

THE STATE'S CREDIT.

THE JULY INTEREST TO BE PAID.

And the Fiscal Agent Has the Money to Pay It With.

The State Board of Liquidation met yesterday. Present: Gov. Nichols in the chair, and all of the members.

Executive session was called, pending which the following resolution relative to the PAYMENT OF THE INTEREST

on State Bonds was unanimously adopted: Resolved, That the State National Bank, the Fiscal Agent Bank of the State of Louisiana, be and is hereby requested and instructed to provide the moneys necessary to cash in full, at maturity, the interest coupons on the Louisiana consols maturing July 1 next, and that for any advances that may be required for that purpose over the deposits to the credit of the interest fund for 1878, with the Fiscal Agent, interest be allowed at the rate of five per cent until such time as advances are covered by deposits to the credit of the interest fund.

The said five per cent interest to be paid to said Fiscal Agent under the terms and conditions stated in act No. 28, extra session of the Legislature of 1878, as modified by the resolution of the board of said directors of said Fiscal Agent, dated eighteenth of June, 1878, and now on file with the Board of Liquidation.

Subsequently the State Auditor furnished the Fiscal Agent with a certified copy of the above resolution, and later in the afternoon he received the following in reply thereto:

NEW ORLEANS, June 21, 1878. Hon. Allen J. M. Audin, Auditor and Ex-officio Secretary of the Board of Liquidation:

Dear Sir—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your favor this date covering the copy of resolution passed unanimously by the Board of Liquidation at a meeting held this day, in which the board request and instruct me to provide the funds to cash the interest coupons maturing July 1 next on the new State consols.

In reply I beg to say that I am instructed by the board of directors of the Fiscal Agent bank to inform you that the bank, under your resolution, will

CASH ON PRESENTATION, on and after July 1 next, coupon No. 9, due at that date, on the consolidated bonds of the State of Louisiana. The said coupons will also be cashed at the Bank of New York, N. Y., at same date.

I take this opportunity to express to you the hope that the Fiscal Agent will find the condition of the interest fund for 1878, in December next, such as to afford him the great satisfaction of cashing promptly at maturity the interest coupon No. 10, due January 1, 1879.

I remain, dear sir, very truly yours, SAM'L H. KENNEDY, Fiscal Agent.

PARISH COMMITTEE.

Proceedings of Last Night's Meeting—The Fifth Ward Case Disposed Of.

President Brown called the Parish Committee to order at 8 o'clock last night, when, upon the call of the roll, but fourteen members responded to their names. No quorum.

Mr. Brown remarked that it would require three more delegates before the machine could be run or business transacted.

A recess of a few moments was taken and a quorum was thereafter obtained.

President Brown stated that during the day the question of canvassing committees, judges, etc., had been presented to him, he informing the parties that he would bring the matter before the committee. He would, therefore, make the following ruling and place it before the committee for

ADOPTION ON REJECTION. That the judge of registration and election does not act in any capacity relative to the revision of the registration by the canvassers appointed by the presidents of the various ward central clubs in accordance with rule 3. In addition to the canvassers appointed to represent the different interests or factions in each ward, a canvasser, who shall act as umpire, shall be designated by the president of the central ward club, whose duty it shall be to regard to the revision of the registration, shall be those now vested in the judge of election and registration with regard to the registration of voters.

A concise discussion and explanation by various members, Mr. Dudenhofer moved that the ruling of the

PRESIDENT BE SUSTAINED. Carried by a vote of 17 yeas and 1 nay.

Mr. Boyer, of the seventh ward, presented the following, which was referred to the Presidents of the several ward clubs:

Resolved, That all voters representing themselves as Democrats and offering to vote at the primary election of June 29, 1878, and who may be challenged, will be required to make affidavit before a proper authority that they had voted the Democratic ticket at the election of 1876.

A communication was read from Mr. Arnault of the fifth ward, setting forth that the president of the central club of that ward was not giving equal representation to the various candidates in the appointment of judges, canvassers, etc., and stated further that although he was a candidate for the presidency of the central club on June 1 no attention had been paid to his request for representation.

Several members of the committee stated that they were cognizant of the fact that a fair representation had not been given to the candidates by Mr. Rivet; after which Mr. Deversaux moved that committee of three be appointed by the chair

WITH FULL POWER to investigate the matter and take such action as may be necessary, and that the committee see to it that the president of the Fifth Ward Central Club carry out the rules of the parish committee, the committee so appointed to have power to make appointments, if necessary. Carried.

Executive session was called, pending which the committee discussed matters pertaining to business.

The executive session being raised the president announced as the committee on the fifth ward investigation R. Brewster, R. D. Hubbard and C. E. Babcock.

The committee then adjourned to meet again on the twenty-seventh instant.

THE RAILROAD BONDS.

Another Petition for a Mandamus Filed Against the Governor.

The New Orleans Pacific Railroad Company filed yesterday before Judge Rogers a lengthy petition, praying for a writ of mandamus against Gov. Nichols, to compel him to sign the bonds issued according to a special act of the last Legislature. The allegations of the petition are that all the conditions set forth in the law cited have been fully complied with. At the same time the answer of the Governor was also filed. It sets forth that the mortgage railroad bonds which the company will amply secure it in the intent of the law, because these bonds, having forty years to run, are made due and exigible upon default on the interest for six months, because the same under the mortgage is to be made without appraisal and because the bonds are made payable out of the State. To these provisions he objects as liable to cause the State great loss. The hearing is fixed for next Monday.

PIGEON POPPING.

The New Orleans Gun Club Accept An Invitation to Visit Montgomery.

A meeting of the members of the New Orleans Gun Club was held last evening at the Carondelet street owned by Mr. Buckley on Carondelet street, President Vaudry in the chair, and a quorum present.

The secretary, Mr. E. T. Manning, read communications from the Montgomery Gun Club, inviting the members of the New Orleans Gun Club to visit Montgomery and participate in a pigeon match to be given by that club on July 4 next.

The invitation was, on motion, received, accepted and the usual resolution of thanks tendered.

For other business had been transacted, the members to whom was presented the silver cup by the Montgomery Club members made a present of the cup to the club.

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A list was then made of the members who would attend the Montgomery match, and eighteen shooters announced their intention of spending the national holiday at Montgomery.

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THE MERCHANTS' PARTY.

A New Factor in the Politics of Our City.

Since the campaign of '78 has opened—for it can now be said that it has been fairly opened by this time—there has been a thousand and one rumors afloat concerning the formation of new parties, the division of the old, and the union of the dissatisfied element of each. At first it was mooted about that the Native American association was drawing to itself a host of followers, then it began to be whispered that the colored voters were being mobilized so as to hold the balance of power in case of a split in the Democratic ranks in the approaching election. One could hear almost anything almost anywhere. In the Third District it was reported there had been found a club called the "Mutuals," the constitution of which provided that the members were all to stick together, and when the proper time came they were to sell out to the highest bidder and divide the funds. Except the report relative to the American party all of these campaign stories were found to be based upon anything but a solid basis. The Americans were found to be a secret organization pledged to support Americans, or perhaps their own members only for office, and to be composed of many foreigners of all nationalities. Their numbers, according to their reports, runs up to about 4500, but that lacks verification on the outside.

These rumors have been for many weeks disseminated pro and con, but it was only within the last few days that

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began to show its head. Some days ago, in a very quiet way, there was issued a circular from unknown quarters, probably not far from Carondelet street, calling upon certain chosen individuals to meet on the premises of the Chamber of Commerce on June 10 at 7:30 p. m. for the purpose of taking a general view of politics. They assembled and appointed a committee to consider the political situation.

The following gentlemen were invited to attend: John Phelps, J. H. Kennard, D. B. Penn, August Bohn, E. K. Converse, H. W. Conners, S. L. Macon, James Aldige, W. R. Syman, John Douglas, T. H. Hunt, W. A. Bell, A. Baldwin, J. N. Marks, J. S. Wills, A. H. May, Gus A. Braux, T. J. Somme, William Creevy, L. C. Jury, J. K. Small, D. C. McCann, Adolph Meyer, Frank H. Hatch, J. H. Hasseney, J. M. Seixas, W. W. Howe, Jules Conner, A. Fortsaker, M. Marigny, Cyrus Bussey, T. L. Airey and J. M. Sandridge.

The reporter interviewed several of the above, and they declined at present to say anything about the meeting, but assured the reporter that the whole matter would be made public in a short time.

POLICE BOARD.

The Sixth Ward How to Be Investigated.

The board held a session last night, Mayor Pillsbury in the chair. Present: Commissioners Palfrey and Dejean and Administrator Diamond.

Patrolman Thomas, of the Fourth Precinct, for conduct unbecoming an officer, was dismissed from the force, though not present at the calling of the case.

The charges preferred against Patrolman S. P. Simoni and F. A. Scheidel, Sixth Precinct, and Patrolman W. Nixon, eighth precinct, were read. Simoni is charged further with neglect of duty, and the latter with unofficerlike conduct.

The charges rest on the fact that on the thirty-first of May, one John McCullom began to use his little pistol promiscuously by shooting at everybody and everything. The officers failed to arrest him, and kept aloof until he was disarmed by his mother and delivered over to Officer Barnes.

The evidence was heard, and proved conclusively in favor of the officers, who were honorably discharged.

Patrolman A. Hermann, First Precinct, for neglect of duty and neglect on his beat, was fined three days' pay—his previous good record being in his favor.

Officer Gus Meyer, of the First Precinct, celebrated his birthday by lifting his elbows in the air, and, as a consequence, was dismissed the force.

Patrolman A. Donafort, First Precinct, for neglect of duty and unnecessary talking, was fined one day's pay.

Patrolman Wm. Strim Meyer, Second Precinct, was severely reprimanded for cowardice, unofficerlike conduct and failing to arrest a crowd of militiamen who were raising a disturbance.

A communication was read from the City Council, wherein it was suggested that a committee of four Administrators be appointed to revise the rules of the police force. Messrs. Dejean, Diamond, Palfrey and Johnson were appointed.

The petition of Corporal J. P. O'Brien, late of the police force but dismissed on the eighth of June for attending a meeting at the Golden Club room in citizens' clothes, praying to be reinstated, was read and laid on the table until the case of Sergeant Rowley be brought up and decided upon.

The board then adjourned.

THE GREAT JACKSON ROUTE.

Attractions such as beautiful mountain scenery, fast time and elegant accommodations in the way of superb palace cars are to be found on this now splendidly managed and very popular line of travel to the summer resorts of the North, West and Canada. By this route there is only one change of cars, which fact obviates the disagreeable necessity which on other lines often occurs, and frequently under the most unpleasant and trying circumstances. As one glides along over the smooth steel track by the beautiful lakes on the route and through the huge gorges of the Alleghany Mountains, he can but be struck with the sublime and picturesque scenery which passes swiftly before his eye like a beautiful panorama.

Excursion tickets are now being sold by this route to all the springs of the Northwest for the round trip by very low figures, and will be good to October 31.

AN ELECTION.

At a meeting of the Planters Oil Company on Thursday the following gentlemen were elected directors: J. W. Tobin, J. Aldige, T. P. Leathers, D. C. McCan, John Janney, Ed. Israel, J. J. Brown, C. H. Hyams, and Wm. Fagan.

LOUISVILLE RACES, July 4.

The Great Jackson route will sell excursion tickets to Louisville at one fare, 27 1/2 cts, for the round trip by the Great Jackson route, and 30 cts to return till July 7. Pullman sleeping cars through without change.

Delightfully cool at the fete champagne, Carrolton Gardens, last night. This is the last evening of the entertainment, so don't miss the opportunity.

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THE SIGNAL SERVICE.

WHY WE SHOULD GET THE CAUTIONARY SIGNAL STATION AT PORT EADS.

We learn that the signal service has received its appropriation, and that it has this year been increased with a view of extending the number of stations of observation, and therefore may expect to see in the not far distant future the long required and much sought for "cautionary signal station" at Port Eads. This belief is founded on the following extract as published in the Congressional Record of June 12: "The subject of the signal service being under discussion, Mr. Stephens, of Georgia, said: 'I move to amend the pending paragraph by striking out \$325,000 and inserting \$350,000. I do not desire to detain the House at all, but I think this is one of the most important branches of the public service; I learn from Gen. Myer, who is in charge of this service, that if \$350,000 be now appropriated he can extend this service very considerably, far beyond the ratio of the additional amount compared with the \$300,000, the gross sum appropriated last year. He clearly explained how this could be done. I give an illustration which, I think, clearly presents his idea. It is just as if you had \$300,000 invested in a factory, with the steam power or water power already supplied sufficient to turn four times the machinery in use, and all that would be necessary to add to its efficiency would be the cost of the bands to set additional necessary machinery in motion. Thus \$25,000 additional to the amount in the bill, he assured me, would enable him so to extend the utility of the system now in operation. The more you add, the more you increase the illustration. "He ran the system with \$300,000 last year, but with \$350,000 he could set on one-fourth more bands to other machinery, if you please. The committee have allowed \$25,000 additional. "That is good as far as it goes, but \$25,000 more will double the efficiency of that increase. I wish I had time to enlarge on this subject, but I do not have it. In my opinion, this is one of the most important branches of the public service. I would be willing to-day to vote \$500,000 for this service."

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"He ran the system with \$300,000 last year, but with \$350,000 he could set on one-fourth more bands to other machinery, if you please. The committee have allowed \$25,000 additional. "That is good as far as it goes, but \$25,000 more will double the efficiency of that increase. I wish I had time to enlarge on this subject, but I do not have it. In my opinion, this is one of the most important branches of the public service. I would be willing to-day to vote \$500,000 for this service."

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