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OF SUCH IS THE KINGDOM.

BY MARIE S. LAIRD.

The wind drove hard across the bay, Lashing the waves to foam; With threatening clouds, in dark array, Seized o'er high Heaven's dome.

"OUR STORY TELLER."

MY AVENGER.

Upon our return from the usual bridal tour to Niagara and Trenton Falls, I purchased a house on Fifth Avenue, and furnished it splendidly. I had no romantic or old-fogy ideas about a life of seclusion, a tete-a-tete of domestic bliss; for I knew that Maude was fond of society, and I had no wish to thwart her desires and render her unhappy by insisting upon her relinquishing all share in those amusements in which she delighted.

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a third room of small size, which my wife christened her library by virtue of the bookcase and secretary of ebony and gold wherewith she caused it to be decorated, though she was rather puzzled how to fill the bookcase, as Ouida's novels and the poems of Owen Meredith and Swinburne comprised nearly the whole of her literary possessions.

One stormy day in March I came up town to call on a business friend at the Fifth Avenue Hotel. When I quitted him I found the storm had so increased in violence that I determined to return home at once, though it was still early in the afternoon, a determination which I put into execution at once.

"Ah! here is my husband. Richard, this is one of my oldest friends—Mr. Gordon Arnold." So, for the first time I looked upon the man of whom I had heard so much in unfavorable connection with the name of the lady I had married. Pale, slender, dark-eyed—handsome certainly, yet not the style of man for whose sake one can fancy a woman going mad, but the soft voice and graceful manner possessed an undoubted charm; and so I mentally confessed to myself as he rose from his seat on the sofa and came forward to receive my greeting.

Mr. Arnold was visibly startled. "Your dog seems vicious, Mr. Kerrison," he said, in a slightly tremulous voice. "It is a pity that so handsome a creature should be so dangerous."

I made some apology, and dragged Czar away, which I was obliged to do by main force, so determined was he upon seizing Gordon Arnold. Meanwhile Maude stood by, white and trembling. "Do have that dog killed, Richard," she cried at last, when I had succeeded in mastering him.

I did not return to the parlor after I had chained up the dog, but sought the seclusion of my library, where I awaited Mr. Arnold's departure. In about half an hour I heard the front door close, and then Maude, humming one of Offenbach's melodies, came into the room where I sat.

"Why did you not come back, Richard?" she asked. "I wanted you to meet Mr. Arnold; he used to be so kind to me when I was a poverty-stricken school-girl, and I think you would like him."

frankness which is calculated to ward off all reproof or blame.

"When did the Arnold family arrive home from Europe? I asked.

"About a month ago, I believe."

"Have you called upon Mrs. Arnold since her return?"

"Yes; about two weeks ago."

"Has she returned your visit?"

There was a moment's hesitation, and then Maude replied:

"No—at least—not yet."

"Then it is my wish that you should not continue to receive her husband."

To be continued.

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[Continued from our last Number.]

Also, an act in relation to the inspection of steam boilers, and for the better protection of life and property against accidents by steam boiler explosions.

By Mr. Waters, of Orleans: An act for the relief of William De Coin, late assistant clerk in the Third Ward Registration office, of the city of New Orleans.

By Mr. Stamps, of Jefferson: A bill to be entitled an act to extend the jurisdiction of the Sheriffs of Orleans and Jefferson, on some future day.

By Mr. Moore, of St. Mary: An act to incorporate the Charenton Free Will Baptist Church, in the parish of St. Mary.

By Mr. Demas, of St. John the Baptist: An act for the relief of Widow F. Trouclair, parish of St. John the Baptist, Louisiana.

By Mr. Yorke, of Carroll: An act to insure the safety and permanency of the levees of the State, and to provide the means therefor.

By Mr. Ringgold: An act to provide for the protection of the city of New Orleans from overflow, and to build a levee for that purpose.

By Mr. Adolphe, of Orleans: An act to incorporate the "Francis-Amis" Benevolent Association of New Orleans, Louisiana.

By Mr. Overton, of Ouachita: An act, to enforce that portion of section 1114 of the revised laws of the State of Louisiana relative to Sunday or Sabbath being a day of public rest.

By Mr. Faulkner, of Caldwell: A bill granting a charter and incorporating a company for the removal of the Raft in Red River, and improving the navigation of said river, and other purposes.

By Mr. Smith, of Caddo: A bill for the incorporation of the Shreveport Savings and Exchange Bank.

By Mr. Gaddis, of Orleans: A bill to prohibit any public business on the Sabbath.

Also, a bill to remove the seat of government to Baton Rouge.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

Under a previous notice, House Bill No. 53, an act for the relief of Francis C. Mahan, was put on its first reading.

Under a suspension of the constitutional rule, the bill was put on its second reading, and its further consideration indefinitely postponed on motion of Mr. McCarty, of Orleans.

Previous notice having been given, House bill No. 54, an act providing for the enforcement of article 128, of title sixth of the constitution of the State of Louisiana, and making void all judgments of the State, and dismissing all suits pending therein, relating to the sale or hire of the labor of former slaves, and for other purposes, was read.

The constitutional rules having been suspended, the bill was placed upon its second reading, and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

ORDER OF THE DAY.

Mr. Ringgold, of Orleans, moved that the consideration of the Governor's veto message be postponed until next Tuesday.

Mr. Davidson, of Livingston, moved that the House resolve itself into committee of the whole to consider the apportionment bill.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

Mr. Ong, of St. Bernard, in the chair. After considering the bill, the committee rose, and the Speaker resumed the chair.

The committee, through its chairman, reported that it had considered the first

section of the bill, reported progress and asked permission to sit again, which was granted.

Mr. Harry Lott, of Rapides, requested a leave of absence for two days for Mr. Burch, of East Baton Rouge, which was granted.

Upon motion of Mr. Waters, of Orleans the House was adjourned until to-morrow, twelve o'clock.

WILLIAM VIGERS, Chief Clerk.

Seventeenth Day's Proceedings.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, Friday, January 20, 1871.

The House met pursuant to adjournment. Speaker Carr in the chair.

The roll was called and the following members answered to their names:

Speaker Carr; Messrs. Abell, Adolphe, Antoine, Baker, Barker, Barrett, Barrow, Belot, Bentley, Bickham, Blunt, Bowen, Brewster, Broussard, Brown, Bryan, Buchanan, Buckingham, Butler, Chachere, Crawford, Darby, Darinsburg, Davis, Demas, Dewees, Durio, Ellis, Faulkner, Floyd, Fontelien, Gaddis, Gardner, Garstkamp, W. Harper, Hempstead, Huston, Hyams, Johnson, Kearson, Kenner, Killen, Kinsella, La Saliniere, Laurent, Lambias, H. Lott, J. B. Lott, Lynch, Mahoney, Marvin, Matthews, McCarty, Meadows, Moncure, Moore, Morphy, Morris, Murray, Nelson, Ong, Orlatek, Otto, Overton, Pond, Quinn, Raby, Riley, Ringgold, Sartain, Schlumacher, Smith, Souer, Stamps, Stanton, Stevens, Stinson, Tatman, Thompson, Tournor, Turcand, Ullman, Verrett, Wanda, Washington of Assumption, Washington, of Concordia, Waters, Whyeland, E. Williams, H. Williams, Wilson, Worrall, Yorke, Young—96. Quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain. Mr. Brewster, of Ouachita, moved to dispense with the reading of the journal.

Carried. The journal was then approved. The Speaker then announced the following special committee on the part of the House, to examine the securities deposited by bankers and banking companies, together with all books and papers relating to the business of banking, according to section 1543 of Revised Statutes: Charles F. Huston, of East Feliciana, chairman; B. Buchanan, of Orleans; D. A. Cochran, of Lafayette; J. H. Burch, of Baton Rouge; J. C. Moncure, of Caddo.

And the following special committee on the part of the House to investigate the Donaldsonville and Baton Rouge riots: D. W. C. Brown, of Ascension, chairman; J. Henri Burch, of Baton Rouge; Paulin Fontelieu, of Vermilion.

And upon the special committee to investigate the affairs of lessees of the New York Canal Company, in the place of the late Horace Jordan, of Richland, James M. Thompson, of St. Tammany.

Mr. Johnson, of Orleans, called up the following resolution, which was read and adopted:

Resolved, That the Postmaster be allowed to purchase postage stamps to the amount of seven dollars and fifty cents for each member of this House, to be paid for out of the contingent fund.

Mr. Barker, of Lafourche, offered the following resolution, which was laid on the table upon motion of Mr. Stamps, of Jefferson.

Resolved, That rule thirty-four be so amended as to empower the Speaker to appoint a standing committee of five members, to be styled the committee on swamp-lands.

Mr. Souer, of Avoyelles, called up the following resolution, which was read and adopted:

Resolved, That a special committee of three be appointed by the Speaker, providing the subject matter does not conflict with the jurisdiction of any standing committee, to take into consideration that portion of the Governor's message relative to life insurance companies, and that said committee make a rigid investigation of the condition and otherwise of all life, fire, marine and other insurance and assurance companies doing business in the State, regardless of the fact as to whether any of the said companies be incorporated by the State of Louisiana or otherwise; and said committee look into the names of all parties insured, the amount of insurance, the insurance of the annual policies, and the system of the scale of insurance, by-laws and charter of each company, and what revenue is or may be derived for the benefit of the State from such incorporations; what laws, if any, are necessary for the mutual protection of the insured and insurers, and as to the possibility of the adoption for the city of New Orleans of the system of a fire insurance patrol and fire marshal, for the protection of property and prevention of incendiarism, as is now in

force in the principal cities of the Union; also, as to the nature, character and practicability of the bureau of insurance adopted and in force in the State of New York, and the feasibility of adopting said system in this State; that said committee shall have power to take the affidavits of witnesses and other testimony, including summary process against persons and papers found necessary for the furtherance of said investigation, and that they shall report by bill or otherwise to this House at the earliest day practicable, and if possible during the present session of the Legislature.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES. The Committee on Enrollment submitted the following report, which was received and accepted.

ENROLLMENT COMMITTEE, New Orleans, January, 20, 1871. To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives:

Your Committee on Enrollment beg leave to report the following bills as having been duly engrossed, viz:

House bill No. 6, an act to amend article nine hundred and fifteen of the Civil Code, and to provide for the descent of community property in certain cases.

Also, House bill No. 18, an act to allow Hypolite Bellocq, of St. Mary parish, to sue the State for alleged damages sustained during the construction of levees.

Respectfully, C. J. ADOLPHE, Chairman.

The Committee on Public Printing submitted the following report, which was received, accepted and adopted.

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC PRINTING, New Orleans, January, 20, 1871. To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives:

Your Committee on Public Printing, to whom was referred the following resolution:

Resolved, That a special committee of five members be appointed by the Speaker, to inquire into the expediency of reducing the expenses of public printing in the parish of Orleans, and State of Louisiana: that the committee report what legislation is necessary as soon as possible.

Beg leave to report unfavorably on the same, for the reason that the committee of five referred to therein would conflict with our committee.

Very respectfully, C. W. RINGGOLD, Chairman.

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC PRINTING, New Orleans, January 20, 1871. To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives:

Your committee to whom was referred House bill No. 5, a bill to authorize the sheriffs and police juries of the different parishes wherein no newspapers are published, to post and advertise in writing at the courthouse door, and three other public places in their parish, notices of sales and other public notices and proceedings of police juries required by law, beg leave to report unfavorably thereon, for the reason that it is improperly drawn, and recommend its rejection.

C. W. RINGGOLD, Chairman.

The Committee on Claims, through its chairman, submitted the following report, which was received and accepted, and the bills referred were ordered to be calendared:

COMMITTEE ON CLAIMS, New Orleans, La., January, 20, 1871. To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives:

Your standing Committee on Claims having considered House bill No. 31, an act for the relief of W. H. Vaughn, and House bill No. 42, an act for the relief of W. B. Hyman, would respectfully report favorably on the same, and recommend their passage.

JOHN GARSTKAMP, Chairman.

NOTICES OF BILLS. Notices were given that the following entitled bills would be introduced at some future time:

By Mr. Butler, of Bienville: An act to amend and re-enact an act entitled "an act for the relief of purchasers of sixteenth sections," approved March 13, 1866.

By Mr. Schumacher, of Orleans: An act to emancipate Louis Conrad Quilite, of the parish of Orleans, from the disabilities of minority.

By Mr. Pond, of Feliciana: An act for the relief of the Rev. J. E. C. Doumas.

By Mr. Antoine, of Orleans: An act for the relief of Mary E. Blanchard.

By Mr. Bentley, of St. Mary: An act to amend and re-enact section first of "an act providing for the appointment of public administrators, and defining the du-

ties of the same," approved March 5, 1870.

By Mr. Durio, of St. Landry: An act to create the parish of St. Joseph, and to provide for the organization of the same.

By Mr. Murray, of Orleans: An act for the relief of Mr. James Murphy.

By Mr. H. Lott, of Rapides: An act to amend and re-enact the third paragraph of article 289 of the Code of Practice.

Also, an act to amend and re-enact the fifth paragraph of article 285 of the Code of Practice.

By Mr. Yorke, of Carroll: An act to repeal an act entitled "an act forming a levee district to be composed of the parishes of Madison, Carroll and Catahoula, for the better protection of the same from inundation," approved March 18, 1852, and all acts amendatory thereof and supplementary thereto; to authorize the Governor of the State to appoint commissioners for the purpose of ascertaining the total outstanding indebtedness against said levee district, and to authorize him to issue the bonds of the State in payment of said indebtedness.

By Mr. Harper, of St. Charles: An act entitled an act to carry into effect article one hundred and fourteenth (114) of the constitution of the State, and to repeal all laws and acts in conflict therewith, and to enforce the observance of said article.

By Mr. Floyd, of St. Helena: An act entitled an act for the relief of T. B. Thompson, late Assessor and Tax Collector for the parish of St. Helena.

By Mr. Worrall, of Jefferson: An act for the relief of the St. Vincent Orphan Asylum.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS. Previous notice having been given the following entitled bills were introduced:

House bill No. 55, an act to prevent frauds in the sale and shipment of cotton at the port of New Orleans, and provide for and regulate the inspection thereof, was read.

The constitutional rules were suspended, the bill put on its second reading, and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

House bill No. 56, an act for the preservation of property by the preventing of the running at large of hogs estray in the parish of Avoyelles and for other purposes. The constitutional rule was suspended, the bill read a second time and referred to the Committee on Lands and Levees.

House bill No. 70, an act entitled an act for the relief of Jacob Strauss, of New Orleans, was placed on its first reading.

Under a suspension of the constitutional rules the bill was put on its second reading, referred to the Committee on Claims and its printing was ordered.

Mr. Waters, of Orleans, moved an adjournment, upon which Messrs. Kenner, of Orleans, and Sartain, of Carroll, demanded the yeas and nays, which resulted as follows:

Yeas: Abell, Baker, Barker, Belot, Butler, Carter, Darby, Davis, Demas, Dewees, Durio, Ellis, Faulkner, Huston, Marvin, Matthews, Moncure, Ong, Pond, Stanton, Waters, E. Williams, Wilson, Worrall—28.

Nays: Barrett, Barrow, Bentley, Bickham, Blunt, Bowen, Brewster, Broussard, Brown, Bryan, Buchanan, Buckingham, Chachere, Crawford, Darinsburg, Floyd, Fontelien, Gaddis, Gardner, Garstkamp, P. Harper, W. Harper, Hempstead, Johnson, Kearson, Kenner, Killen, Kinsella, Lambias, H. Lott, Lynch, Mahoney, McCarty, McFarland, Meadows, Moore, Morphy, Murray, Oplatek, Ott, Overton, Quinn, Raby, Riley, Ringgold, Sartain, Schumacher, Souer, Stamps, Stevens, Tatman, Tournor, Ullman, Wanda, Washington, of Assumption, Washington, of Concordia, H. Williams, Yorke, Young—50.

So the motion to adjourn was lost. House bill No. 71, an act to provide for a geological and mineralogical survey of the State of Louisiana, was put upon its first reading.

The constitutional rules having been suspended, the bill underwent its second reading, and was referred to the Committee on Parochial Affairs.

House bill No. 72, an act for the relief of Clarke H. Remick, tax collector in and for the parish of Vermillion, was read.

Under a suspension of the constitutional rule, the bill was placed upon its second reading, and referred to the committee on Claims.

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR. STATE OF LOUISIANA, Executive Department, New Orleans, January 20, 1871.

To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives: I have the honor to transmit, for the information of the General Assembly, the following reports:

The annual report of the Board of Metropolitan Police for the year ending September 30, 1870.

The report of the Board of Control of the State Penitentiary.

The report of the Board of Public Works.

The report of the State Register of the Land Office.

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