, fees and expenses in January, 1874, approved, $2723 20; maintenance of prisoners, etc., in January, 1874, approved, $4953 40; fees and expenses in February, 1874, approved, $2410 40; maintenance of prisoners, etc., in February, 1874, approved, $4455 60; fees and expenses in March, 1874, approved, $2936 45; maintenance of prisoners, etc., in March, 1874, approved, $4985 50.

I. Newman & Brother, transferees of John Conners, on laborers' pay roll, Bureau of Streets, for March, 1873, $78.

J. H. Wilberding, on account of past due obligations, $2333 34.

An ordinance providing for the payment of the several accounts therein named.

Be it ordained, That the following appropriations be and are hereby made, and that the Administrator of Public Accounts warrant on the Administrator of Finance in payment of the same, whenever there shall be money in the city treasury to the credit of the appropriate fund for each account, and not otherwise appropriated:

MARKET HOUSES.

Barrett & Wiemann, materials for Sixth District Market	$195 11
Isaac Morris, labor, Sixth District Market	48 89
Anderson Snaerl, laborer, Sixth District Market	15 00
Samuel Williams, slating Sixth District Market	50 00
Sandy Parker, laborer and painter, Sixth District Market	18 00
George Williams, laborer and painter, Sixth District Market	23 00
John Casey, repairs to Beef Market	7 50
Total	$357 50

INSANE ASYLUM.

Louis Leonhard, dry goods, etc	$223 12
Louis Leonhard, dry goods, etc	454 93
Louis Leonhard, dry goods, etc	321 75
Total	$999 80

SMALL-POX HOSPITAL.

C. Steinel, bread furnished during April, 1874	$62 05
Machray & Kelt, ten barrels coal, March, 1874	10 00
Total	$72 05

SCHOOLHOUSES.

John Casey, repairs to roof and gutters, Robertson School	$85 00
John L. Leefe, repairs to roof, Fillmore School	10 00
Total	$95 00

COURTHOUSES.

John Casey, repairs to roof of Fifth District Court	$68 25
Charles Garvey, repairs to centre piece, Superior Criminal Court	16 00
Total	$84 15

SMALL-POX HOSPITAL.

Louis Leonard, dry goods	44 56

An ordinance providing for a settlement with Behan, Thorn & Co., transferees of a registered bill.

Be it ordained by the Council of the city of New Orleans, That the Mayor and Administrator of Finance be and they are hereby authorized and directed to settle the claim of Behan, Thorn & Co., transferees, for registered bill in name of Thomas Maxwell, civil sheriff of the parish of Orleans, registered December 13, 1869, in such form as may be allowed for the funding of the floating debt in seven per cent bonds, namely:

Original amount of certificate	$5129 15
Paid on account of same	3300 00
Balance due	$1829 15

With interest at seven per cent per annum from date of registry.

By Mr. Calhoun, and adopted:

For the relief of D. Schluter and others.

By Mr. Lewis, and read twice:

An ordinance providing for the payment of the several accounts therein named.

Be it ordained, That the following appropriations be and are hereby made, and that the Administrator of Public Accounts warrant on the Administrator of Finance in payment of the same, whenever there shall be money in the city treasury to the credit of the appropriate fund for each account and not otherwise appropriated:

DEPARTMENT OF IMPROVEMENTS.

Bureau of Wharves and Landings—	
Madison Johnson, lumber	$6 00
John Dixon, provisions to night laborers	287 50
A. Wirmann, hardware	16 00
Aran Thornton, sand	1 20
Henry Tebbe, hardware	1 25
Henry Henchert, hardware	2 34
E. Hamilton, sand	6 00
John Dell, hauling sand	1 00
Crescent saw-mill, lumber	454 91
C. Hanchet, hardware	2 40
Ocean saw-mill, lumber	81 58
M. Frish, lumber	73 72
A. Bodi, lumber	17 00
Fred. Klees, lumber	635 50
John Laskey, lumber	72 90
P. Keenan, forage	15 30
Jeremiah Macarty, sand	28 40
O. Varion, sand	19 20
F. Fischer & son, lumber	505 35
Henry Oertling, lumber	390 15
Henry Oertling, lumber	46 23
Barrett & Wiemann, hardware	169 00
Bureau of Drainage—	
Joseph A. Brown, lumber	11 00
Thomas Hasam, lumber	484 65
M. Jarva, wood	5 00
Barrett & Wiemann, hardware	100 60
Witham & Rovira, lumber	42 79
John Ruth, repairing boilers	130 00
John C. Stewart, brick, lime, etc	40 25
Henry Oertling, lumber	38 56
Henry Oertling, lumber	278 37
Bureau of Streets—	
Mrs. McGuinn, lake shells	495 00
Barrett & Wiemann, hardware	269 38
Witham & Rovira, lumber	430 00
Total	$5069 53

SURVEYOR'S DEPARTMENT.

Barrett & Wiemann, hardware	$19 95
John G. Fleming, gas fixtures	22 50
Henry Birrcher, hardware	20 25
Total	$62 70

Petitions.

The undermentioned petitions, presented by the Mayor, were referred as stated:

Ordered to be spread upon the minutes and referred to the Administrator of Public Accounts:

NEW ORLEANS, April 27, 1874.

To the City Council of New Orleans:

Please take notice that I have sold to Mr. Harmon Doane my right of redemption of the following property, to wit:

All that square of ground, and the improvements thereon, bounded by St. Charles avenue, Peters avenue, St. Denis and Octavia streets, being the property sold by W. P. Harper, sheriff, on the fourteenth of January, 1874, by virtue of a judgment in the Superior District Court, suit No. 491, titled city of New Orleans vs. P. R. Fell, for taxes of 1871, and adjudicated to James Wadick for $730. P. R. FELL.

From George W. Lewis, acting house surgeon of the Charity Hospital, relative to water for the institution. To the Administrator of Waterworks and Public Buildings, with power to act.

From A. de J. de Fonblanque, British consul, for relief for E. Bleaksley, a British subject, injured by the falling of a shed, the insecurity of which had been reported by the police, without effect; from proprietors on St. Joseph street, complaining of the obstruction of that thoroughfare by the New Orleans, Jackson and Great Northern Railroad Company; from citizens of Milneburg for street lamps, and from Peter Kramer, for J. Henry Witte, relative to contract for lighting the oil lamps on the streets. To the Administrator of Police.

From the Rev. William Moody and others, for cancellation of tax judgment against the Union Baptist School and Church; from J. B. Eustis, for Mrs. J. B. Eustis; from E. J. Jenkins, for Randell Hunt; from Mrs. Maria J. C. Swayze, and from A. S. Bienvenue, agent, for reduction of their respective assessments. To the Administrator of Assessments.

From Vincent Prat, for a stay of proceedings in a tax suit against him. To the standing committee created by ordinance No. 932.

From Albert Rolle, to be allowed to erect a blacksmith shop at the corner of Frenchmen and Josephine streets; from Samuel C. Smith, to be allowed a refreshment stand at the Canal street ferry landing, and from J. B. Woods & Co., agents of the St. Louis, New Orleans and Merchants' Southern Packet Line, for wharf privileges the same as those awarded to the barge and other lines. To the Administrator of Commerce.

From Thompson & Seymour, for the refunding of a fine, payment for ballast, etc., and from New Orleans steamship and ship owners and agents, for the assignment of wharves exclusively for their lines and authority to erect sheds thereon. To the Administrator of Commerce and the Administrator of Improvements.

From W. W. King, relative to his fee in the case of the New Orleans, Mobile and Chattanooga Railroad Company. To the Administrator of Public Accounts.

From Joseph Beaulieux, for compensation for damages caused by insufficient drainage, and from proprietors against paving Baronne street, between Common and Canal streets. To the Administrator of Improvements.

The Council then adjourned.

DANIEL SCULLY, Secretary.

THE PEOPLE'S COLUMN.

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

Selection of a Site for the Jefferson Parish Courthouse.

EDITOR REPUBLICAN:

The following is respectfully solicited for insertion in your "People's Column." The statement is made purely to remedy an existing evil, believing its insertion will have some influence to relieve us of the great inconvenience we are subject to—that is, the location of our parish courthouse. "Gretna Green" has corresponded with "Roundabout," of the *Times*, relative to the matter, and the latter's advice, were it carried out, would be laid on the table, we believe.

Well, to explain, our parish may be an oblong, square or circle, but by what right our police jury have to select a site or building for its courthouse on either extreme edge is not justice, and such they have done in selecting a building on the upper side of Harvey's canal. This has been determined upon, we believe, without consulting the interest of the community, but entirely a matter foreign.

Our neighbors of St. Bernard are about to suffer by a change to their outer limits. We are in an unfortunate dilemma and desire your opinion how to extricate us.

Respectfully,

YOUR MANY READERS, Of Freetown and Gretna.

LAWS OF THE STATE OF LOUISANA.

PUBLISHED BY AUTHORITY.

No. 141.

AN ACT

For the relief of John Lewis, of the city 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 the sum of one thousand dollars be and is hereby appropriated out of any moneys in the treasury not otherwise to John Lewis for loss and damages sustained by reason of his place of business having been forcibly closed by order of Henry C. Warmoth, as Governor, in the year 1872, and that the Auditor of Public Accounts is hereby directed to issue to said John Lewis his warrant for the amount as above upon presentation of a certified copy of this act, duly signed and promulgated according to law; and furthermore, that the said John Lewis shall sign a receipt to the Auditor for all claims against the State.

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.

A true copy:

P. G. DESLONDE, Secretary of State.

The foregoing act having been presented to the Governor of the State of Louisiana for his approval, and not having been returned by him to the House of the General Assembly in which it originated within the time prescribed by the constitution of the State of Louisiana, has become a law without his approval.

P. G. DESLONDE, Secretary of State.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

Office Louisiana Equitable Life Insurance Company.—An annual election for Directors of this company was held on Monday, April 20, 1874. The following gentlemen constitute the Board of Directors:

John Henderson,	William F. Schmidt,
Alexander Marks	W. S. Pike,
James I. Day,	A. Thomson,
John I. Adams,	E. J. Hart,
Charles Chaffe,	David Wallace,
J. W. Stone,	S. Cambon,
H. J. Vose,	George A. Fosdick,
Emory Clapp,	E. Rigney,
E. H. Fairchild,	William Creevy,
W. P. Harper,	B. T. Walshe,
E. B. Briggs,	J. E. Camors,
E. A. Tyler,	Samuel M. Todd.

At the annual meeting of the Board of Directors held Monday, May 4, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

SAMUEL MANNING TODD, President.
WILLIAM B. SCHMIDT, Vice-President.
WILLIAM HENDERSON, Secretary.

WILLIAM HENDERSON, Secretary.
my5 10t

SPECIAL NOTICES.

Commercial Insurance Company.—An annual election for Directors of this company was held on May 4, 1874. The following gentlemen constitute the Board:

ED. A. YORKE.	J. S. COPES,
JOHN T. HARDIE,	P. POURSINE,
J. N. BEADLES,	W. T. BLAKEMORE,
JOSEPH WEST.	C. H. DOLSEN,
GEORGE O. SWEET.	E. H. WILSON,
JOSEPH H. OGLESBY,	J. J. IRBY,
J. G. PARHAM,	E. KIRKPATRICK,
E. H. FALCHILD,	THEO. BERKSON,
JULIUS WEIS,	G. R. PRESTON,
CHARLES PLEASANTS,	G. P. HARRISON,
JOSEPH O'BRIEN,	T. L. AIRY,
L. ALCUS,	GEORGE WEIGHTMAN,

W. T. HARDIE.

At a meeting of the Board held on the eleventh instant, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

JOSEPH H. OGLESBY, President;
JOHN T. HARDIE, Vice President;
my13 1m WALTER HUNTINGTON, Secretary.

Germania Insurance Company, No. 124 Common street, New Orleans, May 11, 1874.—Notice is hereby given that a general meeting of the stockholders of this company will be held on the tenth of June next, at 7 P. M., for the purpose of reducing the capital stock.

my12 1m E. MAIRE, Secretary.

Special Notice to Shippers.—New Orleans, Jackson and Great Northern Railroad Company, Office Freight Agent, No. 381 Julia street, New Orleans, May 7, 1874.—Freight will be received for all railroad stations and cities North, East and West.

Special contract must be made with J. G. Morey, contracting freight agent, No. 22 Camp street, for shipment of all through freight and to points east of Meridian and south of Atlanta. Copy of contract must accompany each shipment.

All freight must be plainly marked with name of of consignee and destination in full.

Powder and coal oil received on Mondays.

my8 E. A. BURKE, Freight Agent.

Hall Washington Steam Fire Company No. 20, New Orleans, May 12, 1874.—At a regular monthly meeting, held this day, Mr. A. J. DESMOND was elected foreman of this company, vice James Grady, resigned.

By order. MICHAEL P. CREAGH, my13 1t Secretary.

Shakespeare Club, Globe Theatre, New Orleans, May 11, 1874.—The complimentary entertainment announced for Wednesday evening, thirteenth instant, has been postponed to WEDNESDAY, twentieth, when "Faint Heart Ne'er Won Fair Lady" and "Dreams of Delusion" will be substituted for the play of "Rob Roy."

my12 13 17 FRANK WILSON, Secretary.

POLITICAL NOTICES.

Hall of the First Ward Central Club, New Orleans, May 11, 1874.—At a regular meeting of this club, held this day, on motion, duly seconded, it was

Resolved, That we, the Republicans of this ward, do most heartily indorse the appointment made by Colonel James Lewis, Administrator of Improvements, of Patrick Creagh, Esq., as District Superintendent of the First District, as one that will give universal satisfaction to all good Republicans of the district.

J. C. MILLER, President.
GEORGE C. NORCROSS, Secretary. my13 1t*

At an election held on Monday, May 11, 1874, for officers of the Tenth Ward Republican Central Club, the following gentlemen were elected:

	Votes.
J. A. Kayzer, president	315
H. F. Brennan, first vice president	316
T. Fuller, second vice president	315
B. Jacobs, third vice president	315
C. Williams, fourth vice president	315
F. D. Frouville, secretary	302
F. L. King, assistant secretary	328
A. Cloud, corresponding secretary	315
P. Woods, treasurer	315
T. Chapman, sergeant-at-arms	315
H. Strotter, assistant sergeant-at-arms	315
H. Wagner, assistant sergeant-at-arms	315
I. Driver, assistant sergeant-at-arms	315
W. Herriford, marshal	315

We, the undersigned commissioners, do certify that the above return is true and correct.

DIMONVILLE A. PATUREL,
VALCOUR J. LABOSTRIE,
HENRY J. BELL,
my13 1t ANTOINE DELISLE.

Hall Fifth Ward Radical Republican Central Club, New Orleans, May 7, 1874.—At the regular meeting of the club this day, H. T. Jean, Esq., first vice president, in the