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## PROSPECTUS OF THE Louisianian.

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 reproof 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 civil liberty, the absolute equality of all men before the law, and an impartial distribution of honor and patronage to all who merit them.

Desires 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 her 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 undiscriminating 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 enlightenment, 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.

### WHY SHOULD WE WORRY?

Why should we worry? This life is not long enough  
Here to be wasted in sighing and tears:  
Silly and childish is he who's not strong enough  
Wisely with reason to fright away fears.  
Care's but a coward, with courage not half enough  
Fairly to face if we show no fear:  
Nay, if it pesters you, you've but to laugh enough,  
Presto, begone! to the bore is not here.

Memory too often will bring us old sorrows:  
When they were here did we wish them to last?  
Why not forget them? The fool alone borrows  
Present regrets for the griefs of the past.  
Can we now change it by weeping and wailing?  
What's done is done, and is done past recall?  
He who the present forgets in repining,  
Useless and vain, is the worst fool of all.

Fancy, the jade, will too often be peering,  
Curious and anxious, through the future's dark night;  
Why should we tremble at what she is fearing?  
Why should her dreamings fill us with fright?  
Wait till they're real things, and present before us,  
If they are worth it we'll care for them then;

Now they're but shadows, too flimsy to bore us—  
Far too unreal to make cowards of men.  
Time, with the present's real grief to be dealing,  
That's not so easy, we sadly must own:  
Who can deny flesh and blood will have feeling?  
Care, grief, and anguish will make themselves known.

Own it, but add, life is too short for worry:  
Darkness brings sunshine, or all men are wrong;  
Off with despairing; don't be in a hurry  
To know grief is pressing—it will not stay long.

### PARISH EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The Executive Committee of the parish of Orleans met in the Hall of the House of Representatives on Saturday, the fifth instant, at twelve o'clock, pursuant to adjournment. Thirty-four members answered to their names.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read, and, on motion of Mr. Thomas Isabelle, were corrected so as to read "Friday" instead of "Thursday," and then adopted as corrected.

Reports of Committees being next in order, the committee on the conduct of the elections rendered a partial report. A motion prevailed to take a recess of half an hour to enable the committee to complete and return a full report.

The recess having expired, the meeting was called to order by William H. Green, first vice president, in the chair. The roll being called, thirty members answered to their names.

President Dibble having taken the chair, the following report was presented by the committee on the conduct of the elections:

**FIRST WARD.**  
The First Ward has two clubs, each claiming to be the mother club; it appears from evidence on file, that at the election for officers, held on June 5, 1871, Mr. Thos. Isabelle received the largest number of votes for president of the club, whereupon Mr. Miller started another club, and caused himself to be elected president.

statements on file, your committee are convinced that the club of which H. L. Rey is president, and W. H. Green is secretary, is the true mother club of the ward.

**EIGHTH WARD.**  
The Eighth Ward has one mother club, of which E. V. Leclerc is president, and F. Barthelmy secretary.

**NINTH WARD.**  
The Ninth Ward has two clubs, each of which claim to be the regular mother ward club. From evidence brought before the committee, we recommend the recognition of the club presided over by Mr. W. C. Kinsella as the regular mother ward club.

**TENTH WARD.**  
The Tenth Ward has two clubs, each claiming to be the mother club of the ward, one of which John H. Bowen is president, and one with Battle Payne as president. On the fifteenth day of May, 1871, the regular mother club from the last campaign adjourned, for an election of officers, to the twenty-second of the same month.

Mr. Battle Payne, unauthorized by the old mother club or any other authority, held an election on the seventeenth day of May, 1871, and elected officers, while the regular election for officers, according to the call with the regular roll of the Tenth Ward, was held on the twenty-second of May, 1871, when John H. Bowen was elected president and William H. Burroughs, secretary. We, therefore, recommend that the club of which John H. Bowen is president, which meets at the corner of Fulton and St. Mary streets, be declared the regular mother club of the Republic party in the Tenth Ward, and that the election of delegates to the State Republican Convention be held as advertised by the president of said club, at Miles' Schoolhouse, Corner Josephine street at the intersection of Fulton street, from 2 P. M. to 8 P. M., on Monday, Aug. 7, 1871.

**ELEVENTH WARD.**  
The Eleventh Ward has only one organized Republican club, of which Ed. Williams is the president and John Flowers secretary. This club meets on Sixth, between St. Patrick and St. David streets. We recommend that this club be declared to be the regular Republican Mother Club of the Eleventh Ward.

**TWELFTH WARD.**  
The Twelfth Ward has two clubs, each of which claims to be the mother club. After examining the history and claims of each, we have come to the conclusion that the club now presided over by Paul Bruce has no claims to entitle it to be designated the mother club. We are satisfied that the club of which D. C. Woodruff is president, and John Moyalu is secretary, is the regular Republican Mother Club of the Twelfth Ward. It meets on Marengo, near Magazine street, and we recommend that it be so declared and recognized by the Parish Committee.

**THIRTEENTH WARD.**  
The Thirteenth Ward has only one club claiming to be the mother club. J. B. Gaudet is president. This club meets on Valence street, between Chabrat and Camp streets. We recommend that it be declared the regular Republican Mother Club of the Thirteenth Ward.

**FOURTEENTH WARD.**  
The Fourteenth Ward has but one club claiming to be the mother club. Madison Brown is president. This club meets in Robinson's church two squares above the Foucher property.

**FIFTEENTH WARD.**  
The Fifteenth Ward has two clubs claiming to be the mother club. From statements and evidence presented to us, we find that the club of which Benjamin Buchanan is president, and C. P. Ames is secretary, is the regular mother club of the Fifteenth Ward, and we recommend that the parish committee recognize and declare this to be the regular Republican Mother Club of the Fifteenth Ward. The club meets at the corner of Boniface and Jackson streets.

In order to insure a fair election in the different wards throughout this parish for delegates to the State Convention, your committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution, and earnestly entreat all true Republicans to sustain the regular mother clubs in their respective wards:

Resolved, That the president and secretary be instructed to give notice in the New Orleans Republican of the location of the mother ward clubs, their officers, and the hours of election, on Monday, August seventh.

The report of the committee and resolution appended thereto were unanimously adopted.

The committee on rules presented a report, the reading of which, on motion of Mr. William Vigers, was dispensed with, and the consideration of the report laid over until the next meeting.

The following resolutions, offered by Mr. Bechtel, were adopted:

WHEREAS, At a meeting held August 3, 1871, by the State Central Executive Committee, the following resolutions have been adopted by the Fifth Ward Club:

Resolved, That the President of the State Committee be and he is hereby authorized to secure a suitable meeting place for the assembling of the State Convention, to be held on the ninth day of August, 1871, in this city, and give public notice of the place so secured on or before Tuesday morning, the eighth of August, 1871, through the columns of the New Orleans Republican, and other city papers, and the

delegates elected are hereby notified to attend and respond to the notice of the President upon the day of meeting.

By Mr. Ray:  
Resolved, That only those who are returned as delegates to the Convention, according to the returns forwarded to the President of the Executive Committee, and to those who may contest the seats of such delegates as may be shown by evidence presented to the President of the Executive Committee and their Secretary, shall be admitted to the hall of the Convention until after the permanent organization of the Convention, and that the President of the Central Executive Committee be authorized to prepare tickets and a list of the persons to be admitted, and submit the same to this committee on Tuesday evening the eighth instant, for their action.

And whereas, It is now clearly apparent that said Executive Committee has not only exceeded its powers, but usurped powers which can only be exercised by the members of the convention, and at a time when the powers of the present State Central Committee will have expired by limitation, and

Whereas, The facts are patent that it is the intention of the members comprising the sub-executive committee, of which S. B. Packard is chairman, to fraudulently pack said convention, as may readily be inferred from the resolutions introduced by Mr. Ray, in the interest of a small clique, composed of a few federal office-holders and malcontents, who are using their utmost energies to rule or ruin the Republican party of Louisiana, be it

Resolved, That we, the regularly constituted delegation of the parish of Orleans, in committee, enter our solemn protest against the action of the State Central Committee as anti-Republican and a usurpation of rights solely belonging to the people in convention assembled.

Resolved, That the Executive Committee of the Parish of Orleans prepare a statement of all the facts which are necessary, to show that some of the federal office-holders of Louisiana, who are members of the State Central Committee, have contributed their best efforts to disrupt, demoralize and disorganize the Republican party of this State; be it further

Resolved, That certified copies of the resolutions offered by Mr. Ray be sent to the National Executive Committee of the Republican party, at Washington, namely:

1. The resolution calling a convention, and in which the place of meeting was purposely omitted.
2. The resolution of August 3, 1871, creating S. B. Packard a committee on credentials, with power to decide who are the bona fide delegates, and who are the contestants; all of which is to be done before a meeting of the convention—which is to be a private affair, as tickets of admittance are required.

J. D. O'Connell presented the following resolutions, which Mr. William H. Green moved to table.

The motion to table being lost, the question recurred upon the adoption of the resolutions, and was carried.

WHEREAS, The State Central Executive Committee of the Republican party of the State of Louisiana, contrary to the rules governing and prerogatives vested in all conventions and deliberative assemblies, pretend to the unwarrantable and unprecedented assumption of receiving the credentials, and thereby constituting themselves judges of the election returns and qualifications of the delegates to the convention; and

Whereas, The said committee, in order the more easily to control and manipulate the convention, and thereby perpetuate their own power, which power has been grossly abused by said committee, and more especially by the president and corresponding secretary of said committee, S. B. Packard and P. F. Herwig, in garbling the resolution of the committee calling a State Convention, by omitting in the publication of the resolution the particular time and place of meeting; and

Whereas, The same committee has encroached upon the rights and privileges of the parish of Orleans, and of this committee, by designating a day for the election of delegates to the State Convention, and thereby otherwise attempting to suppress the right of the people to elect their own parish committee; and

Whereas, The duty of designating a day for the election, being a strictly local matter, belongs solely and exclusively to the parish committee; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the commissioners of election in each of the wards of the city of New Orleans shall make duplicate certificates of election for the candidates receiving the highest number of votes, said certificates to be marked "original" and "duplicate," countersigned and attested by the presidents and secretaries of the mother ward clubs, the "duplicates" to be delivered by the commissioners of election, in the presence of the presidents and secretaries of the mother clubs, to the president of the State Central Executive Committee.

Resolved, That the "original" be delivered to the delegates elect, to be by them presented to the convention as the credentials proper.

Resolved, That the delivery of the "duplicates" to the President of the State Committee be considered of no further or greater validity than for its information of the choice of delegates by the people, and in no manner to be construed as conceding to the said State Committee the right to determine, or in any manner decide who are the duly elected delegates, that being a sovereign right exclusively reserved by the people, and to be determined by them through the convention.

Resolved, That we view this attempt of

the State Central Committee to constitute itself judge of the elections, returns and qualifications of the delegates to the convention as a gross attempt to usurp the rights and privileges of the convention, to enable them to reject the chosen representatives of the people, and foist into the convention those with whom they hope to be able to barter for a perpetuation of power.

Resolved, That the said committee, by its attempt to suppress the people's rights in the parish of Orleans, to elect their own parish executive committee, is no longer entitled to, and has utterly forfeited, the confidence of the Republicans of this parish, and of this committee.

Resolved, That as the direct and immediate representatives of over twenty-five thousand Republican voters in the parish of Orleans, we denounce and condemn as an unpardonable breach of trust and unmitigated treachery to the Republican party, the garbling and spoliation of the first paragraph of the resolution of the State Committee, calling for a convention, and that the president and corresponding secretary of said committee are especially unworthy of any future positions of trust or confidence in the Republican party, inasmuch as they, being the custodians of the records of the committee, can alone be held responsible for this breach of faith.

Resolved, That recognizing the State Central Executive Committee as the legitimate supreme head of the party in the State, we desire that it shall be composed of men of undoubted integrity, and fair dealing, incapable of creating dissension and division in our ranks, and to this end we appeal to our own constituents, and to the Republican throughout the State, to instruct their delegates to the convention to root out, if not all, at least those of the present State Committee, as have betrayed the trust reposed in them by the people, and have taken advantage of their positions to turn disorganizers in our ranks to enhance their own private personal ambition, and we further ask the people to instruct their delegates to present their credentials to the convention, the only proper authority to receive and pass upon them, and to deliver authentic copies of the same to the President of the State Central Executive Committee, as a record of information for said committee.

The following resolution by Hon. P. B. S. Pinchback, was adopted:

WHEREAS, It has been publicly stated that the Republican party in this State has divided, and that they about to hold more than one convention.

Resolved, That we, the Parish Committee of Orleans, deny these assertions and charge the delegates who are to be chosen on Monday next, to attend at such place as may be designated by the State Committee for the meeting of the convention, there to remain as representatives of our party.

The following resolution, by Mr. Frederick A. Johnson, was adopted:

Resolved, That no election for officers of clubs, delegates to the Parish Executive Committee, or the delegates to the nominating convention, will be acknowledged, unless regularly elected at the specified mother ward club building or hall of their respective wards.

It was ordered that the proceedings of this meeting be published in the New Orleans Republican; after which the committee adjourned, to meet Tuesday, August 8, at twelve o'clock M., in the hall of the House of Representatives.

A true copy from the minutes.  
J. D. O'CONNELL,  
Recording Secretary.  
JOSEPH P. MURPHY,  
Corresponding Secretary.

## LAWS OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA.

(PUBLISHED BY AUTHORITY)

### No. 102. AN ACT.

To incorporate the city of Monroe; to fix its boundaries; to provide for the government, and create a recorder's court for 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 following limits shall constitute the boundary of the corporation of the city of Monroe, in the parish of Ouachita, to wit: Commencing at a point on the east bank of the Ouachita river, eleven hundred and forty feet south of the upper line of the plantation of Mrs. Nancy Bry, deceased; thence eastwardly to a point intersected by the extension of the eastern line of Jackson street; thence up said line to the upper line of said line to the upper line of the said plantation of Mrs. Nancy Bry, deceased, so as to include the addition to the city of Monroe, made by Robert Leyton, according to the survey of Frank Moor, surveyor of Ouachita parish; thence along said plantation line to the eastern line to the North Louisiana and Texas Railroad Company's right of way; thence on a line running at right angles with said plantation line to the lower of De Siard street; thence down said street to the east bank, inclusive of the west fork of Young's bayou, thence up the east bank of said bayou to a point intersected by an extension of the upper line of Olive street; thence along the line of Olive street to the eastern line of sixth street; thence up sixth street to the upper line of Pine street; thence along the upper line of Pine street to the middle of the Ouachita river; thence down the middle of said river to a point opposite to and intersected by the extension of the southern boundary line, and thence to the point of beginning.

Sec. 2. Be it further enacted, etc., That to provide for the government of the city of Monroe, there shall be elected on the first Monday in May of each year, by the qualified voters of said corporation, from among themselves, one mayor and seven councilmen, with the powers and duties hereinafter set forth.

Sec. 3. Be it further enacted, etc., That the election of officers, created by the second section of this act, shall be held by the same commissioners appointed to hold the last preceding general election of the State, residents of said city, or any three of them, designated by the mayor and city councilmen; and that said election shall be conducted in all respects according to the laws of the State regulating elections, except as to counting the ballots, which shall be counted and returns thereof made by said commissioners to the clerk of the district court in and for the parish of Ouachita, who shall issue certificates of election to the persons elected, and said certificates shall be sufficient authority for the person elected to enter upon the discharge of their duties, after they shall have qualified by taking an oath to discharge said duties faithfully; provided, that nothing in this act shall be so construed as to require or enforce the closing of any houses of business in said city on the day of election, or to require the opening of the polls before the hour of nine o'clock, a. m., on the day of election; and provided further that in the event no commissioners, as aforesaid, should reside in the city of Monroe, or the same should be disqualified refuse or be unable to act, then the parish judge of Ouachita parish shall, upon the application of any citizen of said city, appoint three competent residents of said city to hold said election.

Sec. 4. Be it further enacted, etc., That it shall be the duty of the clerk of the court aforesaid or his deputy to give notice of said election by publication ten entire days in the newspapers published in said city; and if there be none he shall post notice of said election at three public places in said city ten entire days before hand.

Sec. 5. Be it further enacted, etc., That in case of a tie vote at said election, or in case of the death or resignation of any of the officers mentioned in the second section of this act, the clerk of the district court or his deputy shall order an election in the manner set forth in the fourth section of this act, and a plurality of votes at all elections shall be sufficient to elect.

Sec. 6. Be it further enacted, etc., That immediately on receiving their certificates of election the mayor and councilmen shall meet and organize themselves into a body, to be known as "the Mayor and City Council of Monroe," and shall proceed to elect one suitable person to be assessor and collector of the city taxes and licenses, and to elect a treasurer of the city of Monroe, who shall be ex-officio secretary of the city council.

Sec. 7. Be it further enacted, etc., That the mayor shall preside at all meetings of the city council shall call meetings of the council when he deems it necessary; shall approve all laws, ordinances and resolutions of the city council; shall vote only in the case of tie; shall in no case exercise judicial powers; shall see that the laws are faithfully executed, and shall perform all the duties required by him by the city council.

Sec. 8. Be it further enacted, etc.,

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