

MUNICIPAL MATTERS.

MILLIONS IN IT.

Mrs. Gaines Wants a Tax Levied to Settle Her Claim Against the City.

The following communication was received on Thursday morning by Mayor Filibury:

The following is respectfully submitted: The city of New Orleans realized from the sales made of the property on the Blaine tract.

Now the party purchaser will as a matter of right call upon the city to reimburse and pay back the amount with interest as also the amount paid out by them for improvements, filling up of lots, etc.

Now, to save the city and to do all I can in my power to relieve the parties against whom I have obtained judgments, I propose to the city that she pay me the amount of \$2,400,000, the amount to be paid within ten years, in yearly installments, without interest.

I am one of those who believe in the future greatness of New Orleans. As a large property holder, it is my intention to do all I can to aid it. I am fully satisfied that the proposition by me made would meet with little or no opposition.

CITY COUNCIL.

A Quiet Meeting Takes Place After All.

The City Council held its regular session yesterday, the official proceedings of which will be found elsewhere in the DEMOCRAT.

Notwithstanding forebodings to the contrary, the meeting was held in a quiet manner, barring the applauding of Administrator McCaffrey by half a dozen of his employees in the lobby at a certain period of the session, which was in very bad taste, which employees, some of the Administrators think, had little to do with the matter.

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CAPITOL GOSSIP.

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ACADEMY OF MUSIC.

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CUSTOM-HOUSE NOTES.

WHAT THE COLORED REPUBLICANS THINK OF THE "REFORM" POLICY.

The Letter Carriers Will Ask Congress for an Increase of Salary.

Excepting a few applications for leaves of absence, and a delegation or two to see the special deputy to know what prospects there would be on the 1st proximo for positions in the Custom-House, nothing of interest transpired yesterday in or about the office of the Collector or special deputy.

At different times during the day as many as a dozen different persons, presumed to be applicants for positions, were gathered in and about the office of the

Surveyor of the Port, but what success they had was not known further than that some of them said they had been promised positions on the 1st proximo and expected to get them. It was stated by one of the "outs" that another list had been partially prepared and was being corrected and new names added daily; but of this both the Special Deputy Collector and Surveyor profess ignorance. It is known that some of those who were retired upon the recommendations in the preliminary report of the Custom-House Commission are booked for reinstatement on the 1st proximo, when some of the officials think the business will be largely increased.

The colored element do not seem to be satisfied yet with the representation they have in the building, and rumor has it that the leading spirit propose at no distant day to hold a meeting and adopt an address to the President and Secretary of the Treasury, asking that they be given that share of patronage in the Custom-House here that their voting strength in the State Entitles Them To.

In conversation yesterday one of them, and a leading light by its name, referred to what he termed a very significant paragraph in the telegraphic news, which, he thought, proved that the policy of the Administration did not "consist" exactly, and he believed that the Administration could not pursue the same policy here as that decided upon in the case of the New York Custom-House.

During the conversation he read from the afternoon papers a paragraph in the Washington telegrams as follows: "Cornell seems to owe his continuance in office to a friend on the part of the Administration to hear the merchants of New York as to his successor. It is not proposed to extend this system to Southern custom-houses."

This, said he, shows plainly enough that while the Administration compelled Naval Officer Lewis, a colored man, to

Step Down and Out from the chairmanship of the Republican Parish Committee, an exception is to be made in the case of Cornell, who is a white man, and the naval officer at New York. I presume, though, continued he, that in Mr. Cornell's case there was an influential Senator, Conkling for instance, as the influence that prevented Mr. Cornell's summary removal.

You see, too, remarked the individual interviewed, that it is inferred that in case removals are made in New York the merchants of that city will be consulted as to the appointment of successors, and the very next paragraph which follows it is not proposed to extend that system to Southern custom-houses, which means in so many words that it is not to apply to the New Orleans Custom-House, and for the reason I assume that the policy will not "consist" here again, right here we have, under "existing influences," a member of the State Legislature performing the duties of and confirmed by Secretary Sherman as cashier of the custom office, which is a violation of the President's order, but then he is a white man like Cornell, and another exception is made against our race and by the very men we worked and voted for, and more than that, there is not an official in the Custom-House here who is not aware of the fact, and they pay no attention to it whatever.

Another prominent colored man conversed with referred to the removal of Ringgold and Fairfax, and stated that on a

Half Dozen Different Occasions he had tried to secure in the Custom-House here a position for a colored friend of his who would accept a position even as a laborer, but he could not secure it even though his friend had done yeoman service for the Republican party in the country.

The letter carriers of the city are now coming to the front as applicants for an increase in their salaries, and have organized an association in each city in the United States for the purpose of carrying this object into effect. The carriers here have drawn up a petition which sets forth their grievances, in common with those in other cities, which they will present to the

Merchants and Business Men for signatures. In this they set forth the law which stipulated that their salaries should not exceed \$500 per annum, but that upon satisfactory evidence of ability, merit, etc., the Postmaster General might increase it to \$1000. Some of them, after two years' faithful service, received \$950 per annum, but never yet had they received \$1000. In 1865, they say, there were sixty-eight cities where the letter-carriers were in force, with 1848 carriers, and then the revenue from that system was \$475,036, and in 1876 there were

Eighty-seven Cities, with 2269 carriers and a revenue of \$2,065,561 73 from the local postages, which increase they say, would justify an increase in the salaries to \$1200 per annum. Their salaries they say have been reduced twice—first, in 1875, twenty-five per cent, and again, later, five per cent, making thirty per cent in all; and, besides that, a reduction is made for uniforms, and should they be ill their pay is stopped until they are ready for duty again. In addition to this they are compelled to work ten

To Fourteen Hours a Day, in all kinds of weather which is the fact. These facts they will present to Congress at its next session, when separate petitions from each of the eighty-seven cities will be presented by different Congressmen, as indorsements of a resolution to increase the pay.

Already a committee of the carriers of this city have waited upon and secured the influence of the Hon. E. John Ellis, who will present their petition when the time comes. Congressman Kelly, of Pennsylvania, will

Open the Ball by presenting the Philadelphia petition, and the move, being made in concert, will no doubt be successful, as it should be.

The Consular Service. [Cincinnati Commercial.] WASHINGTON, Sept. 9.—Assistant Secretary Seward is preparing a system for the reorganization of the consular service, which will be submitted to Congress probably as a part of Secretary Evar's annual report of the State Department. It provides for the reduction of several consulates to commercial agencies, and the increase of agencies and vice consulates to full consulates. He will also recommend an increase of the number of officials now classified as consular clerks, but who are now used to fill temporary vacancies and are of the service required. His idea is that these officials should be given to young men for the purpose of training them for the regular consular and the minor diplomatic service. An approach to this system of training was attempted in the promotion of Mr. Dwight Reed, for a long time a clerk in the State Department, to be Secretary of Legation at Madrid.

Silver Soapina. Silver Soapina, Gold Soapina, Pearl Soapina can be found at all grocers, unless he is prejudiced against home manufacture, or is an enemy to the South.

Who Can Equal Staub? He towers over everything in the news line, and fears no competition. If it were necessary, he would defeat the best of the world. He is the only one who can do this. He is the only one who can do this. He is the only one who can do this.

Our Fallen Heroes—Tableau—And with them deeds of valor lie of glory and of pride. And the latter tears that nightly fall o'er the cause for which they died. St. PATRICK'S HALL, September 13 and 14.

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INSURANCE.

MERCHANTS' MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY OF NEW ORLEANS.

104..... Canal Street..... 104

20 TWENTY-THIRD ANNUAL STATEMENT.

In conformity with the requirements of their charter, the Company publish the following statement:

Premiums received during the year ending May 31, 1877, including unearned premiums of the previous year—

On Fire Risks..... \$301,296 52

On Marine Risks..... 24,473 93

On River Risks..... 25,679 37

Total Premiums..... \$351,449 82

Less Unearned Premiums..... 119,115 00

Net Earned Premiums May 31, 1877..... \$232,334 82

Losses paid—

On Fire Risks..... \$17,867 98

On Marine Risks..... 17,053 59

On River Risks..... 3,505 77

Taxes and expenses, less interest..... 29,699 38

Reinsurance and Returned Premiums..... 15,104 03—\$128,311 66

Profit..... \$104,023 16

The Company have the following assets:

Real Estate..... \$29,079 45

City Bonds..... 110,418 50

Bank, Railroad and other Stocks and Mortgage Bonds..... 169,236 50

Notes secured by mortgage..... 21,043 06

Notes secured by pledge..... 42,307 97

Bills receivable..... 75,164 19

Premium in course of collection..... 49,087 29

Cash on hand..... 71,007 83

Total..... \$1,026,344 23

The above statement is a just, true and correct transcript from the books of the Company

Sworn to and subscribed before me the seventh day of June, 1877. JAMES FAHEY, Notary Public.

At a meeting of the Board of Directors, held on the seventh day of June, 1877, it was resolved to declare a cash dividend of twenty per cent on the net earned participating premiums for the year ending May 31, 1877, payable on the third Monday of July next.

Also, to pay to the Stockholders, on demand interest at the rate of five per cent per annum on their stock.

Directors: P. Maspero, H. Beebe, J. Chabral, J. Tobin, P. Fourchy, J. M. Allen, S. Z. Helf, W. M. Smith, Charles Light, D. Fatio, Jos. I. J. Fernandez.

Twenty-Eighth Annual Statement

NEW ORLEANS, May 13, 1877.

The Trustees, in conformity with amended charter, submit the following statement of the affairs of the company on the 30th of April, 1877:

Fire premiums..... \$188,068 51

Marine premiums..... 29,315 36

River premiums..... 81,924 36

Earned premiums, less re-insurance and return premiums..... 228,238 15

Losses paid and estimated, including all known and unpaid, say: Fire losses..... \$97,235 60

Marine losses..... 7,285 41

River losses..... 25,510 29

Taxes, expenses, discount in lieu of participation, etc..... \$100,151 21

Net profit..... \$128,086 94

Gross profits..... \$27,979 06

Of which \$58,537 35 is appropriated to balance of interest and liquidation of doubtful assets.

The company have the following assets—

Bills receivable..... \$68,648 38

Loans on Bonds and Mortgage..... 55,943 38

Loans on call..... 124,091 70

Cash..... 63,846 11

City Bonds..... 138,400 00

Bank and other Stocks..... 73,413 63

Real Estate..... 139,944 66

Premiums in course of Collection and Suspense Account..... 33,415 94

Total assets..... \$681,423 79

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

Sworn to and subscribed before me this nineteenth day of May, 1877. W. B. KLEINFETER, Notary Public.

The Board of Trustees this day resolved that after paying the annual dividend of TEN PER CENT on the stock of the company, that a dividend of TWENTY PER CENT in cash be paid on MONDAY, June 11, to those parties entitled to receive the same.

Thos. A. Adams, Fred'k Cameron, Sam'l H. Newman, J. L. Harris, Sam'l H. Kennedy, Andrew Stewart, John Phelps, Jos. Stone, George Martin, Adam Thomson, Henry Abraham, Alfred Moulton, Victor Meyer, E. J. Jurey, Edward Nalla, Joseph Bowling, Geo. W. Sentell, Simon Hornsheim, A. Levi, Simon Forchheimer, Wm. H. Matthews, Jos. B. Post, Paul E. Mortimer, E. B. Wolf, J. C. Jurey, John W. Moore, Jno. E. King, Henry M. Preston, Reuben G. Bush, J. J. Irby, my22 1/2

SUN MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY. Paid Up Capital, \$500,000. FROM THE TWENTY-FIRST ANNUAL STATEMENT FOR 1876. Net annual earned premiums and Discounts..... \$407,360 Losses, Expenses, Taxes, etc..... \$277,207 94 Reserved fund \$10,000, and Dividend on capital 10 per cent..... 59,547 47—\$644,714 41 Net Profit..... \$71,206 46 Assets of the Company estimated at their cash market value: Stocks, Bonds, Loans and Bills Receivable..... \$68,599 78 Cash on hand and premiums in course of collection..... 126,898 48 Dividend paid on stock ten per cent, and on participating policies twenty per cent, payable in cash..... 868,298 21 This old and reliable company is issuing policies on Fire, River and Marine risks on the most favorable terms. All losses promptly adjusted and settled upon liberal terms at their office, 50 Camp Street. JAMES D. DAY, President. H. GARRETT, Secretary. 1871 1/2

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