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In the endeavor to establish another Republican journal in New Orleans, the proprietors of the LOUISIANIAN, propose to fill a necessity which has been long, and sometimes painfully felt to exist. In the transition state of our people, in their struggling efforts to attain that position in the Body Politic, which we conceive to be their due, it is regarded that much information, guidance, encouragement, counsel and reproval have been lost, in consequence of the lack of a medium, through which these deficiencies might be supplied. We shall strive to make the LOUISIANIAN a desideratum in these respects.

POLICY.
As our motto indicates, the LOUISIANIAN shall be "Republican at all times and under all circumstances." We shall advocate the security and enjoyment of our civil liberties, the absolute equality of all men before the law, and an impartial distribution of honors and patronage to all who merit them.

Desiring of allaying animosities, of obliterating the memory of the bitter past, of promoting harmony and union among all classes and between all interests, we shall advocate the removal of all political disabilities, foster kindness and forbearance, where malignity and resentment reigned, and seek for fairness and justice where wrong and oppression prevailed. Thus united in our aims and objects, we shall conserve our best interests, elevate our noble State, to an enviable position among the sister States, by the development of her illimitable resources and secure the full benefits of the mighty changes in the history and condition of the people and the country.

Believing that there can be no true liberty without the supremacy of law, we shall urge a strict and indiscriminating administration of justice.

TAXATION.
We shall support the doctrine of an equitable division of taxation among all classes a faithful collection of the revenues, economy in the expenditures, conformably with the exigencies of the State or country and the discharge of every legitimate obligation.

EDUCATION.
We shall sustain the carrying out of the provisions of the act establishing our common school system, and urge as a paramount duty the education of our youth, as vitally connected with their own enlightment, and the security and stability of a Republican Government.

FINAL.
By a generous, manly, independent, and judicious conduct, we shall strive to rescue our paper, from an ephemeral, and temporary existence, and establish it upon a basis, that if we cannot "command," we shall at all events "deserve" success.

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POETRY.

THE POOR MAN'S SONG.

BY FRANCIS S. SMITH.

I live in a garret, but what do I care?
I'm sorer than some of my great neighbors are;
The loss of my wealth I'm not troubled about,
And my diet will certainly keep off the gout.
Then a trace to all grumbling, for happen what may,
While I've health I'll be happy by night and by day.

There's old Mr. Grabball, whose dwelling's hard by,
At the loss of a dollar is ready to cry,
And yet I'll be bound that the old fellow's dimes
Is honestly gotten, and wholesome and sweet.

Then there's Mr. Freeliver, over the way,
Who groans with despondency, day after day;
If Nature permitted, how quickly would he
Be willing to barter conditions with me?
Then a trace to all grumbling, for champagne,
'tis clear,
Is not so conducive to health as small beer.

Give me but the power to labor, and then
As happy I'll be as the richest of men;
And the evils committed in grasping for gold
Can't trouble my conscience when I have grown old.
Then a trace to all grumbling, for happen what may,
While I've health I'll be happy by night and by day.

CHOICE SELECTIONS.

THE KU-KLUX.

HORRIBLE MUTILATION OF THE BODY OF A COLORED PREACHER.

A brother of Lewis Thompson, a colored preacher, who was murdered by the Ku-Klux in Union county, South Carolina, some days since has recently visited Columbia, and the Union of that city says:
"From him we learn that the body of Thompson was washed ashore in Tiger river a few days ago. The body bore numerous stabs, and also bore marks where the horses had run over him, and marks and bruises where he had been dragged along the road. The body also showed other mutilations not befitting to speak of here, but befitting and characteristic of some of the worst Indian practices.

On the night when the masked men took Thompson he had been preaching to quite an assemblage of colored people, some of whom had not retired. Thompson heard the parties coming, and got up from the bed and went into the loft, from where the parties took him. When he desired to put on his clothes, they told him he would have no further use for them, and carried him away in his under-clothing. Wm. Tucker, another colored man, and Thompson's family were in the house at the immediate time of the outrage, but were not molested.

Thompson was formerly known as Lewis Rice, having been raised by a family in Union by the name of Rice. Our informant states that he always bore a good character, never held or ran for any office, and the only cause of his murder was that he was known to be an influential Republican. He was a member of the Zion Methodist Church, and was respected by the bishop, elders and congregation. No one has been arrested for the murder. He was a son of Wagner Dennis Rice."

The foregoing was published in the Columbia Union of Friday morning last. In the issue for Saturday we read, "From a source which is considered perfectly reliable, we learn that the body of Lewis Thompson still lay yesterday in the sun on the banks of the Tiger river, where it was found, and our informant further states that the coroner of the county has not visited the body for the purpose of holding an inquest." Weekly Pilot.

DRY UP!

We have the authority of our lively friend Pepper Grass for the truth of the following:

When Horace Greeley heard that Jeff Davis had burst the bonds of silence, and was making the South ring with echoes to his mournful speeches, the philosopher of the Tribune sent him the following telegram:

"Jeff! Why don't you dry up? Didn't I bail you out thoroughly?"

THE JOSH BILLINGS PAPERS.

THE NU FOUNDLAND.

Dogs are one of the luxuries of civilization.

In uncivilized life they perhaps are more one of the necessities, as they quite often are cooked, and eaten whole.

Among the civilized, if they ever do get onto a bill of fare, (or which I have my own private doubts,) they are more artfully handled, and enter into hash, or sausage, not as the leading article, but more, to create a good average.

But I am not now disposed to treat ov dogs as vittles, but as the companion ov man, hiz pet, and hiz partner.

The nu foundland dog iz a natiff ov the place where the noble kodfish iz caught.

He dont liv in the water, like the kodfish, but unlike the kodfish, livs on the land.

Hiz principal amuzement iz saving life, and I am told that there iz hardly a man, or a woman, in all Nu foundland, but what haz had their lives saved several times by these wonderful dogs.

They are taken from Nu foundland to various parts ov the world, and are kept for the purpose ov dragging the drowning from a watery grave.

Yu will find them in mountaneous country, where there aint enny water, but little brooks. Here they dont hav much to do, in their line ov bizness, and git very fatt.

But I am told, that even here, they dont forget their natur, and can often be seen looking down into the wells, after drowning men.

This shows the grate power ov instinct, and the force ov bizness habits; always looking for a job.

I never hav had mi life saved by one of these noble kritters, but an redly tew havit done, at onny time, at the usual rates.

Life iz sweet, and it iz cheaper tew hav it saved by a dog than bi a dokter.

But these dogs are all hydropaths, and there iz sum pholks so kussid sentimental that they had rather die than be doktered bi ennything else than an old skool allopath.

I am just phool enuff, if I was in the pond, just at the pint of deth on akount ov too much water, and there waz a Nu foundland dog standing on the shore out ov a job, I should let him handle the case, rather than send four miles for a regular dokter.

I may be all wrong in this, but if the dog hauled me out all right, I should hav time tew repent, ov mi blunder, and next time send for a physician with a diploma.

It iz never too late tew repent ov a blunder, not if yu hav got plenty ov time on hand that yu dont know what to do with.

I never hav owned a Nufoundland dog, but just as soon as I git able tew board one, without skripping mi family, I mean to buy one, or borro one, just for hiz bord.

I dont know ov ennything more magnificent than tew hav a grate illustrious Nufoundland dog tew follow yu in a mountaneous country.

I liv at Pordunk (the home ov the Billings family) and Pordunk iz not a wet place.

There iz sum good wells there, and two groceries, but the water privileges at Pordunk are used only as a beverage.

There iz only one Nufoundland dog now at Pordunk, and I think the town would support two.

I dont suppose I should hav work enuff tew keep one ov these noble animals bizz hauling drowning men out of wells, but in the spring ov the year, after the gardens waz made, I could lend him out tew the nabors tew run in the gardens.

I dont know ov enny thing better tew keep the angleworms, and early lettiss, and beets out ov a garden than a full-grown Nufoundland pup.

It iz nothing but plum tew give them a half-skin boot, and turn them out into a nu-made garden, and see them kick up their heels, stir up the garden, and jerk the boot.

I am almoste crazy tew hav a Nufoundland dog.

LAWS

—OF THE—

STATE OF LOUISIANA.

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No. 99.

An Act

To incorporate the town of Brashear, in the parish of St. Mary, and to repeal an act entitled "An act to incorporate the town of Brashear, in the parish of St. Mary," approved March 8, 1860, and all acts amendatory thereto.

CONTINUED FROM LAST SUPPLEMENT.

Sec. 18. Be it further enacted, etc., That in all cases where the Mayor of the town of Brashear shall in accordance with the laws and ordinances of said town, impose any fine or penalty or forfeiture, upon any person for the breach thereof, and such person shall comply with and perform the judgments imposing penalty and forfeiture, he shall be committed to the town prison until discharged by law, not to exceed the term of thirty days for any one offense, the time to be determined by the Mayor, of said town trying the offense; provided, that any one against whom such penalty of imprisonment may be imposed shall be entitled, if he or she requests it, to labor for the benefit of said town at such labor as may be selected by the Mayor or by the Street Commissioner or the officer performing his duties under the direction of the Mayor, for a time not exceeding the term of imprisonment adjudged.

Sec. 19. Be it further enacted, etc., That the Mayor and Council shall create such offices not provided for the good government of said town.

Sec. 20. Be it further enacted, etc., That an act entitled an act to incorporate the town of Brashear, in the parish of St. Mary, approved March 8, 1860, and all acts amendatory thereto, be and the same are hereby repealed, and that this act shall take effect from and after its passage.

(Signed) GEO. W. CARTER, Speaker of the House of Representatives.
(Signed) OSCAR J. DUNN, Lieutenant Governor and President of the Senate.
Approved April 27, 1871.
(Signed) H. C. WARMOTH, Governor of the State of Louisiana.
A true copy:
Geo. E. BOYER, Secretary of State.

No. 100.

An Act

To provide for the unsettled floating debt and estimated deficiencies of the revenue of the city of New Orleans for the years of 1870 and 1871, and to authorize the issuing of bonds for the said purpose.

Whereas, It appears by the adopted budget and accompanying reports of the Council of the city of New Orleans that there is an unsettled floating debt amounting to \$602,000, and that owing to payment of arrearages of interest and debts out of current revenues there is an apparent deficiency of \$1,164,848 to be provided for, and

Whereas, That there further pending claims which may be equitable and expedient for the city to adjust and liquidate—

Section 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana in general assembly convened, That the city of New Orleans, through its Council, be empowered to issue bonds to an amount not exceeding two million dollars for the purpose mentioned in the preamble of this act.

Sec. 2. Be it further enacted, etc., That said bonds shall bear the date of April 1, 1871, and shall be payable in ten years thereafter, with interest at the rate of ten per cent per annum, payable semi-annually, on the first of April and first of October. They shall be of such denominations as the Council may order.

Sec. 3. Be it further enacted, etc., That should the city desire at any time to require the said bonds, or any portion thereof, it may do so by advertisement for proposals, giving a delay of thirty days, when the Council may accept those which may be the best advantage of the city; provided, that no proposals shall be accepted at a price greater than par, with the accrued interest. Should the city fail to obtain sufficient proposals, it may be required. The form of determining the same may be prescribed by ordinance, and on public advertisement of the numbers and designations of the bonds so retired, the city shall pay, on presentation, said bonds, with accrued interest, and in default of presentation interest thereon shall cease in thirty days from the first publication of the advertisement aforesaid.

Sec. 4. Be it further enacted, etc., That in making its annual estimates

and levy of taxes for city purposes, the City Council shall provide for raising a sufficient outstanding bonds issued under this act, and one-tenth of the principal of the total issue; and shall fix and set apart in its ordinance levying the annual taxation such proportion as will be the duty of the Administrator of Finance to deposit daily the said proposition of all sums received for city taxes in the fiscal agency of the city to the credit of the ten per cent bond fund, for the payment of interest and the retirement of bonds therein provided for. And the Fiscal Agent of the city shall semi-annually pay all interest due, and, at such time as may be ordered by the Council, redeem bonds upon proposals accepted by the Council or retired according to the law and its ordinances.

Sec. 5. Be it further enacted, etc., That the said bonds shall be signed by the Mayor and Administrator of Finance in such denominations and amounts as may be ordered from time to time by the Council. The Mayor and Administrator of Finance shall report to the Council all bonds signed and they shall be deposited with the Administrator of Finance for sale or exchange, according to the provisions of this act and the orders of the Council.

Sec. 6. Be it further enacted, etc., That the Administrator of Finance shall exchange such bonds at par, adding accrued interest to date of exchange for all certificates known as the seven-thirty issue, under ordinance No. 197, and amendatory thereto, and for all floating debt certificates of the Bank of New Orleans not otherwise redeemed. They shall also be exchangeable at par, with accrued interest, as aforesaid, for other debts, claims, and accounts, recognized, approved and ordered to be so settled by the Council, with the consent of the claimants or creditors; but no such exchange shall be enforceable against the city by any court for any judgment, debt or claim whatever for a greater quantity be signed and kept in the treasury of the city than may be required for current exchanges, nor can such bonds be seized or attached as assets of the city by any creditor or owner of a judgment.

Sec. 7. Be it further enacted, etc., That the bonds so issued shall refer upon their face to this act, and be subject in all respects to its provisions; when redeemed or retired they shall be cancelled in such manner as may be required by ordinance and due minute and record made thereof and entered upon the proceedings of the Council.

Sec. 8. Be it further enacted, etc., That the Council may order the sale for cash of said bonds, or a portion thereof, by adjunction or proposal, or in such form as may best conduce of the interests of the city, and with the proceeds pay the claims, debts and liabilities herein provided for; provided, no such sales shall be made for less than par, adding accrued interest upon the current coupons maturing in his hands upon bonds not issued in such manner so certified as may be provided by ordinance of the Council.

Sec. 9. Be it further enacted, etc., That on account of the high rate of interest herein provided for, it shall be competent for the Council, within the ten years for which this series of bonds shall run, whenever it shall be able to negotiate a loan to effect at par a sale of bonds at a less rate than ten per cent per annum interest, to effect such a loan or issue such bonds to an amount not exceeding the amount of bonds outstanding under this act and with the proceeds redeem by payments, accepted proposals, or by lot, after notice by advertisement, in the same manner as herein provided for sinking and retiring the said debt out of surplus taxes received. And the said bond shall be subject to such call and retirement at any time during the said ten years, with stoppage of interest, upon due notice, if not presented.

Sec. 10. Be it further enacted, etc., That from and after the passage of this act all taxes levied by the city of New Orleans shall be assessed equally upon every description of property, both real and personal.

Sec. 11. Be it further enacted, etc.,

That this act shall go into effect upon its passage, and all acts or provisions of acts conflicting herewith are hereby repealed.

(Signed) GEO. W. CARTER, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

(Signed) OSCAR J. DUNN, Lieutenant Governor and President of the Senate.

Approved May 1, 1871.

(Signed) H. C. WARMOTH, Governor of the State of Louisiana.
A true copy:
Geo. E. BOYER, Secretary of State.

No. 95.

An Act

To relieve the State from its obligation to guarantee the second mortgage bonds of the New Orleans, Mobile and Chattanooga Railroad Company, under an act of the General Assembly, approved February 21, 1870, by the subscription on the part of the State to the capital stock of said corporation, and to regulate the conditions of such subscription, and to secure the construction of the road of said corporation from Vermillionville to Shreveport.

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 this State be and is hereby authorized to subscribe for twenty-five thousand shares, of one hundred dollars each, of the capital stock of said corporation on behalf of this State, and to receive the certificates of stock thereof as payment shall be made for the same, which certificates shall be deposited by him in the office of the Treasurer of this State, and shall not be assignable or transferable except by the authority of the General Assembly.

And be it further enacted, etc., That whereas, the subscription for stock and the issue of bonds therefor, herein provided, are intended to extinguish the obligation of the State to indorse or guarantee the second mortgage bonds of said corporation under the act General Assembly approved February 21, 1870, and as a discharge of either party from all obligations for the issue, indorsement, guarantee and security of said mortgage bonds, as provided in the fourth section of said act, that the said corporation shall be required, at or before the complete issue of the said bonds, to file with the Secretary of State a full release and acquittance of the obligation of the State so created to guarantee said mortgage bonds, and for which the provisions of this act are designed as a substitute and discharge; and the said corporation shall, by its express agreement made and entered into by the vote of the Board of Directors, and attested by its seal and the signature of its secretary, obligate itself to commence that part of its railroad from Vermillionville to Shreveport within six months, and to complete the same within the time limited therefor in the said act of the General Assembly; provided that the said corporation may purchase from this State the said shares of stock, at their par value, at any time prior to the maturity of the bonds issued therefor, and may pay for the same in lawful money or in any of the bonds of this State at their par value.

Sec. 2. Be it further enacted, etc., That for the payment of said subscription, bonds of this State shall be issued, signed by the Governor and Secretary of State, and sealed with the seal of the State, payable not less than thirty-five nor more than forty years from their date, with interest at the rate of eight per cent per annum, payable semi-annually, in the city of New York, on the first days of January of each year, for which interest coupons, bearing the facsimile of the signature of the Treasurer of the State, shall be attached to the bonds, and annually, from and after the issuing of the said bonds, or any part thereof, there shall be imposed for each fiscal year a State tax of one mill on each dollar of the valuation, for each year, of the real and personal property in this State subject to taxation, which tax shall be as-

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