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TOWN COUNCIL.
ABBEVILLE, March 27, 1878.
 The Board of Town Council of Abbeville met at the courthouse in special session, on this day, pursuant to adjournment.
 Members present: Leonce Perret, mayor; aldermen, L. Broussard, S. Wise, J. Boyancé and J. Abadie.
 Minutes of last meeting were read and adopted.
 Report of Committee appointed to settle with officers was submitted and read to the Council, and same adopted, ordered spread on the minutes and published.

REPORT:
 George E. Lyons, Constable-Collector, debtor in account with town:

Dr:
 To amount of Dr. Young's license, paid to him for 1877, \$10 00
 To amount received from Secretary licenses, for 1877, 30 00
 To amount received from Secretary licenses of 1878, for collection to date, 1027 50
Total: \$1067 50
 Accounted for as follows:

Cr:
 By amount collected on licenses of the year 1877, paid to treasurer, \$15 00
 Amount of license of Fredrick, uncollected, for 1877, 2 50
 Amount of license of T. Fassiani, uncollected for 1877, 5 00
 Amount of licenses returned to treasurer, per resolution of Council, for year 1878, 190 00
 Amount of licenses uncollected and in suits, for 1878, 657 50
 Amount of licenses collected and not yet paid over to the treasurer for 1878, 197 50
Total: \$1067 50
Ad valorem tax—fines, hog and dog tax:

Dr:
 To amount tax roll levied for 1877, \$472 00
 To amount of dog-taxes and in hogs, 19 75
 To amount of fines since last report, 3 75
Total: \$495 50
 Accounted for as follows:

Dr:
 By commission on \$401 60 collected on tax roll of 1877, \$30 10
 By amount paid treasurer on said roll of 1877, 371 70
 By amount paid treasurer on fines, dogs, hogs, &c., 19 75
 By amount paid treasurer on roll of 1877, by J. T. Patten, 25 25
 Amount of delinquencies on roll of 1877, 45 45
 Amount on hand since last report, 3 25
Total: \$495 50
 Account with L. C. Lyons, treasurer:

Dr:
 To amount received from former treasurer, \$78 93
 To amount received from R. P. O'Bryan, attorney, on roll of 1874, 18 30
 To amount received from R. P. O'Bryan, attorney on licenses for the year 1877, 10 00
 Amount received from J. P. Patten on roll 1877, 25 00
 Amount received from collector on roll of 1877, after his commission retained, 384 73
 Amount received from constable collector on fines, hog and dog tax, 19 75
 Amount received from J. P. Patten on roll of 1876, 17 82
Total: 554 78
 Accounted for as follows:

By amount paid R. P. O'Bryan, attorney, fees Supreme Court, \$30 00
 By amount paid A. D. Laborde on mayor's salary 23 52
 By amount paid out of street and bridge fund, per vouchers, 158 86
 Amount paid on judgment J. Abadie, 28
 Amount paid corporation officers, as per vouchers, 280 86
 Amount of cash in treasury, 61 26
Total: \$554 78

The treasurer has received from different sources, and has on hand which he exhibited to us, warrants uncollected licenses and receipts for judgment, &c., &c., amounting to the sum of \$274 82
 Debited of the Town Council:
 The corporation owed M. L. Bernard, late constable, on 26th of May, 1877, \$206 06
 He collected after his last settlement, as follows:
 On dog tax, &c., \$15 27
 On fines vs. Bataud, 10 00
 On fines vs. C. Laurent, 2 50
 On license of O. Bourque for 1877, 10 00
 On his own tax for 1877, 50
 His widow received from treasurer, 40 86
Total: \$79 13
 The administrator of his estate turned over to this committee } \$125 93
 warrants, 12 00

Thereby making the corporation indebted indebted to him in this suit
PASSIVE:
 The outstanding indebtedness of the corporation is as follows:
 Amount due succession of M. L. Bernard, \$137 93
 Amount of outstanding warrants, 285 28
 Amount due to officers of corporation as balance of their salary and other small claims, 410 50
Total: \$833 68

ACTIVE:
 By cash in treasury, \$6 26
 Cash in collector's hand, 197 50
 By amount of licenses of 1878 uncollected, 657 50
 By amount of delinquents on roll of 1876, 51 20
 By amount of delinquents on roll of 1877, 45 45
Total: \$1011 91
 The administrator of M. L. Bernard's succession returned of uncollected licenses of 1877 the following:
 F. Kane, \$15 00
 Wm. Monton, 20 00
 A. Mentor, 15 00
 E. Sarpy, 10 00
Total: \$60 00
 Respectfully submitted,
 (Signed) LASTIE BROUSSARD,
 (Signed) SOLOMON WISE,
 Committee.

On motion of Lastie Broussard, whereas Jos. T. Labit has applied to this board for a reduction of the licenses imposed on him as coffee house keeper and billiard table keeper, and in consideration of the facts that only one fourth of the present year has expired, and of his statement to the board that he intended to immediately and entirely suspend his business in that line
 Be it therefore resolved, that the amount of his said licenses be and the same are hereby reduced to the sum of \$23 70.
 Resolved further that the Collector be, and he is hereby authorized to deliver to said Labit the said licenses, and to endorse thereon the amount paid in accordance with this resolution, as follows:—
 On the \$85.00 coffee house license \$21.25, and on the \$10.00 billiard table license \$2.50. The difference

between the original amount and that hereby fixed to be received by the Collector, to be credited to the Collector hereafter, provided that said payment be made within ten days from this date, and provided that said Labit closes establishment as above stated.
 On motion of S. Wise, resolved that all vouchers, receipts and uncollected licenses turned over to the committee on this day by the Treasurer as shown by the report of said committee be destroyed, and further that the committee be ordered to receipt to said Treasurer, according to their report, he having exhibited his vouchers for the amount in full, and they found to be in due form and correct.

On motion of Lastie Broussard, resolved that Victor Guidry, be and he is hereby authorized to carry on the business of coffee house keeper, under the licenses issued to Vorhies Trahan, provided that he paid the same, and costs accrued in suit of corporation vs. said V. Trahan, and further that he will not be subject to pay any other for the same occupation for the year 1878.
 On motion the Council then adjourned to next regular meeting.

LEONCE PERRET,
 L. C. LYONS, Mayor.
 Secretary.

To the Public.

I would respectfully inform my friends and customers and the people in general, that I have just selected with the greatest care, a general assortment of Fall and Winter Goods, which I am now offering at the lowest cash price.
 My stock comprises a large variety of
 Domestic Dry Goods,
 Fancy Goods,
 Fine English,
 French and American
 Casimeres,
 Ladies Dress Goods,
 Cloaks, Shawls,
 Notions of all descriptions,
 Calicoes, Best American Brand,
 Cotton, Bleached and Brown,
 Alpacaes of all shades, Flannels,
 Opera, Plain & Colored Checked,
 Ladies are respectfully solicited to call and examine my stock and no trouble will be saved to show all articles which they desire to examine, to price or purchase.
 Clothings of all descriptions:
 Gentlemen's Shirt,
 Underwear,
 and all kinds
 of Furnishing
 Goods,
 Ladies,
 Misses,
 and Boys
 Boots & Shoes.
 Hardware, the latest improvements in utensils.
 Saddlery, Crockery Tinware,
 A fine stock of fresh family groceries.
 Tobacco, chewing & smoking,
 segars, pipes, &c.
 Sole agent for the celebrated
WEED SEWING MACHINE,
 the simplest, cheapest and most durable of the kind.
 My stock is now entirely new and complete, and every one rich and poor, white and colored, are welcome to enter and see for themselves.

Believing that it would be greatly to the interest of this parish to establish a Real Estate Agency in the town of Abbeville, I have assumed the position, and inform all those who have lands, plantations or town lots for sale, or those who desire to purchase the same, to call at my store where I shall always be ready to give full particulars and make agreements.
 Having now communications with different parties in the United States who are desirous to locate in this country there are chances to effect sales or purchases at early date and on satisfactory terms.
 Respectfully,
A. D. MARTIN.

Notice.

THE undersigned has Two (2) Plantations on hand for sale:
 One situated about six miles northwest from Abbeville, West side of bayou Vermilion, containing about two hundred and forty (240) superficial arpents, with a Fine DWELLING HOUSE AND KITCHEN, and about three (300) hundred pannels of new fence thereon,—one-third of the land is timbered.
 ANOTHER Plantation situated at Grosse Isle, about three (3) miles East from the town of Abbeville, having three-and-a-half (3½) arpents front by forty (40) in depth, with about fifty (50) arpents of WOOD LAND thereon, and a right to cut wood on the Alexander Delahoussaye tract; which tract is a community property of eight arpents by forty.
 For prices and conditions of the above plantations (which will be in accordance with the hard times), apply to F. FERAY, in the town of Abbeville. Immediate possession can be given in both cases.
F. FERAY.

N. B. One of the above plantations belongs to a lawyer of the parish of Lafayette. The party purchasing from me will have to pay expenses of sale, record, &c. &c., in this parish from the Lafayette Records.
 Title perfect in both cases.
 Feb 14 '77
F. F.

The Confederate Soldier's Return, or the Lost Cause.

The Confederate soldier's return, or the LOST CAUSE—A magnificent picture, beautiful in design and artistic in execution. It represents a Confederate soldier after the war returning to his home, which he finds ruined by shot and shell, looking lonely and desolate. In front of the ruined cottage, telling a sad tale of the miseries of war, are two graves with rude crosses, on one of which some friendly hand has hung a garland. The graves are overhung by a weeping willow, in the shadow of which stands the returned soldier with bowed head, as if thinking of the past. To the right the calm river and rising moon indicate peace and rest. The stars seen through trees represent the Southern Cross, draped over the graves, an emblem of the Confederate flag as well as a harbinger of brighter days to come.
 The flood of glorious moonlight streaming through the trees and reflecting on the peaceful river adds to the sentiment and beauty of the scene and its surroundings. No description of this gem of art will do it justice—it must be seen. It is a picture that will touch every southern heart and should find a place in every southern home. It is 14x18 inches in size, on heavy plate paper. One copy will be sent by mail, in a pasteboard roller to any address, post-paid, on receipt of 25 cent three copies for 60 cent or six for \$1.10 in currency or postage stamps. Agents wanted everywhere, to sell this and a variety of other popular cheap pictures. No money required until they are sold. No trouble to sell them. Send stamp for our catalogue and terms.
 Address, A. GREGAR & Co. Publishers,
 168 Market St., Chattanooga, Tenn.

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LETTERS TO BESS.

BY A LAW STUDENT.

Believe me, Bess, when I declare
 A title deed my heart,
 And you the party of the first,
 And I the second part.
 To you I've given my whole love,
 With no Remainder over;
 If you betray that trust, I will
 An action bring—of trover.
 Now don't Demur when this you
 read,
 But own you feel compunction,
 Or I my suit will Prosecute,
 In spite of your Injunction.
 My case—is one in Equity—
 I've Pleaded with precision;
 You know the points; why will
 you then,
 So long Reserve Decision?
 You owned to an Attachment once,
 When I the question Mooted;
 But now it seems to me you act
 As if you were non suited.
 I make no Dilatory Plea;
 I'm driven to distraction;
 You know how long I've courted
 you;
 Come, in my case, Take Action.
 If you resist a Civil Suit
 I'll bring at Cupid's Session.
 And there, a Plaintiff I'll ask
 For Judgment by Confession.
 But if, in spite of Judgment mine,
 You will not hear me still,
 I'll get an order from the Court
 To administer your Will.
 Don't fail to file an Answer-Brief
 To this, my Declaration,
 Lest, losing patience, I shall make
 A Cross Examination.
 —N. Y. Puck.

At length the people are to have a vote upon the question of retaining the capitol in New Orleans or removing it to Baton Rouge. The question will be submitted at the next general election when we feel confident that the advocates of removal will defeat their adversaries by thousands of votes. If the late session of the General Assembly has not convinced every sensible man in the State of Louisiana that New Orleans is no place for the capitol then angels from heaven would plead in vain.—Sugar Planter.

Gen. Andrew Jackson was married to his wife three times. Every time a report was started that he was not married to her, he went off, procured a license, and had the matrimonial knot tied.
 Burch, the man who knew how to run the school business—we mean money of East Baton Rouge into his own pocket, says he "hates a conservative man." It is therefore a greater honor to be conservative.

Cremation is now one of the rites of woman.

The Cat is not mentioned in the Bible.

It is considered now by good authority that the bot fly does not injure a horse.

The first hours of slumber are the sweetest. If ever a man sleeps the sleep of the just, it is when he's just asleep.

The Cincinnati Commercial feels good because Russia will accept all of Turkey without a chromo.

A New York journalist has composed an "Editor's Waltz."—An editor's waltz is usually danced to the tune of "More Copy," and the music is generally furnished by the devil.

"I want to die in harness," says Alexander H. Stephens. It will be a little difficult to find a harness small enough for the purpose, but it shall be done.

The Grasshopper Commission is preparing a book of 500 pages. Now it seems to us that if that book had been printed in the first place, the grasshoppers would never have come.

A returned missionary was recently invited to a party, where all the ladies appeared in low cut dresses. Said he to his host, "I don't mind it at all; I've spent ten years among the savages."

A shrewd patent medicine man has been chasing Alexander H. Stephens around for three months, trying to draw a bead on him with a pocket camera. He wants him for a preface to his advertisement to illustrate "before taking."

A candid Kentucky editor advances the suggestion that a special tax of \$1 on each pistol owned in the State would beat the bell punch plan for taxation all hollow. He wants to tax 'em by the barrel instead of by the drink.

"George has had a great many pull-backs in life," said the young wife to her lady friend. And when the friend said, "Yes, I saw him with one yesterday," the young wife don't know what she meant by it.

She was quoting, "There is more joy in—" "Yes," interrupted Filkins, "more joy in this house than in the combined show cases of the Bowery dentists." An ominous silence has hung up its footfall on the door mat.

Good clothes make more difference with the world's opinion than a good many people are willing to admit. How do you suppose Senator Conkling would look climbing the heights of fame with a patch on his pantaloons?

Mrs. Abraham Lincoln, the widow of the late President Lincoln, is living a secluded life in the interior of France, and declines to return to America lest she may again be placed in a lunatic asylum.

"I'm almost gone," said a drunkard who had been racked with delirium tremens. "My lamp is flickering in the socket. Bury me beneath the weeping willow, and plant white roses over my head." "T'wouldn't be of any use," ejaculated the mother-in-law; "Your nose would scorch the roots." That man survived his mother-in-law.

HOUSEHOLD HINTS.—Boil everything very tender.

Tea does not give strength.

Apples are the healthiest fruit.

'Middlings' flour contains the best elements of wheat.

Slow and long cooking will make tough meat tender.

The Moffet Register bill does not seem to be a popular measure.

Howe has made his powwow in the Senate. Conkling's time is next in order.