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NOTICE

...The Abstract of 1836 and 37 will attend a ...eeting this evening, at 7 o'clock, at Hewlett's Ar...ade, Magazine street, New Orleans. jan 5.

The Fire.

The conflagration of Wednesday night was perhaps the most destructive, in reference to the value of property consumed, that ever occured in New Orleans. At this period of the year, at the opening as it were of a brisk season of business, in addition to the loss actually sustained, an equally large amount may be engrafted on account of the forced suspension of so many active and enterprising merchants and traders. The transactions of those who have suffered by this fire were just beginning to be of a profitable kind, and in spite of the peculiar difficulties of the times if this catastrophe had not occurred, the winter of 1838 would probably have turned out very prosperously.

The following accurate list of the buildings destroyed, and the names of the occupants, was taken with some pains and trouble expressly for the Bee.

The total loss is estimated from authentic data at $710,000.

8 stores on Old Levee street running through to Chartres street, on the east side.

No. 28, occupied by Peuch & Duplessis as a Grocery store, the second store by G. W. Pritchard, as an office room.

No. 30, by Henshaw & Rogers, Commission Merchants.

No. 32, by Jas. Allen as a grocery store, the second by D. Goldsmith as an office.

No. 34, by Beebe & Co. for wooden ware baskets and carriages.

No. 36, occupied for storage of Dry Goods, &c.

No. 38, by Godfrey & Blossman, Commission Merchants.

No. 40, by J. W. Zacharie & Co, for storage of wines, liquors, &c.

All the above extended back to Chinton. street.

Corner of Bienville street.

No. 12, Louisiana Advertiser Office, the lower part as a coffee-house.

No. 28, on the west side, occupied by Vining & Terrell, as a shoe store, the upper part as a dwelling.

No. 30, by Morse, Smiffin & Co. as a clothing store, the upper part as a dwelling.

Front Levee.

No. 8, from Levee, as occupied by S. Locke & Co., Hard-ware Merchants.

No. 9, Winston & Shall, Grocers.

No. 10, Coffee-house, by Jas. Riley, the rear on Clinton street, by Ferguson, Parker & Co. for storage.

No. 11, Ferguson, Parker & Co. grocers where the fire originated.

No. 12, Dufassos & Montreul, grocers.

No. 13, W. Vance, Junr. clothing store, the rear corner on Clinton street, by Mr. Armstrong as a Coffee-house.—17 buildings in all.

We would estimate the value of the buildings on an avarage from 17 to 10,000 dollars each.....170,000

The stock &c. in the buildings, on an avergge of $20,000, which we think to be the full value from the best information we can obtain.....540,000

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We understand that a large proportion of the property was insured at various offices, say about $470,000.

From the Iron chest containing the books, papers, &c. Ferguson, Parker & Co. was dug from the ruins without injury. The books and papers of S. Locke & Co. were saved, but a very small proportion of their stock of Hardware, Cutlery, which was very large, say about $120,000.

LOSS OF LIVES.

The following persons lost their lives at the late fire: Mr. Van Pelt, Mr. Jacobs, Mr. Sterling, (a lad about 14 years of age,) a very valuable colored man by the name of Nun, or Nunez, belonging to the firm of Ferguson, Parker & Co. and another colored man. There is likewise a black woman missing.

In our brief account of the fire in yesterday's Bee we made a mistake in saying that it originated in a coffee house. It first made its appearance in the store of Ferguson, Parker & Co.

Incendiaries.

It is not our intention to charge the calumitous fire of Wednesday night to incendiaries, but there is beyond doubt a gang of desperate villains in this city, who have recently perpetrated several acts of burglary and highway robbery. On the night of the fire above mentioned, when the whole city was in a state of anxiety and alarm, a discovery was made of an attempt to set fire to a house in Bienville-street, and completed as a furniture store. The fire had been placed in an armoir, and the doors shut: when discovered, the inside of the armoir was almost entirely consumed.

Our fellow-c izens cannot be too much on the alert against the designs of those villains. All suspicious-looking people should be watched when they are moving to and fro in the vicinity of a building; and in shutting up their houses for the night, the corridors and entries should be locked up.

Floating Dry-Dock.

We have learned with extreme pleasure, that one of our most indefatigable and estimable citizens, has had built and brought to New-Orleans, a floating dry-dock, known by the name of "Paducah," for the construction and repair of vessels. It was towed down last evening by the steamer Moravian, and is now in the parish of Jefferson.

The following are the dimensions and description of the Dry-Dock:—Extreme length—Two hundred and twenty-five feet, and three feet capable of docking any vessel one hundred and ninety-eight in length, and fifty feet in breath, drawing eight or even nine feet. The deck has been constructed of good white oak and pine timber; her bottom is remarkably strong, being constructed of four inch oak planks. The flooring is forty-five feet wide, with a width of five feet each side, making in all fifty feet. It is furnished with every necessary contrivance; possessing four patent pumps, with boiler, engine, &c., all complete; so that the dock may at any time be emptied in from eight to ten hours.

We are informed, that the Dry-Dock Company of New-Orleans has it in contemplation to purchase this valuable agent; and we believe, that such a step would conduce materially to the interests of the Company, as it would then be enabled immediately to commence operations, and declare dividends to its stockholders.

Bank Question.

The committee general of the two Houses of the Legislature met yesterday, and during its sitting Mr. Grymes presented the following resolutions, which were unanimously adopted:

"Resolved, that the information, now in possession of this committee, in relation to the present situation of the banking institutions of this state, is sufficient to enable this committee to report and recommend to the two Houses of the Legislature, such legislative provisions in relation to the currency and the future conduct and management of the said institutions, as may be necessary to secure a sound currency, and proper administration for the future."

"Resolved, that the situation of the agricultural and commercial interests of this state do require the most speedy and prompt action on this part of the committee and the Legislature."

"Resolved, that the report and act making such provisions as may be deemed necessary, be immediately prepared and reported to the respective Houses with as little delay as possible."

SIX DAYS LATER FROM FRANCE.

By the ship Napier, from Havre, arrived at Mobile, on Wednesday last, letters have been received here to the 15th November. Under our commercial head will be found an extract from one of them.

Careless Driving.

Philadelphia N York and the northern cities generally present laudable and beneficial examples of whole-some vigor towards those who are guilty of violating the municipal regulations. A lad named Jacob Trout was in Philadelphia lately tried for murder in running over a female and killing her; and though the testimony was so far favorable to the culprit, that he was acquitted of the charge of murder—he was nevertheless committed to prison for the crime of involuntary manslaughter inasmuch as he was guilty of immoderate driving, and the unintentional infliction of injury resulting in death. It is to be lamented that the authorities in New Orleans do not prosecute the intractors of the city laws with the same severity. Nothing is more common with us than to behold drays, carriages &c. careering along the streets at full speed, to the imminent peril of passers by; and it not unfrequently happens that individuals are seriously injured by coming into violent collision with these vehicles. The driver, in of courses unable under such circumstances to check his horses, and if the persons thus assaulted escape with life, it is rather to be attributed to good fortune than to the prudence of the assailants Jehu. The application of the penal code in all its vigor to such offenders would be productive of more permanent good than the passage of twenty saltetudinal ordinances.

Indian History and Biography.

Our readers are perhaps aware that for several years, Mr. Biddle of Philadelphia has been engaged in the publication of a work upon a very grand and perfect design, illustrative of the Indian tribes of N. America. It is intended to combine historical sketches of the most remarkable tribes which are figured in the annals of our country, with biographical notices of many individual Indians who have, at various times, been connected with our government either as friends or foes—the whole to be elucidated and exemplified by a series of pictorial illustrations. The necessity of such a work has long been felt. The once vast and populous races which inhabited America, are rapidly melting away—gradual but inevitable extinction will be their fate, and they will thus imperceptibly perish until the Indian lives only in tradition, without an authentic and general record remaining to preserve the personal, intellectual and moral characteristics of this singular people. To obviate what might hereafter be regarded as a deplorable blotch in the history of mankind, and to present to the diligent and enquiring student some satisfactory memorial in relation to this interesting subject, have been the principal motives in their conception.

The publisher has employed the first talents of the country in the preparation of these volumes. The History and Biography are written by Col. Thomas L. McKinney and James Hall—the Indian Portrait Gallery at Washington was thrown open, so that correct likenesses might be taken for the plates and personages introduced into the work, and the resemblances are said to be very striking.

In regard to he mechanical execution of the work it has been pronounced by many journals to be the most beautiful ever exhibited in America. The letter press is particularly superior—the type and paper highly elegant, and the work altogether remarkably well got up. Although in the task was, Capt. Charles Hervey undertook it at my request. It was a work of time as well as labour, one that could only be performed at the sacrifice of self. Independently of the sense, the trouble, and the responsibility, Capt. Hervey can hardly be presumed to have gone through all the details of setting with and paying off the corps, without considerable pecuniary loss.

Canadian Affairs.

In Quebec circumstances to a certain extent still exist. On Sunday 17th ult. a rumor was propagated that the Canadians intended to fire the city—the military troops, and regular volunteers passed the night under arms. A false alarm was given towards morning by the appearance of light in the heart of the city; it was, however, found to proceed from the Convent of the Hotel Dieu.

Captain Mary still is found to be signalising himself as the devoted Champion of the Loyalists—he has arrived at St. Albans, Vt. and has furnished the journals of that town with all the details of the battle of St Eustache. By his account not a single prisoner had up to that date been executed. Of one hundred prisoners taken in arms at St. Eustache, seventy-one, according to his statement, were discharged the next day after their arrival in Montreal.

Public meeting in New York in favor of the Canadians.

The Express gives the details of a large assembly held at Vaux-Hall Garden, New York "to raise money for the suffering Canadians." Whatever diversity of opinion, says that paper, there may be on the part of the press, it is clear that there is but little on the part of the people, for the unbounded, to intelligence, and the most tumpetuous applause, was the magnitude of numbers in full, abundant strength. Various patriots were presented to the meeting, upn several of whose heads prices had been set—they were received with repeated cheers; some of them addressed the meeting. The purpose of their remarks was to enlist the sympathies and opinions of those present in favor of the struggle now going on—they were listened to with deep attention and repeatedly cheered. At nine o'clock the assembly adjourned in good order.

FROM THE THOMPSONIAN DOCTOR.—This individual has been convicted in the New York Sessions of manslaughter in the fourth degree. The punishment for this crime consists either of three years imprisonment in the State Prison, or imprisonment for one year in a county jail, or a fine not exceeding $1000, or fine and imprisonment both. To one of these penalties will Frost therefore be subjected. Of the Recorder's charge to the Jury Bennett gives the following impudent and humorous account.

"It occupied over an hour in the delivery. The good-hearted, worthy old gentleman reaped fresh laurels from it, in every point of view. It was one of the most able and learned charges, and the vague time interlarding anecdotical and amusing pieces of composition that ever was heard in that court. It embraced in its range nearly all times, all tongues, all nations, and all notions. He descanted, most curiously up to the Virginia Slave, (God bless him for that) the Brahmins, George Washington, the car of Juggernaut, our blessed Saviour, the Hieroglyphoatic of Isaiis, who worshipped snakes, John Jay, the Suttees, who burn themselves on their husbands funeral piles, the Indians who declared Independence, Mathias the prophet, and his seven wives, including Mrs. Kelley, the Egyptian mummies, the United States religion and laws; philosophy and philology; the unkown tongues and Masterees; animal magnetism and the rappings of Cock-lane—all rolled into one powerful dose of lobelia, and poured into the attentive and gaping audience."

Washington.

Our dates from Congress are of the 29th ult. In the Senate the resolutions presented by Mr. Call one, on the preceding day, came up for discussion, and a very animated debate arose, principally among the southern members. Mr. Preston, only concurred with the spirit and principles of the resolutions, but was opposed to their passage on account of their inutility; at the same time he declared upon the firm determination of the south to employ every possible means of protecting her interests from aggression, should they not be shielded by congressional enactments.

Mr. Calhoun replied, at some length, making many severe reflections upon the Whig party. He manifested that the spirit of abolition had been awakened in some degree by principles opposite to those cherished by the state right party.

After a few remarks in answer to Mr. Calhoun, by Mr. Strange, of North Carolina, the motion to postpone the further consideration of the resolutions till Wednesday, prevailed. An executive session was separated on that day. Mr Clay will probably reple in the discussion, and Webster is anxiously expected by the great expounder of the constitution.

Mr. Adams' memorial from the Peace Society in the House, was referred to the committee on Foreign Affairs, by a vote of 119 to 57. A resolution by Mr. Adams, to have that memorial printed, was rejected. Mr. Howard, of Maryland, was particularly conspicuous on this occasion, and delivered a very able and energetic speech. His animated, forcible manner took the house by surprise.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Thursday, January 4, 1838.

Mr. Kenner offered a resolution, instructing the judiciary committee to inquire into the sufficiency of the laws to prevent the sale of lottery tickets.—Adopted.

Mr. Moore, from the committee of propositions and grievances, to whom was referred the petition of A. Pugh, praying for compensation for certain slaves executed for murder, reported unfavurably on the same, the existing law declaring that no compensation shall be allowed in such cases.

Mr. Pain gave notice, that he will shortly introduce a bill to amend the act relative to divorces.—

Mr. Phelps agreeably to notice, introduced a bill to create a sinking fund out of the portion of this state in the surplus revenue of the United States.—First reading.

Mr. Kenner gave notice, that he will shortly introduce a bill granting a distinct representation to the parish of Claiborne.

Mr. Kenner offered a resolution authorising the Governor to obtain from the Secretary at War, the gift or loan of two field-pieces—6-pounders—for the use of an artillery company in the town of Donaldsonville.—Adopted.

Adjourned till to-morrow, at 11 o'clock.

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Tuesday, January 2nd 1838.

The Senate met agreeably to adjournment.

Members present, Messrs Armant, Bossier, Ducros, Garcia, Hos, Lewis, Labauve, Tete and Winn.

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On motion of Mr Bossier, the Senate proceeded to the election of a President: and Messrs Labauve and Armant having been appointed Tellers, and the votes being counted, it appeared that Mr Charles Derbigny had received eight votes, and that one blank vote was given.

Mr Derbigny thereupon took the oath of office required by the Constitution as President of the Senate.

On motion of Mr Bossier, the Senate proceeded to the election of a secretary; and the same tellers as above having been appointed, and the votes being counted, it appeared that Mr Horatio Davis was unanimously elected, whereupon he took the oath of office.

On motion of Mr Bossier, the senate proceeded to the election of three translating clerks.

The same tellers as above having been appointed, and the votes being counted, it appeared that, Messrs Fredericks, F H Davis, J E Wiltz were unanimously elected.

On motion, the Senate proceeded to the election of four enrolling clerks, the same tellers as above having been appointed, and the votes being counted, it appeared that, Messrs Dupré, Duplantier, St Romes, Davis and William Buckman, had received nine votes, one vote in blank, Messrs Dupré, Duplantier, Davis and Buckham were declared duly elected.

On motion, the senate proceeded to the election of a sergeant at-arms, the same tellers as above having been appointed, it appeared that Mr C Lemaistre was unanimously appointed sergeant at-arms.

On motion, the senate proceeded to the election of a door keeper.

The same tellers as above having been appointed, it appeared that Mr Samuel Kibourtz was unanimously elected door keeper.

The senate then proceeded to vote for a reporter, Mr Charles Bayon received nine votes, one blank vote.

Mr Hoa obtained leave of absence for Messrs Scott and Johnson, who were appointed as a committee to examine the Port Hudson Railroad and Banking Company, and the Penitentiary at Baton Rouge.

ORDER OF THE DAY.

Second reading continued of the bill to apportion the representation of the State in the House of Representatives.

On the motion of Mr Garcia, who had voted with the majority on the first section which had not been adopted, the year and nays were called for by Mr Winn, the result was, for the amendment, Messrs Armant, Bossier, Garcia, Hos, Lewis, Labauve, Tete and Winn, 8 votes—against it, Mr Ducros, 1 vote.

The first section was reconsidered and while under consideration, the Senate on motion, adjourned to-morrow, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Friday, December 29th 1837.

The House met agreeably to adjournment

On motion Messrs. Sarpy and Thomas were excused from attending the act ...gest on the house on account of illness.

Agreeably to previous notice Mr Canon introduced a bill entitled;

An act to incorporate the M'Gehee Female Seminary in the city of N Orleans.

Which was read for the 1st time and on motion ordered for a 2d reading, on to morrow.

Mr Kenner gave notice that he will shortly introduce a bill entitled.

An act to amend an act to provide for the publication of the reports of the decisions of the supreme court of the State of Louisiana approved 18th Feb. 1880.

Agreeably to previous notice Mr Brashear introduced a bill entitled:

An act to incorporate the Bath Rail Road Company.

Which was read for the 1st time by the title only & ordered for a 2d reading on to morrow.

The speaker laid before the house the following communication from the governor.

New Orleans Dec 29th 1837.

To the Senate and House of Representatives:

Those gentlemen among a list of the subscription to Fort in 1838 which a sense of duty impelled me to head the public citizens generally assembled at the close of the ...ast session of the Legislature of Louisiana, volunteers were organized by the commanding officer of the Orleans battalion to ...ake Ursuline convent and protect the Ursuline nuns and property.

On their arrival in the city, however, they found no ...gent on the part of Government, to pay them their hard earned wages.

Under such circumstances there seemed to me but one course for the state, which was to see justice done to its citizens.

The funds here obtained, partly from the unexpended balance of the original appropriation of 1838 for the ...xpedition, partly by a loan in Bank, on my own personal responsibility.

But the most serious difficulty lay in the disbursements. The accounts of eight hundred respectable soldiers, resulting during the times of wrong, were to be adjusted. Authority in the task was, Capt. Charles Hervey undertook it at my request. It was a work of time as well as labour, one that could only be performed at the sacrifice of self. Independently of the sense, the trouble, and the responsibility, Capt. Hervey can hardly be presumed to have gone through all the details of settling with and paying off the corps, without considerable pecuniary loss.

I merely submit the fact to the States Representatives, leaving it to their equitable sense to determine whether the public will be expedient to allow Capt Hervey something out of the appropriation.

And to authorize the Governor to purchase copies of an edition of the English text of the civil code of the State of Louisiana.

An act to amend the act entitled an act creating election precincts in the parish of St Martin approved March 14th 1835.

An act authorising the Governor of the state to purchase ——— copies of a condensed edition of Marine reports, and ten volumes of the Louisiana reports.

An act to amend an act relative to additional election precincts in the parishes of W Feliciana and Jefferson.

An act to amend the several acts heretofore passed to organize and regulate the code of practice in the Court of New Orleans and for other purposes, and to act as amend the road laws.

Were read for a 2d time and on motion ordered for a 3d reading on to morrow.

Message from the Senate.

The bill entitled

An act supplementary to article 1178 of the civil code of the State of Louisiana—was read for a 2d time and on motion of Mr Grymes, the House went into committee of the whole and had the same under consideration, and on motion, said report was adopted.

The several sections of said bill do pass as amended and to stain its title.

The clerk was directed to inform the Senate thereof and request their concurrence in the amendment of the house.

The house took up the resolution instructing the Board of Public works to cause a survey of Comite River between certain points therein set forth.

Which was adopted.

On motion the clerk was directed to request the concurrence of the Senate therein.

On motion the House having dispensed with their rules, Mr Liddell on behalf of the judiciary committee to whom was referred the petition of P. Johns & Co. reported adversely thereon.

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An act to authorize the appointment of commissioners to take testimony, report and ...

The same motion was adopted with an amendment.

On motion, ordered that the said bill do pass as amended, under the following title.

"An act to create and establish the Parish of Grand Cane, and for other purposes."

On motion, the Clerk was directed to request the concurrence of the Senate therein.

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