OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA.

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AN ACT No. 1.

ablish an additional district court to entitled the "Superior Civil Court for parish of Orleans;" to define and re- te its jurisdiction and modify and late that of the several district courts id parish, hitherto and now existing; duce the expense of taxpayers and stice in the city of New Orleans; to ish the Sixth and Superior District rts for said parish; to further regu- corporations and their proceedings dissolution and protect the assets of; to regulate juries and jury com- tioners relative to said Superior Civil rt and increase the salary of said missioners, and to confer additional rs on the Third District Court for parish of Orleans.

TION 1. Be it enacted by the Senate ouse of Representatives of the State isiana in General Assembly con- That there shall be and is hereby d an additional district court within rish of Orleans, to be and be entitled perior Civil Court for the parish of s." As soon as practicable after the e of this act, the Governor shall ap- as in case of original vacancy, a and clerk for the said court, and here- every election for judges of the dis- urts of or for the parish of Orleans, shall be elected in like manner a judge Superior Civil Court; and in like hereafter a clerk shall be elected same. Until such elections and the ation and entering into office of their ive successors, the said offices continue to be filled by ap- ents of the Governor, by and the advice and consent of the , or to be submitted for such advice nsent at the next session of the Sen- made within the recess of the same. dge shall receive a salary of five and dollars per annum, payable on rrant of the Auditor of Public Ac- upon the order of the judge. The shall receive in compensation for his e such fees as are now fixed by law ilar services, excepting in city tax wherein the fee has been hitherto dollar, which shall be reduced dollar for each suit hereafter brought; ers not specially regulated by law, l receive the same fees as other of district courts for the parish of

2. Be it further enacted, etc., That ts of Louisiana and the city of New shall not be required to make de- give security in advance for any

3. Be it further enacted, etc., That Superior Civil Court for the parish ans shall have original jurisdiction vil cases in said parish (except pro- ought in said court or transferred when the amount in dispute exceeds dred dollars, exclusive of interest, ll have exclusive original jurisdic- all State and city tax suits in the of Orleans, and in all civil suits in tish in which the State of Louisiana, e of New Orleans, or the Board of sioners of the Metropolitan Police, board of School Directors of the city Orleans may be a party or be in- , of whatever amount, and whether , exceeding or less than one hun- llars in amount claimed, involved pute.

4. Be it further enacted, etc., That have exclusive original jurisdic- all suits for or involving upwards hundred dollars, within said parish; any corporation or board, private cal, established by act of the Gen- sembly of this State, by or before a public, or otherwise, under the laws State, or holding property within the of Orleans, is a party or interested, clusive appellate jurisdiction from of the peace in all such suits not g one hundred dollars in amount. ll have exclusive original jurisdic- and for the parish of Orleans (ex- cases where the same is vested in of the peace, and in such cases it ve exclusive appellate jurisdiction), its or proceedings where or wherein writs of injunction, prohibition, rants or mandamus, are issued or for, excepting only as hereinafter d and reserved in section seven of

5. ll have exclusive original juris- all suits for damages against any public officers, for or arising out of cial act, injury or neglect of duty. ll have exclusive original jurisdic- and over all rules or proceedings the recorder of mortgages to com- cancellation of any inscription of city or State.

6. ll have exclusive original jurisdic- all actions involving the right to possession of or any question of from office, whether of the State, l, city, district or local, or of any corporation, private or political, by or under the laws of the State liana; and of all suits for or involv- forfeiture or suspension of the , the conservation or sequestration assets, the prevention of waste or distribution of the assets, and the sion or liquidation of any such cor- ns.

7. Be it further enacted, etc., That ses in which exclusive or appellate is granted to the Superior Civil the parish of Orleans, by this same shall be construed to mean of all other district courts in or parish of Orleans.

8. Be it further enacted, etc., That herein contained shall be construed the Second District Court for h of Orleans from exercising all s granted by section five of act the extra session of 1870, approved 1870, or the Third District the parish of Orleans, from exer- cases not appealable to the Supe- l Court the powers granted by seven of said act; and this ll not be held to deprive dge or court of the power injunctions to stay or regulate the s of any order of seizure and sale, writ of execution or possession by such judge or court, and shall d to deprive any such judge or the power to issue the writ of in- any judgment rendered, or order and sale, sequestration, attach- rit of possession or provisional ade by such judge or court. And shall, furthermore, not be construed manner limit or affect the jurisdic- power of the Supreme Court of the Louisiana to issue, hear and de- any and all writs or orders, which, by law or by the existing laws, reme Court has authority to issue, determine.

9. Be it further enacted, etc., That herein contained shall affect the on of any district court of another district and exercised outside of of the parish of Orleans except s, to wit: Suite or proceedings general or other officers of the of any district including the par- leans, or who receive their com- or from the seat of government required to make any report, set- r account at the seat of govern- within the parish of Orleans, as heir sureties, may be held to suit, r process by or on behalf of the n the Superior Civil Court herein notwithstanding their personal be not within the parish of Or- any such officer or sureties shall by any or all judgments, or- tions or writs of sequestration mus, and decisions relative to lins issued, made or rendered by rior Civil Court; and no plea, ex- objection thereto shall be main- entertained on the ground of unless a suit between the same r the same purpose, and involv- same subject matter, be pending or decided at the place of his al- claimed domicile. Services of notices of any kind whatever in e proceedings may be made by heriff of the parish of Orleans in f the State, or by the sheriff of within the State, wherever such parties may have domicile or be

10. It further enacted, etc., That the judge of said Superior Civil Court shall be a member of the Board of District Judges for the parish of Orleans, organized by act No. 59 of the sessions of 1872, approved April 23, 1872. But said board shall not have power to bind him relative to the special jurisdiction or authority of the said Superior Civil Court.

SEC. 8. Be it further enacted, etc., That the Superior Civil Court herein created shall have power to issue writs of prohibition, injunction, mandamus and certiorari in maintenance or aid of its original jurisdiction, and of its appellate jurisdiction from any justice of the peace of or within the parish of Orleans or city of New Orleans.

SEC. 9. Be it further enacted, etc., That said Superior Civil Court shall further have exclusive original jurisdiction over all suits and proceedings in the parish of Orleans for possession of immovable property under sale of the tax collectors, or transfers under tax titles, whether from the State or city of New Orleans, or directly involving the validity of tax titles in any manner whatever.

SEC. 10. Be it further enacted, etc., That pending proceedings to ascertain or decree the forfeiture or suspension of the charter of any corporation for waste, fraud, violation of law, expiration of charter or other cause, on due showing or complaint by one or more officers, creditors or stockholders, the court may appoint one or more receivers or managers for the time being, and shall be empowered to require bond with good and sufficient surety, in favor of the Governor of the State, and any and all persons interested; such bond may be sued upon at any time in said Superior Civil Court by any such person interested, and increased or renewed if insufficient or the security be or become unsatisfactory. Such receivers or managers may, on the order of the court, be empowered to collect debts, and levy and enforce the payment of dues and installments, and to transact business required by the proper interest of all parties concerned, in lieu of the usual officers or directors. On decree of forfeiture, dissolution or liquidation, one or more liquidators shall be appointed by the court to act under its directions and according to law, and not otherwise. And the court shall be empowered to dismiss or supersede the same for cause, and to require, increase or new bond, and to receive any appeal from such order of dismissal or supersedeure, or concerning bonds, shall be devolutive only.

SEC. 11. Be it further enacted, etc., That in suits now or hereafter brought within or under the exclusive original jurisdiction of the Superior Civil Court aforesaid, or made hereafter cognizable herein, by proceedings taken in the Superior Civil Court or in the court previously exercising such suit or suits, the Superior Civil Court shall hear and determine and have jurisdiction on all the other questions involved, as well as all those giving it exclusive jurisdiction; and all suits in other district courts so becoming cognizable, now or hereafter, in the Superior Civil Court, shall be *ipso facto* transferred thereto; such transfer shall be made and the record in such suits shall be deliverable on the demand of the clerk of the Superior Civil Court or the order of the judge of said court, and the civil sheriff of the parish shall enforce such order if opposed in every case or suit transferred by or under this act. And no order of any judge of the court from which such record is demanded shall be of any validity in opposition thereto.

SEC. 12. Be it further enacted, etc., That the Sixth District Court for the parish of Orleans shall be and is hereby vacated, discontinued and abolished. All the records and suits of the same, except such as are herein transferred to or made cognizable in the Superior Civil Court, shall be transferred to and heard and determined in the Third District Court for the parish of Orleans, which said Third District Court shall, in addition to the jurisdiction thereto remaining under this and previous acts, shall have such further and like concurrent jurisdiction as the Fourth and Fifth District Courts for the parish of Orleans shall hereafter possess.

SEC. 13. Be it further enacted, etc., That act No. 2 of the extra session of the Legislature convened December 9, 1872, which act creating the Superior District Court for the parish of Orleans, was approved December 11, 1872, be and is hereby repealed; that said Superior District Court be and is hereby abolished, and that all the records of the said Superior District Court, whether in cases finally acted upon or still pending, shall be transferred to the said Superior Civil Court for the parish of Orleans, which is hereby vested with jurisdiction in the premises; provided, that nothing contained in this act shall be construed to impair the claim or lien and privilege for costs of the clerk of the late Superior District Court.

SEC. 14. Be it further enacted, etc., That the said Superior Civil Court shall adopt such jury terms as may appear necessary and convenient, and shall have authority to require at any time drawings of such number of jurors as it may order from the jury commissioners of the parish of Orleans; and from the number so drawn to form a jury list not exceeding one hundred, who shall serve for one month from the completion of the panel, unless discharged; and it may complete any petty jury by summoning talesmen, as is usual in such cases.

The salaries of the jury commissioners for the parish of Orleans are hereby increased to one thousand dollars per annum, each, payable quarterly, by the Administrator of Finance of the city of New Orleans.

SEC. 15. Be it further enacted, etc., That the judge of the Superior Civil Court shall select from the rooms and offices lately occupied by the Superior District Court and Sixth District Court, and from any other rooms in the courthouse not hitherto occupied as court rooms and offices, suitable apartments for said Superior Civil Court and its officers; provided, the court may remove at any time or occupy any other location assigned by the Council of the city of New Orleans, and approved by the judge; and the Council, on the order of the judge, shall be required to procure such eligible location and due furniture for the court, and cause the same to be taken care of and supplied with fuel and attendance for the use of the court.

SEC. 16. Be it further enacted, etc., That in any case when the judge of the Superior Civil Court may be recused, and when he is not personally interested in the matters in contestation, he shall select a lawyer, having the qualifications required for a judge of his court, to try such cases. And when the judge is personally interested in the suit, he shall call upon another district judge of any district in the State to try the case. In all other cases of absence, inability, declension to serve or temporary vacancy, original or otherwise, he may in like manner call on, or the Governor may assign, a district judge of the State to act in the case or cases, or for the time being.

SEC. 17. Be it further enacted, etc., That the civil sheriff of the parish of Orleans is charged with the duties of sheriff of the Superior Civil Court, and with opening said court on the order of the judge thereto appointed or temporarily assigned. In case of his inability or neglect or refusal to perform any such duty, the judge may call upon any coroner or appoint a sheriff pro tempore for said court, and the Governor may, in case of refusal, remove the civil sheriff from office.

SEC. 18. Be it further enacted, etc., That all laws or parts or provisions of laws conflicting with this act be and the same are hereby repealed, as far as so conflicting, and this act shall have force and effect from and after its passage.

(Signed) MICHAEL HAHN,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
(Signed) C. C. ANTOINE,
Lieutenant Governor and President of the Senate.
Approved January 4, 1877.
(Signed) WM. P. KELLOGG,
Governor of the State of Louisiana.
A true copy:
P. G. DESLONDE,
Secretary of State.

AN ACT No. 2.

Authorizing the Governor of the State of Louisiana to assume charge of the Capitol buildings, and to empower him to maintain peace and order therein and in its vicinity.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana in General Assembly convened, That the Governor of the State of Louisiana be and is hereby requested and authorized to continue in charge of the State House, and to maintain peace and order therein; provided, that he shall not have power to interfere with the Sergeant-at-Arms of either house of the General Assembly acting under orders of either house, or of the presiding officer during the sessions of the same in their respective halls. The Governor shall have power to maintain peace and order in the State House and in the vicinity of the State House at all times, and for that purpose he may use the military forces of the State.

SEC. 2. Be it further enacted, etc., That this act shall have force and effect from and after its passage, and all laws or parts of laws in conflict with this act be and they are hereby repealed.

(Signed) MICHAEL HAHN,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
(Signed) C. C. ANTOINE,
Lieutenant Governor and President of the Senate.
Approved January 6, 1877.
(Signed) WM. P. KELLOGG,
Governor of the State of Louisiana.
A true copy:
P. G. DESLONDE,
Secretary of State.

No. 3.

AN ACT

Making an appropriation of two hundred thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary for the maintenance of the militia of the State during the year 1877, and to regulate the disbursement of the same.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana, in General Assembly convened, That the sum of two hundred thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, be and the same is hereby appropriated out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the support and maintenance of the militia of the State during the year 1877.

SEC. 2. Be it further enacted, etc., That the money herein appropriated shall be disbursed under the existing militia laws by proper military vouchers, upon the approval of the Governor in his capacity as Commander-in-Chief.

SEC. 3. Be it further enacted, etc., That the Governor, as commander-in-chief, shall not assign any militia officer to duty under pay out of said appropriation who is not in actual command of troops, and no militia officer shall receive pay out of such appropriation as such unless in actual command of troops.

SEC. 4. Be it further enacted, etc., That no back militia claims shall in any way be paid out of this appropriation.

SEC. 5. Be it further enacted, etc., That this act shall take effect from and after its passage. All laws conflicting herewith are hereby repealed.

(Signed) MICHAEL HAHN,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
(Signed) C. C. ANTOINE,
Lieutenant Governor and President of the Senate.
Approved January 6, 1877.
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Secretary of State.

No. 4.

AN ACT

For the relief of the widow of B. H. Dinkgrave, late tax collector of the parish of Ouachita.

WHEREAS, B. H. Dinkgrave, late tax collector of the parish of Ouachita, August 13, 1876, and had prior to his death performed a large part of the labor and incurred the greater portion of the expenses incident to the collection of State taxes due in 1876, although but a small portion of the taxes due had been paid prior to his decease, and consequently compensation for the labor performed can not be claimed under existing laws; therefore,

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened, That whatever sum not to exceed twenty-five thousand dollars that may be found to be due to the State by said Dinkgrave on final adjustment of his accounts with the State accounts, is hereby appropriated for the benefit of the widow of said B. H. Dinkgrave, and for the sole purpose of balancing the accounts of said B. H. Dinkgrave with the State. The intent of this act being that the relief resulting from its passage shall inure to the sole benefit of the widow of B. H. Dinkgrave, and not to that of his heirs or creditors, and to this end the said widow shall be entitled to receive credit in the settlement of the estate of B. H. Dinkgrave to the amount of this appropriation.

SEC. 2. Be it further enacted, etc., That the Auditor of Public Accounts will draw his warrant on the State Treasurer to the amount of this appropriation, to be credited to the funds respectively to which the indebtedness of said B. H. Dinkgrave shall be shown on final adjustment to be due.

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

(Signed) MICHAEL HAHN,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
(Signed) C. C. ANTOINE,
Lieutenant Governor and President of the Senate.
Approved January 6, 1877.
(Signed) WM. P. KELLOGG,
Governor of the State of Louisiana.
A true copy:
P. G. DESLONDE,
Secretary of State.

No. 5.

AN ACT

To authorize the Attorney General and district attorneys and other prosecuting officers of the State to challenge jurors in criminal cases for certain causes.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana in General Assembly convened, That upon the trial of any person upon an indictment for conspiracy, for murder, for assault with intent to kill, for assault with a deadly weapon, for assault and battery, or for any violation of the election and registration laws, or for any violation of any statute forbidding the organization of illegal military bodies, it shall be sufficient cause for challenge, for cause, by the State of any juror presented, that he is a member of any association, society or organization, secret or open, military or civil, to which the accused may have belonged, it it shall appear from the indictment or information that the accused was a member of such body, association, society or organization when the crime is alleged to have been committed, and if it shall appear from the indictment or information that the accused is charged with the commission of such crime, in connection with such organization or body, or with any member or members thereof.

SEC. 2. Be it further enacted, etc., That this act shall take effect from and after its passage, and that all laws or parts of laws in conflict herewith are hereby repealed, so far as they so conflict.

(Signed) MICHAEL HAHN,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
(Signed) C. C. ANTOINE,
Lieutenant Governor and President of the Senate.
Approved January 6, 1877.
(Signed) WM. P. KELLOGG,
Governor of the State of Louisiana.
A true copy:
P. G. DESLONDE,
Secretary of State.

No. 6.

AN ACT

Forbidding the organization and maintenance of any military organization, company or body not mustered into the militia of the State; defining such illegal bodies as riotous and unlawful assemblies in certain cases; making it a misdemeanor to violate this act, and prescribing a punishment therefor, and providing for the disbandment of such illegal bodies.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana in General Assembly convened, That all military organizations within the State shall be organized and maintained under the militia laws thereunto providing, and it shall be unlawful to organize or maintain any military organization or body, except it shall be mustered into the State militia under the militia laws existing or which may be hereafter enacted. All bodies, combinations, associations or companies which have provided themselves or which may provide themselves with military arms, shall be deemed military organizations within the meaning of this act.

SEC. 2. Be it further enacted, etc., That it shall be the duty of the Governor of the State [to] require and to command the disbandment and dispersal of any military organization, body or company existing or organized in violation of the provisions of this act whenever he shall deem the existence or formation of such organization, body or company to endanger the public peace or to be organized for any unlawful purpose.

SEC. 3. Be it further enacted, etc., That whenever the Governor shall deem it his duty under section two of this act to disband any organization existing or formed in violation of this act he shall give official notice to such organization to disband. Such notice may be served by any militia officer of the State upon any officer or member of such illegal organization, body or company. If such illegal organization, body or company shall not thereupon disband, the Governor shall issue his proclamation, commanding such organization to disband. In such proclamation the Governor may name any officer or officers, member or members of such illegal organization, company or body, specially commanding him or them to so disband such illegal organization. If any such person or persons so named in such proclamation of the Governor shall neglect or refuse to obey such proclamation, and shall neglect or refuse to so disband, such organization, company or body, he or they, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction shall be fined and imprisoned at the discretion of the court. Any person or persons who shall thereafter act with in or drill with, or who shall appear upon any public highway with arms in company with any such illegal body, company or organization, or as members of such as a military body, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction shall be punished with fine and imprisonment in the discretion of the court.

SEC. 4. Be it further enacted, etc., That if it shall become necessary the Governor may direct the law officers of the State to institute any civil suit or process to enforce the disbandment of any illegal organization, company or body within the meaning of this act, and he, the Governor, may, if it shall become necessary, use the militia of the State to enforce any order or process of court in the premises.

SEC. 5. Be it further enacted, etc., That if any illegal military body, company or organization, within the meaning of this act, shall appear upon any public streets or highways, or in any public place, after having been commanded to disband by the Governor as hereinbefore provided, such illegal military body, company or organization and the members thereof shall be deemed a riotous and unlawful assemblage, and may be dispersed under the provisions of act No. 7 of 1873, approved January 4, 1873, and entitled an act to suppress riotous and unlawful assemblies, etc.

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

(Signed) MICHAEL HAHN,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
(Signed) C. C. ANTOINE,
Lieutenant Governor and President of the Senate.
Approved January 6, 1877.
(Signed) WM. P. KELLOGG,
Governor of the State of Louisiana.
A true copy:
P. G. DESLONDE,
Secretary of State.

No. 7.

AN ACT

To amend and re-enact sections 134, 977, 998, 1021, 1028, 1029, 1031, 1172, 1936, 1964 and 3891 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Louisiana, and to authorize and empower the Attorney General, assistant attorney general, district attorneys and district attorneys pro tempore to administer oaths in criminal cases, and to repeal all conflicting laws, and to authorize the Governor to assign the assistant attorney general to perform certain duties in certain cases.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana in General Assembly convened, That section 977 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Louisiana, be and the same is hereby amended and re-enacted so as to read as follows: All prosecutions shall be by indictment or information.

SEC. 2. Be it further enacted, etc., That sections 134 and 1167 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Louisiana be and the same are hereby amended and re-enacted so as to read as follows: Whenever the Attorney General, or any district attorney or district attorney pro tempore, shall be informed that a crime or misdemeanor has been committed, and that no complaint or declaration thereof has been made before any judge or justice of the peace, it shall be their duty respectively to inquire ex-officio into the fact by examining all persons they may have reason to believe have knowledge of the fact to be summoned before some judge or justice of the peace, that their depositions may be taken. Said summons shall run and be served in any part of the State by any sheriff or other officer designated by the Attorney General; and provided, further, that whenever the Attorney General shall be informed that an offense, whether capital or otherwise, has been committed in any parish in this State, and that no proper complaint has been made as above provided, or that proper action has not been taken upon such complaint when made, he, the Attorney General, or at his instance and by his authority the district attorney or district attorney pro tempore for such parish, may, and it is made his duty at any time, either during any term, general or special, or during vacation [to] file an information for such offense against any person or persons accused of having committed, or in any manner participated in the commission of such offense; and any and all judges of courts of competent jurisdiction throughout this State shall at any and all times, either during any term, general or special, or during vacation, receive such information, and cause the same to be properly filed, and shall take such immediate action thereon under the law as may be necessary to secure the arrest and confinement of the accused.

SEC. 3. Be it further enacted, etc., That section 1936 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Louisiana be and the same is hereby amended and re-enacted so as to read as follows: That the judges of the district and parish courts of this State shall have authority to administer oaths, to grant, at chambers, orders relating to curators of interdicted persons, all orders relating to surrenders by insolvent debtors, and the appointment and administration of syndics, orders of arrest, attachment, sequestration, provisional seizure and injunction, and all orders relating thereto, writs of habeas corpus, orders of seizure and sale on executory process, orders for commissions to take testimony, to receive, cause to be filed, and to take proper action upon information filed as provided for in section two of this act, including section 134 of the Revised Statutes of this State, and generally to grant all other orders not required by law to be granted in open court, and in case of the absence, sickness, inability or refusal to act of any judge to whom such information shall be presented as provided in this act, then upon application by petition of the Attorney General, or any district attorney or district attorney pro tempore, to any district judge of this State, such judge is hereby authorized and required to cause the same to be filed and to take such action as may be necessary to cause the arrest and confinement of such accused person or persons.

SEC. 4. Be it further enacted, etc., That sections 1021, 1172, 1964 and 3891 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Louisiana be and the same are hereby amended and re-enacted so as to read as follows: Upon application of the Attorney General, district attorney or district attorney protempore authorized by the Attorney General, the judge shall, in any criminal prosecution in this State, either before or after arraignment, change the venue in behalf of the State to any parish in the same or any other district of the State designated by the Attorney General, and where, in the opinion of the Attorney General, a fair and competent jury can be obtained for the trial of such accused.

SEC. 5. Be it further enacted, etc., That sections 1028 and 1031, of the Revised Statutes of the State be and the same are hereby amended and re-enacted, so as to read as follows: Changes of venue in any criminal prosecution in this State may be granted, on behalf of the accused, to an adjoining parish of the State, whenever there has been no previous change of venue or application on behalf of the State, either before or after arraignment, upon the proper application being made to the judge, either in open court or at chambers; provided that such application on behalf of the accused shall be considered as a final answer to the indictment, in the same manner as if the accused had pleaded not guilty; provided further, that the Attorney General, or district attorney authorized by the Attorney General, may, nevertheless, change the venue on behalf of the State, as hereinbefore provided.

SEC. 6. Be it further enacted, etc., That section 1029 of the Revised Statutes of this State be and the same is hereby amended and re-enacted so as to read as follows: When a change of venue shall be awarded, either upon the application of the State or the accused, it shall be the duty of the sheriff immediately to convey the accused to the parish to which the cause shall have been removed, and to deliver him to the sheriff of said parish, whose duty it shall be to hold him in safe custody until otherwise ordered by the court; and for compensation and necessary expenses attending such transfer the sheriff shall be paid by the Treasurer of the State upon the approval of his account therefor by the Attorney General.

SEC. 7. Be it further enacted, etc., That the Attorney General, assistant attorney general, district attorneys, and district attorneys pro tempore in this State are hereby empowered and authorized to administer oaths to witnesses in criminal matters.

SEC. 8. Be it further enacted, etc., That the Governor may at any time assign the assistant attorney general to perform the duties hereinbefore imposed upon the Attorney General or district attorneys in case of the absence, or neglect or refusal of the Attorney General or district attorney to perform any duty imposed upon him by this act.

SEC. 9. Be it further enacted, etc., That section 998 of the Revised Statutes of this State be and the same is hereby amended and re-enacted so as to read as follows: That in all criminal prosecutions wherein the defendant is allowed peremptory challenges the State shall also be allowed, without cause, the same number of challenges allowed the defendants in such case by law.

SEC. 10. Be it further enacted, etc., That this act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and all laws or parts of laws conflicting with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed so far as conflicting.

(Signed) MICHAEL HAHN,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
(Signed) C. C. ANTOINE,
Lieutenant Governor and President of the Senate.
Approved January 6, 1877.
(Signed) WM. P. KELLOGG,
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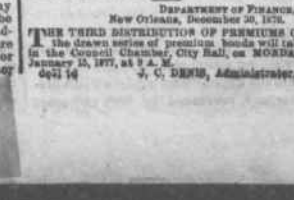

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The last report of the Commissioner of the General Land Office shows 2,927,500 acres of bounty land warrants outstanding. These were issued under act of 1855 and prior acts. GILMORE & CO. pay cash for them. Send by registered letter. Where assignments are imperfect we give instructions to perfect them.

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Officers, soldiers and sailors of the late war, or their heirs, are in many cases entitled to money from the government, of which they have no knowledge. Write full history of service, and state amount of pay and bounty received. Enclose stamp to GILMORE & CO., and a full reply after examination, will be given you free.

Pensions.

All officers, soldiers and sailors wounded, ruptured, or injured in the late war, however slightly, can obtain a pension by addressing GILMORE & CO.

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Each department of our business is conducted in a separate bureau, under the charge of the same experienced parties employed by the old firm. Prompt attention to all business intrusted to GILMORE & CO. is thus secured. We desire to win success by deserving it. Address

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IN BANKRUPTCY.—COMMERCIAL FIRMS or individuals desirous of availing themselves of the benefit of the bankrupt act can have their petitions and schedules prepared strictly according to the bankrupt law as amended, general orders of the United States Supreme Court and rules of the United States District Court, by applying to the undersigned, who is one of the Assignees in Bankruptcy, in the Custom house building, New Orleans, Louisiana. Terms reasonable. Postoffice box 2097.

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HENRY BALLARD, UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT CONTRACTOR AND DEALER IN FOREIGN COAL AND WOOD, respectfully requests public patronage in his line of trade. A well assorted stock is always kept on hand, and will be sold at lowest prices for cash. Orders will be filled without delay from the food warehouse, No. 65 Fulton street and No. 181 Peter street, near Lafayette, or from the feed store and coal yard at the corner of Ursulines and Dauphine streets. Consignments are solicited, and will be disposed of to the best advantage of consignees. Quick sales and prompt returns are guaranteed, and the best reference can be given. jy14 1y

WANTED.

WANTED—A PERSON WHO UNDERSTANDS Pottery in all its branches. Apply to A. C. BOYLE, Republican office. sa18

OFFICIAL NOTICES.

ALLOTMENT OF PREMIUM BONDS.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE,
New Orleans, December 30, 1876.

THE FIFTH ALLOTMENT OF SERIES OF PREMIUM bonds will take place in the Council Chamber on WEDNESDAY, January 31, 1877, at which time fifty series will be drawn.

de31 1d J. C. DENIS, Administrator.

DISTRIBUTION OF PREMIUM BONDS.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE,
New Orleans, December 30, 1876.

THE THIRD DISTRIBUTION OF PREMIUMS ON the drawn series of premium bonds will take place in the Council Chamber, City Hall, on MONDAY, January 15, 1877, at 9 A. M.

de31 1d J. C. DENIS, Administrator.

INSURANCE.

NEW ORLEANS INSURANCE COMPANY.

CORNER OF CANAL AND CAMP STREETS.

Established in 1805.

Capital	$500,000 0
Assets at cir market value	822,027 26
Income for the year 1875	624,030 96

This company insures fire, marine and river risks; issues marine policies, payable in London in case of loss.

J. TUYES, President.
A. SCHREIBER, Vice President.
J. W. HINCKS, Secretary.

Directors.

Ernest Merlin, A. M. Bickham, Placide Forstall, A. Schreiber, H. Gally, J. Tuyes, Charles Laffite, W. A. Bell, W. Van Benthuysen, D. Patja, Pierre Poeza, D. D. Rogers. ja23 1y

TWENTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL STATEMENT

OF THE

CRESCENT MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY,

New Orleans, May 20, 1876.

The Trustees, in conformity to the amended charter, submit the following statement of the affairs of the Company on the thirtieth April, 1876:

Fire premiums	$201,066 26
Marine premiums	27,402 97
River premiums	114,813 36
Total	$353,306 49
Earned premiums, less reinsurance and return premiums	$263,307 40
Losses paid and estimated, including all known and unpaid:	
On fire risks $56,960 10	
On marine risks 19,938 56	
On river risks 71,471 96—	$147,360 58
Taxes, expenses, rebate in lieu of participation, less interest, discount, etc.	83,728 11—231,118 69
Leaving, after paying ten per cent in cash, interest on capital stock, profits	$32,238 79

The Company have the following assets—

Bills receivable		$53,728 78
Loans on bond and mortgage	56,44333—	$110,172 11
Loans on pledge at call		$136,711 27
Cash	67,368 04—	188,669 41
Real estate		123,034 42
City bonds, bank and other stocks		136,164 09
Premiums in course of collection		27,628 77
Total assets		$585,698 71

The above statement is a true and correct transcript from the books of the company.

THOMAS A. ADAMS, President.

HENRY V. GOOKIN, Secretary.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this twentieth day of May, 1876. WILLIAM H. HOLMES, Second Justice of the Peace, Parish of Orleans.

The Board of Trustees resolved, That after paying the annual interest of ten per cent on the capital stock of the company, that a dividend of TWENTY PER CENT be paid in cash on and after the twelfth day of June next, to those parties insuring with the company, entitled to receive the same.

Trustees.

Thomas A. Adams,	Edward Pilsbury,
Samuel H. Kennedy,	John E. King,
John Phelps,	Frederick Camerden,
Adam Thompson,	J. L. Harris,
Henry Abraham,	Andrew Stewart,
P. N. Strong,	Joseph Stone,
Victor Meyer,	George Martin,
Joseph Bowling,	Alfred Moulton,
Edward J. Gay,	L. C. Jurey,
John H. Sandidge,	Edward Nalle,
Simon Hernsheim,	George W. Sentell,
Simon Forchheimer,	A. Levi,
Joseph S. Wolfe,	John Brunnas,
S. H. Peat,	William H. Matthews,
Paul R. Mortimer,	John V. Moore.

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P. A. MURRAY,

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Between Julia and St. Joseph streets.

ALL WORK WARRANTED TO GIVE ENTIRE SATISFACTION.

Highest premiums awarded at the last two Louisiana State Fairs and the Southern States Agricultural and Industrial Exposition of 1876.

Cisterns made to order and repaired. A lot of Cisterns, from 1000 to 20,000 gallons, made of the best material and workmanship, kept constantly on hand and for sale at

Prices to Suit the Times.

Orders promptly attended to. fe13 1y

SUCCESSION NOTICES.

Succession of the late Augustus Stuart, deceased.

ALL CREDITORS OF THE ESTATE OF THE late Augustus Stuart are requested to present their claims to the undersigned at his office, No. 17 Royal street. A. PITOT,

Attorney of Widow Felicite Stuart, Executrix.

New Orleans, January 3, 1877. ja4 7 14*

Succession of Widow H. E. Jacquelin.

SECOND DISTRICT COURT FOR THE PARISH OF Orleans. No. 39,131.—Whereas, Antoine Carriere has petitioned the court for letters of administration on the estate of the late Widow H. E. Jacquelin, deceased, intestate. Notice is hereby given to all whom it may concern to show cause within ten days why the prayer of the said petitioner should not be granted.

By order of the Court.

de29 ja3 7* FRANK PACE, JR., Clerk.

Succession of P. Henry Herz, Jr.

SECOND DISTRICT COURT FOR THE PARISH of Orleans. No. 38,963.—Whereas, Emile Bonny, has petitioned the court for letters of administration on the estate of the late P. Henry Herz, Jr., deceased, intestate. Notice is hereby given to all whom it may concern to show cause within ten days why the prayer of the said petitioner should not be granted.

By order of the Court.

de29 ja3 7* FRANK PACE, JR., Clerk.

Succession of Virginia Catherine Alexander.

SECOND DISTRICT COURT FOR THE PARISH of Orleans. No. 39,183.—Whereas, Harry C. Burke has petitioned the court for letters of administration on the estate of the late Mrs. Virginia Catharine Burke, deceased, intestate. Notice is hereby given to all whom it may concern to show cause within ten days why the prayer of said petitioner should not be granted.

By order of the Court.

ja3 8 13* FRANK PACE, JR., Clerk.

Succession of R. H. Woods, Deceased.

SECOND DISTRICT COURT FOR THE PARISH of Orleans. No. 39,883.—Notice is hereby given to the creditors of this estate, and to all other persons herein interested, to show cause within ten days from the present notification, if any they have or can, why the account presented by Laura E. Gautier, wife of Richard H. Woods, deceased, as tutrix and executrix ex officio of this estate should not be homologated and approved, and the funds distributed in accordance therewith.

By order of the Court.

ja7 16 19* FRANK PACE, JR., Clerk.

Succession of Mrs. Margaret McCartney.

SECOND DISTRICT COURT FOR THE PARISH of Orleans. No. 38,980.—Notice is hereby given to the creditors of this estate, and to all other persons herein interested, to show cause within ten days from the present notification, if any they have or can, why the account presented by John Quin, testamentary executor of this estate, should not be homologated and approved, and the funds distributed in accordance therewith.

By order of the Court.

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Succession of Frank Oberheuser.

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