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NEW ORLEANS:
WEDNESDAY MORNING, FEB. 3, 1869

The Expenses of the Levee Commissioners—An Account Called For.

The statement of the account between the State and the Levee Commissioners, embodied in the report made by them to the Legislature, of their transactions touching the sale and exchange of 1586 Levee Bonds, is a most unintelligible jumble of figures. To unravel them one would have to employ a professional accountant. The Commissioners seem to understand enough of accounts, however, to engineer into their own pockets a sum of at least fifty thousand dollars, and this sum of compensation bears no account whatever we ever saw either from a Bank or Banking Commissioner, or a Steamboat Clerk, of whom are famous for piling on the charges and handling the money thus extracted to them to their own pouch.

The Commissioners state the expenses of their transactions to be $6,220 20; besides $3,738 75 interest thereon, and an item of $100,000 from W. S. Pike for ninety days at 7 per cent., but we think they have appropriated a good deal more than this. How much of this sum was disbursed for their own personal use the Commissioners do not report. We notice one item stated thus: "Expenses of Lynch and Lee at New York $300. And another stated thus: "Estimated balance of expenses $3008." And another stated thus: "Leaving balance of $2,377 17 more of the remainder of estimated expenses." Now, what does all that mean, and would it not be well that the Commissioners should no def a detailed and minute list of the items of these expenses—a particular statement of what these large sums of money were spent for? It is the money of the people of Louisiana these Commissioners have been spending so lavishly, and they have a right to know list the vouchers be produced. And will the Commissioners be pleased to inform the public why they could not have waited sixty days longer before proceeding to sacrifice these bonds? Why force these obligations on the market and entail such a loss upon their constituents? There was no pressing necessity for this sacrifice. They might well have waited the turn of the year and the arrival in market of the crops. Had they done so, these bonds would now command from 35 to 45 cents more than the price at which they were sold, and thus have brought into the State Treasury upwards of four hundred thousand dollars more than was obtained for them. This transaction has a very ugly look and ought to be most fully explained.

SOUTHERN PACIFIC RAILROAD.—We have received from Senator Kellogg, a copy of the bill introduced by him into the Senate, having for its object to aid in the construction of the Pacific Central Transit Railway and telegraph from the city of New Orleans to some point on the Rio Grande River, Texas, in the direction of San Blas on the Pacific coast.

NAPOLEON CONCERT HALL.—In another column will be found the advertisement of Mr. Volney Brown, proprietor of the Napoleon Concert Hall, 32 Royal street, who announces free concerts every night from 7 until 12 o'clock p. m., with lager beer and other refreshments.

REPORT OF PUBLIC EDUCATION.—The report of the State Superintendent of Public Education was laid before the House of Representatives on Monday last. We learn from this document that there are now in the State 216 schools for colored children, with 259 teachers and an attendance of 12,870 scholars. The report of the New Orleans Superintendent of Public Schools accompanies the first named. The latter reports 53 public schools in operation in the city, employing 302 teachers. During the past year they have had 22,055 on their rolls, with an average attendance of 15 825 and an average of 53 scolars to each teacher. Of these 14 are colored schools, with 26 teachers and 2695 scholars. Under the present State laws, the school tax, if collected, would be $1 65 per annum to each child in the State.

BALL OF CONCORDIA CLUB.—We acknowledge receipt of tickets to a ball to be given by this Club, next Saturday evening, at Minerva Hall, on Clio street.

MASONIC BALL.—In our announcement of the ball to be given at Masonic Hall, by Alpha Lodge No. 72, F. and A. M., the printers involved us in the anachronism of saying that it would take place on the *4th of July*, instead of the 4th of this month.

THE FAIR AT ODD FELLOWS' HALL.—The fair for the benefit of St. Anna's Asylum was very successfully inaugurated last night at Odd Fellows' Hall. The tables are well supplied with elegant refreshments, and presided over by some of the finest ladies in the city. Besides, the lovers of dancing are afforded opportunity of indulging in that agreeable pastime in the hall room opening from the main hall. We can assure our readers that they will find the entertainment to be of the most *recherché* order, and its appointments in every respect of the most agreeable character.

THE FRENCH OPERA.—That excellent artist, Mr. Van Hoffien, will take his benefit on Thursday evening next, the 4th inst., in the character of *Marcel* in Meyerbeer's opera of the "Huguenots," a role which the beneficiary performed last season with marked ability. Mr. Van Hoffien deserves well of our opera-goers. He has claims indeed to their favor no other member of the troupe can pretend to. He is its senior member and always makes good his engagements with the public, being at the more time a most accomplished artist to the directors of the Opera. He bears upon his broad shoulders and with his powerful voice the weight of the performance whenever it is required of him. Mr. Van Hoffien is also the acknowledged leader of the troupe and is always master of his part. He is admitted to be a thoroughly accomplished musician and as a singer has had few if any superiors on these boards. He is also a fine actor and a man of decidedly original talent in his profession. His style has been much admired. We that has ever witnessed his masterly personation of "Mephistopheles" can ever forget it! Let us give this gentleman a "rousing" benefit, such as will prove to him the value we set upon his talents and his services and the regard in which we hold him.

THE CITIZENS' MUTUAL INSURANCE CO. IN LIQUIDATION.—The Supreme Court, on Monday last, put Hons. Associate Justice, refused the petition of D'Aiza and others, praying for a writ of prohibition against Judge Theard, of the Fourth District Court for this parish, restraining him from proceeding in the matter of the liquidation of the Citizens' Mutual Insurance Co., and the suit of Bruce, Commissioner against D'Aiza and others.

Jury in Court—by the case as presented does not show a legal necessity for a writ of prohibition, which is matter of right—they add that if a final judgment shall be rendered by Judge Theard against petitioners they may appeal, and then the whole case will be before the Supreme Court.

HEADQ'RS, DEPARTMENT OF LOUISIANA, NEW ORLEANS, LA., Jan. 28, 1869.

(General Orders, No. 8.

The following order is published to this command for the information and guidance of all concerned.

HEADQUARTERS OF THE ARMY, Adjutant General's Office, Washington, Jan. 23, 1869.

[Extract]

1. By direction of the President, the following named officers are hereby assigned to duty according to their brevet rank of Maj. General, Brevet Major General Robert U. Buchanan, 1st First U S Infantry.

By command of GENERAL GRANT.
(Signed) E. D. TOWNSEND,
Assistant Adjutant General.
By command of Brev. Maj. Gen. ROBERT C. BUCHANAN:

THOS. H. NEILL,
Major Tweenth Infantry, Brev't Brigadier Gen U S A. Ass'g Ass't. Adj't Gen.

DESTRUCTION OF AN AMERICAN SHIP BY FIRE AT HAVRE.—Boston, Jan. 27, 1869.—The American ship Alaska, Capt. Small, which had just arrived here from New Orleans with a cargo of cotton, took fire this morning in the harbor, and owing to the combustible nature of the material is burning furiously. She will probably be totally destroyed. The Alaska was built in Kennebunk, in 1853, and was 1315 tons burden. She was owned by Thayer & Lincoln, of Boston.—*New York Herald*.

The Alaska was cleared from this port on the 9th of December by Messrs. G. A. Fosdick & Co., with the following cargo: 4621 bales cotton and 2,00 staves.

ARRIVAL OF THE BERBRIAN.—The steamship Sherman, Capt. Henry, from New York 23d ult., arrived at Southwark Pass Sunday evening, 31st inst., was detained at the bar by low water, and arrived at her wharf yesterday morning with a full freight and several passengers.

OFFICE 73 CHARTRES STREET. NEW ORLEANS, WEDNESDAY MORNING, FEBRUARY 3, 1869. Vol. XLI.—Whole—14,665.

CITY INTELLIGENCE.

Correction.—In noticing the report that those gentlemen from Kansas were robbed Monday evening, the 27th of January, in a house kept by a French lady adjoining the restaurant under the corner of Canal and Bampart streets, it means we were led into error in stating that the lady in question assured them that their money would be safe without being deposited in bank, as one of the gentlemen in question informs us that they had a conversation with the landlady on the subject. We accordingly make this statement as a matter of justice.

Board of Aldermen.—Board met last evening. President Marks in the chair.

Resolution of the Lower Board appropriating $250 for the St. Louis Asylum. Concurred in finally.

Resolution giving $1000 to the Little Sisters of the Poor. Concurred in finally.

Resolution appropriating $500 for binding Notaries' records. Concurred in finally.

Resolution to sell a contract for constructing brick sidewalk on the south side of Magnolia street, between Clio and St. Andrew. Concurred in finally.

Resolution for brick sidewalk on Tonti street, from Esplanade to Dumaine.

Resolution reducing the Bonded in hardware, from $5 to $2 per annum. Concurred in finally.

Resolution of the Lower Board, to shell Locust street, from Felicity to Washington street. Concurred in finally.

Resolution to extend the time for completing the Shell Road, February, in consideration of the act of Legislature, which authorizes the City Attorney.

Mr. Kaiser thought there was a mistake in the table by Board of Aldermen. He thought the City Attorney intended to extend the time for completing the Shell Road, February, 1869, instead of 1868. He thought the mistake was in the table, Mr. Kaiser, was in favor of returning the compliment, and would move to lay this resolution on the table. He did not like that clause in the resolution compelling the Treasurer to turn over the tax bills to the Assistant City Attorney on the 28th of February. He thought the city ought to reserve the right to still further extend the time if it saw proper.

Mr. Shields thought the tax payers would have ample time between this and the 28th February, and favored concurrence with the action of the Lower Board.

Mr. Perron explained that the Governor signed this enabling act on condition that the time should not be extended any further than till the 1st of March.

Mr O'Brien thought that New Orleans was the only city in the United States that taxed its citizens to death, and the people had a right to expect the City Council, as representing the people to take advantage of the three months extension granted by the Legislature.

Mr. Brady moved to amend the resolution by striking out the clause relating to the Assistant City Attorney. Adopted.

The resolution, as amended, was then concurred in.

Resolution of Lower Board for a joint committee to consider Mr. Pandely's resolution relative to the taxes of the citizens. Concurred in, and Messrs. O'Brien, Brady and Peyton, appointed.

Resolution of Lower Board granting an extension of ninety days to Mr. Rist, the contractor, for digging a tail race from the Orleans Canal to beyond Metairie Ridge, to finish his contract.

Mr. Kaiser explained that the city had already lost one law suit instituted by the Commodore Canal Company for damages for delay. Bayou St. John, and if the Orleans Canal was not finished in time, the city would stand a good chance of losing another law suit. The resolution was referred to the Streets and Landings Committee.

Resolution of Lower Board approving certain contracts for keeping in repair paved streets in various wards. Concurred in.

Mr Shields explained that all these contracts were sold at much lower prices than the contractors could not possibly comply with their contracts, and the committee recommended the approval of these contracts simply in order that the sureties might be placed in default. One of the wards sold for $96 per annum.

Resolution of Lower Board memorializing Congress to donate the building known as the United States Mint, to the city to be used as a school house.

Mr Kaiser thought this generation ought to go up, and not go down, (the Mint is located in the lower part of town) and even if that building did belong to the city, it would not be fit for a court house, being too far down town.

After some debate the resolution was concurred in, and Mr Shields gave notice that he would, at the next meeting, move a reconsideration.

Resolution to extend the fire alarm telegraph wires to the depot of the Orleans Railroad, near the Fair Grounds. Referred to the Finance Committee.

Mr Shields presented a petition from French residents of New Orleans in regard to the Girod Fund. Referred to the Committee charged with the consideration of the resolution of the Legislature, which authorizes the Mayor, the court and the Board of Aldermen to appoint a commissioner for building the asylum, before the Sixth District Court, against the Mayor, the court and the jurisdiction. The Mayor is called for not consulting the City Council, as his predecessors had considered it their duty to consult the Board of Aldermen in the disposition of the City Attorney. Adopted.

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