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Steam Packets.

PASSENGER STEAMER AMARANTH, for St. Louis, Gallena and Dubuque.—This fine, light draught and fast running steamboat, Captain Geo W Atchison, will leave for the above and intermediate ports on Wednesday, the 14th instant, at 4 o'clock P M.
For freight or passage, having superior accommodations, apply on board or to
JOHN R SHAW & Co, 26 Poydras st.

A C A R D.
The Steamboat MISSOURI MAIL still continues to perform her regular trips from New Orleans and Thibodeaux, every Monday and Thursday at the usual hour, to unload, A. M.
Being important to all, it is earnestly requested that shippers keep their freight till the boat is quite before them, as none could be received after that time.
This boat having six feet impounds to cover sugar, will tend them to any parishes or plantations to ship on her.
☞ The Picayune will please copy six times.
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Steamer KOLINE, J. W. Gosline, master for MEMPHIS and RANDOLPH—Will leave for the above and intermediate landings on Tuesday the 13th instant, at 4 o'clock P. M. For freight or passage, having unexcelled accommodations, apply on board or to
JOHN R SHAW & Co, 26 Poydras
FOR ATTAKAPAS RIVER.
The splendid neat class double engine steamer NEW BRAZIL, C. Johnson, master, now lying at the levee foot of Conti street, and will positively leave as above on her regular day Tuesday 13th inst, at 12 M. taking freight and passengers as far as Marksville, Nt. Martinville, New Iberia, Franklin, Centerville, Patterssonville and all intermediate landings, including Berwick's Bay, and the Bayou Boeuf. For further particulars apply to
JOHN HALL, 1 Front Levee.
N.B.—The New Brazil has splendid accommodations for passengers, with good capacity for carrying, besides being of unusual light draught, no possibility of delay or roughing on sandbars or lighterage can exist. She will run in the trade during the whole season, carrying freight and passengers as low as any other good boat in the trade.
FOR THE ATTAKAPAS RIVER, Little Rock, Vas Buren, Fort Smith and Fort Gibson.—The fine fast running packet steamboat ARKANSAS, R Bently, master, will leave for the above and intermediate ports and landings on Wednesday, the 14th inst, at 4 o'clock P M. For freight or passage apply on board or to
HARTWELL, KIDDER & CARMAN, 44 Poydras.

NEW PASSENGER STEAMER JOHN AULL, Capt. Geo W Cable, for ST LOUIS and Missouri River—This elegant light draught and fast running steamboat is now ready to receive cargo and will leave for the above and intermediate ports on Tuesday, the 13th instant, at 4 o'clock P M. For freight or passage, having superior accommodations, apply on board, foot of Poydras street, or to
JOHN R SHAW & Co, Agents, 26 Poydras
Regular Weekly Packet for BREAUX'S BRIDGE and GRAND POINT.
The regular packet steamer LITTLE ROCK, in connection with the large HERALD, will take freight for the above and intermediate landings—leaving New Orleans every Saturday morning. Shippers by this conveyance will avoid all expense of storage and lighterage at St Martinville, as the large will always be in readiness at St Martinville to receive the cargo of the Little Rock on her arrival.
A responsible person connected with the Little Rock will be on board of the Herald to take charge of all freight shipped by her. For further information apply on board of the steamer Little Rock, or to
A B SEIN, 14 Gravier.

FOR MEMPHIS AND RANDOLPH—with despatch—The regular packet steamer LOUISIANA, W Cable, master, is now receiving freight and will have immediate despatch for the above and intermediate landings. For freight or passage, having superior accommodations, apply on board at the usual street wharf, or to
L V HUBBARD & Co, 26 Tchoupitoulas.
PASSENGER PACKET BETWEEN NEW-ORLEANS AND MISSOURI MAIL.
Prepared with Evans' Safety guards to prevent explosion!
The splendid new boat, for the above trade, in addition of packets between Donaldsonville on the Bayou Lafourche, will extend her trips to Thibodeaux, leaving New Orleans, as usual, on every Monday and Thursday, at 10 o'clock A M. Donaldsonville every Tuesday and Friday, at 10 o'clock, A M., and Donaldsonville on her usual days, on Wednesday, every Wednesday and Saturday, at 6 o'clock, A M.
Feeling confident such a packet is wanted in this trade for the speedy conveyance of passengers, and light freight, the proprietor will spare no pains during the season, and if encouraged will build a small light boat to run in conjunction with the Missouri Mail, to Donaldsonville, if required (if supported) to carry freight and passengers at the most liberal prices during the whole year.
Gentlemen and their families will be favorably noticed by the planters and public in general, the proprietor will aim to the future success of his boats, by uniting certain comfort and accommodation in all cases. For particulars, apply on board the Missouri Mail, or to
GRAHAM & LANDRY & CO, New Orleans, CLARK & LATHROP, Donaldsonville, M DAUMIS, Thibodeaux.

NOTICE.
REGULAR PACKET BETWEEN NEW-ORLEANS, BALIZE AND intermediate ports.
The fine steamer FAME, Jourdain Martin, master, having been thoroughly repaired, will recommence her regular trips on Saturday, the 17th inst, from New Orleans to Balize every Friday, at 7 a m., and arrive at New-Orleans on Saturday. Captain Jourdain expects passengers and merchandise shipping freight, to have their goods on board in time, as the boat will positively leave to the hour and day.
Gentlemen may hope that merchants and planters will favor him with a continuance of their patronage.
For freight or passage, apply on board at the Levee, or to
JAC QUES LAROCHE, Agent.
N.B. Capt Jourdain Martin, having sold one half of the Fame, to Mr. Jacques Laroche, informs the public that they will spare no exertions to merit the continuance of their patronage. The boat will resume her regular trips on Friday, 16th inst.

STEAMER MAIL STEAMER BRILLIANT.
WEEKLY PACKET FOR THE COAST
Between Donaldsonville, Pisquemine, Baton Rouge, Port Hudson, Waterloo, Bayou Sara, Point Coupee and Taitz.
Capt. J. Hare has made arrangements with the Circuit Court, the Mail on Sunday, the splendid double engine steamer BRILLIANT, will hereafter leave New Orleans every Wednesday, at 10 o'clock, A. M. and Bayou Sara every Saturday, at 12 o'clock, M. and arrive in New Orleans early next morning. The rate of passage, &c, will be the same as charged by all good packets running the coast. For freight or passage, apply on board or to
WM R AVERY, St. Gravier st

SAMUEL TOBY,
Commission Merchant,
New York.

AVANCES made on consignments of Cotton, Sugar and other produce to my friends in New York, Boston and Baltimore. WM MURE, 30 Camp st.
AVANCES made on cotton and other produce to my friends in Havre and Antwerp.
WM MURE, 30 Camp st.
AVANCES made on cotton, tobacco, &c. to my friends in Liverpool and London. WM MURE, 30 Camp st
☞ REYNAUD & FALLON have removed from No. 34 Tchoupitoulas to No. 24 Tchoupitoulas street.
☞ CASH ADVANCES ON PRODUCE.—Liberal cash advances will be made by the subscribers on shipments of produce to their friends, Messrs Godfrey & Sabin, Boston, New York, or Joseph Gaskey, Esq. Boston
MILLS & FROST, 30 Poydras.
EMILE JOHNS,
Commission Merchant and importer of West-India Produce.
COFFEE, SUGAR, TOBACCO, SEGARS.
A constant supply of the above for sale.
Also—A superior assortment of choice wines, Rhenish Madeira, Champagne, Claret, French white wines, &c. &c. 31 st. No. 30 Gravier st
SEYANA FIGS—Of superior quality, for sale by
LORE ILHE & Co, cor Royal and Customhouse
STRAWBERRIES—In their juice, 18 cases for sale by
LORE ILHE & Co, cor Royal and Customhouse
SUGAR—30 boxes White Havana Sugar in store for sale by
E TROUBROIS, 26 Old Levee.
STARCH—30 bels Havana starch, for sale by
JOHN R SHAW & Co, 24 Poydras
BEEF—100 bbls at inspection, for sale by
JOHN R SHAW & Co, 24 Poydras
CANDLES—50 bxs mould candles in store, for sale by
JOHN R SHAW & Co, 24 Poydras
BUFFALO ROBES—30 packs in store for sale by
JOHN R SHAW & Co, 24 Poydras
LARD—100 bbls prime leaf lard in store for sale by
JOHN R SHAW & Co, 24 Poydras
HOLLAND CHEESE—6 dozen for sale by
LORE ILHE & Co, cor Royal and Customhouse
ALMONDS—15 brls well shelled almonds in store and for sale by
TUFTS & HOBART, 29 Gravier
RUSSIA SHEETINGS—50 bales in store and for sale by
TUFTS & HOBART, 29 Gravier.
HONEY—10 casks of fine honey for sale by
E TROUBROIS, 26 Old Levee
PORK—100 bbls prime at inspection, for sale by
JOHN R SHAW & Co, 24 Poydras
BLANKETS—8 pairs Grenoble blankets, for sale by
GEO GREEN & BRO, 32 Gravier
BEESTONE—10 casks for sale by
GEO GREEN & BRO, 32 Gravier
FLOUR—Fresh Fully London, new 50 lbs, for sale by
GEO GREEN & BRO, 32 Gravier st.
SOAP—200 boxes Boston soap, various brands, for sale by
TUFTS & HOBART, 29 Gravier st
MALAGA RAISINS—1500 in store, for sale by
FIELD & Co, 30 Old Levee st.
CLARET WINE—50 casks, for sale in store by
FIELD & Co, 30 Old Levee.
RICE—1,600 bags Boston and Carolina rice, for sale by
NORCROSS & FORDICK, 40 Gravier st
SEYANA FIGS—400 drums fresh, for sale by
FIELD & Co, 30 Old Levee
SPANISH SYNTHE—20 serons, 3 Mentina mat, for sale by
FIELD & Co, 30 Old Levee
SPERM OIL—4,000 gallons winter strained, for sale by
FIELD & Co, 30 OM Levee
LARD—700 kegs superior leaf lard in store, for sale by
HEWITT, HERAN & Co, 8a Camp
PORK—75 bbls and 400 tcrces, for sale by
SHULTZ, HADDEN & LEACH, 26 Poydras
BACON HAMS, new, for sale by
SHULTZ, HADDEN & LEACH, 26 Poydras
SUGAR—White and brown Havana sugar, in store, for sale by
J M CABALLERO, 24 Old Levee 1 tier
COFFEE—Havana green, in store, for sale by
J M CABALLERO, 24 Old Levee
BROWN ROLLS—Suitable for cartwaring hams, for sale by
SCHMIDT & Co, 86 Bienville.
RICE—Prime to choice, landing and for sale by
NORCROSS & FORDICK, 40 Gravier st
COFFEE—20 drums, for sale by
NORCROSS & FORDICK, 40 Gravier
MACKEREL—100 barrels and half brls No 1 for sale by
NORCROSS & FORDICK, 40 Gravier
TEA—100 packages, for sale by
NORCROSS & FORDICK, 40 Gravier
CHEESE—3 point French hams, for sale by
SCHMIDT & Co, 86 Bienville.
MADEIRA WINE in bottle, for sale by
SCHMIDT & Co, 86 Bienville.
FLOUR—Unblenched Ohio, Virginia, Baltimore and Mills, for sale by
SCHMIDT & Co, 86 Bienville.
WINE CLOTS—Worcester and Russia Sauces, duck for sale by
SCHMIDT & Co, 86 Bienville.
RICE—30 kegs Carolina rice, for sale by
R McKENNELL & Co, 34 Poydras
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R McKENNELL & Co, 34 Poydras

☞ We are indebted to the Captain of the brig Carolina for a file of late Jamaica papers. We find nothing of particular interest in them, excepting complaints of the poor prospect of the sugar crops.

☞ We are indebted to the officers of the steamboat *Belle of Arkansas* for late Natchez papers.

NEW YORK.—We are again indebted to J. B. STREET, No. 14 Camp street, for a number of new publications: *Blackwood's Magazine*, for January. This is a very fine number, containing an article on State Prosecutions which will be read with great interest by those interested in the progress of the cause of Repeal; adventures in Texas, Mexico, or the Memoirs of a Statesman, &c.
Les Mysteres de Paris: Par Eugine Sue. This is an American edition of Sue's great work, published in French. It is issued in numbers and will be completed in about four parts. Those who are desirous of procuring the Mysteries of Paris in the original, have now an opportunity of doing so.
John Cavalier, or the Fanatic of the Cevennes; by *Eugene Sue*. Another work from the prolific pen of this admired novelist. The one before us, is written in a totally different style from some of his productions, but is equally interesting and highly wrought.
The Doom of the Tory s Guard; by Newton M. Curtis.
Treasure Trove, or L. S. D. A most excellent and amusing story, by Samuel Lover, Author of Handy Andy.
The American in Paris during the summer, by JULES JANIN. A sprightly and spirited volume, by one of the cleverest writers in France.

GREAT WHIG MEETING IN LAFOURCHE INTERIOR.

The Whigs of this time honored citadel of Republican principles held a large and enthusiastic meeting in the town of Thibodeaux, on the 10th inst.
On motion of the Hon. G. S. Grime, the meeting was organized by the appointment of JUSTIN AUBERT, Esq. *President*, JOHN WEBBE and HENRY LABOT Vice Presidents, and AUBERT LEBLANC and LOUIS BUSH, Secretaries.
A committee of twelve gentlemen were appointed, who presented a number of spirited and patriotic resolutions, which were unanimously adopted by the meeting.
The meeting concurred in the expediency of the Whig State Convention on the 22d February. The following tribute to the great Leader of the Whig party was adopted with acclamation.
Resolved, that as Whigs, as friends of our country, we have good reason to rejoice at the bright prospect which is opening before us—and as a consummation of the national prosperity which is reviving under the influence of the great Whig measure of the last Congress we look forward with firm faith and full expectation to the election of HIM as President who has always been first when the greatest were foremost, HENRY CLAY, of Kentucky.
BARON P. THIBODEAUX, Esq. of Terrebonne was recommended to the District Convention of the delegates, as a suitable person for Congress.
The meeting formed itself into a Clay Club.
Every Whig was invited to attend the convention on the 22d inst. the following gentlemen were appointed delegates to represent the Parish on that interesting occasion.

Hon E D White	J C Navarre
Joseph P Bourg	Henry L Eustis
Theodore Bourg	Dracus Eustis
Peter Lafont	A Le Blanc
John Webbe	Hubert Aucoin
Adolphe Knoblock	Alum Pelton
Michel Bernard	H J Holden
Onezime Bernard	W Lejeunne
James G Allen	William Fields
George S Guion	J Hellion
A Bowe	J Bowe
C F Hunter	John Bie Bernard
J L Cole	Marcellus Bernard
M H Thomas	Joseph Pepoon
F Bernard	Joseph Nadon
Joseph R Nicks	Philip Knoblock
E H Bowe	Walter Coulon
Bernard	John White
Pierre Lacombe	Augustin Roger
Charles Lafont	J B Bourgeoise
Joseph Denius	Dr P Bowe
V Richard	Johnston C White
A B Thibodeaux	William P Roussus
Menaldum Bourgeois	Augustin Bernard
Eduard Bergeron	Firmin Troupe
E Foujin	Louis De Shields
Simon Bergeron	Jean L Lanoux
Nanel Nettleton	Mathurin Pitre
Justin Aubert	J B Lagarde
Prosper Aucoin	William Rossmer
Charles Bernard	Lewis Rich
Robert Duspit	A Mallard
Louis Chauvin	John Coulon
J W Hall	C Aucoin
Joseph B Richard	John C Ragan
Simon P Leblanc	Leo Falgout
Andrew Collins	John M L Blanchard

LOUISIANA LEGISLATURE.

OFFICIAL REPORT
OF THE
SENATE OF LOUISIANA.
FRIDAY, February 9, 1844.
Mr Downs, on behalf of the committee on Finance, reported a bill to authorize the sale of certain property belonging to the State.
Which bill, on motion of Mr. Downs, underwent the first reading.
On motion of Mr. Downs, the rules were further dispensed with, and was taken up on its second reading.
Mr Carroll had rather see the Legislature of Louisiana (Mr Fatter) together, all the rest the Senate, in jubilance, as follows:
Mr. President—I can very well comprehend the such honorable member, taking into view the embarrassed condition of the State, and the fact that she is unable to pay her resources available to the discharging of her obligations. This consideration was the inducement for the presentation of this measure and affords the reasons for the sale of the interest of the State in a rise of interest in improvement, which were not in the market, of partial importance, and seeming calculated to delay, and contribute to the general prosperity of the State. The delay seems to be emphatic on our part, and the sale of the all of tax-public improvements it would be feared, from the embarrassment and difficulties of the time, would be sacrificed. The property would be sold, and it might well strike, whether the sacrifices we were about to make were not too great. Now, some great prudence in abandoning such projects of internal improvement as have been conducted a great to a successful conclusion, and which give an interest of great public benefit.
The bill before us (continued Mr. Garcia) was for the purpose of the bonds of the State, issued in favor of the Consolidated Association Bank of the State of Louisiana, were burnt at the office of the State Treasurer, in presence of the Governor, the Attorney General and Secretary of State.
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ACCIDENT.—A man named Wm. Kerrs yesterday morning fell from the window of the second story of a house in St. Philip street and was so severely injured that his life is disparied of. He was sent to the Charity Hospital for medical aid.
NEW ORLEANS MEDICAL JOURNAL.—Drs. Fenner and Hester have issued a prospectus of a new Medical Journal, to be published quarterly in New Orleans. There is perhaps no city in the Union which offers such advantages for the cultivation of medical science, as ours; and there is certainly none, in which the want of a periodical of the kind contemplated, is more sensibly felt. There are among us a large number of truly eminent surgeons and physicians whose sagacity and experience have enabled them to collect many important observations illustrative of the characters, symptoms and progress of the diseases of the South. These fruits of study and investigation merit to be recorded in some permanent chronicle of science, and the proposed Journal will place them within the ken of every Southern student and practitioner. We trust most sincerely that the medical men of our city will come forward and liberally patronize the undertaking. From what we can learn, it would appear that Drs. Fenner and Hester are gentlemen in every respect competent to the task of conducting the work.
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FOR PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES,
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☞ THE MAIL failed yesterday from beyond Charleston.
THE POLL TAX BILL will come upon the tapis again to-day, when we hope every friend of the measure will be present and place it beyond the reach of accident. We would like to see its principle universally acknowledged, that the franchises of freemen are all personal rights belonging to the *citizen*, independent of any contingency of fortune or position. They are the right of the governed to participate in the making of laws which affect themselves whether rich or poor.
It is a fundamental error to imagine that this government was organized for the protection of property only. The liberties and franchises of the people are dearer objects than lands and slaves. Indeed the right of property is corollary to the liberty of the citizen and is safer when regarded in that connection than as opposed to the enlargement of the franchises. The right of a man to enjoy the proceeds of his labor, to buy property with it, and to exercise all proper control over such property is part and parcel of the liberty of the individual citizen guaranteed by the constitution of the State.
In the origin of free government there is little that is similar to the transition of feudal societies from independent or hostile neighborhoods to an empire or kingdom of fixed and defined sovereignty. The government emanating from feudal institutions and erected by the consent of the great barons, who held the masses in bondage, will bear the impress of its primitive elements. Hence a constitution formed by baronial delegates will always respect the feudal rights of its constituency as the first objects of its protection and care. The liberties enjoyed by Europe now mark the progress of popular power over the exclusive legislation of other times. The diffusion of knowledge and the accumulation of wealth amongst the commons, have contributed to a great extent to break down the barriers that forced in the nobility as a superior order of beings, and every step in civilization reduces the difference in the grades of political society nearer to the true standard—that of excellence and virtue in the individual members who compose it.
The United States government did not undergo these mutations. They sprung at once from the people, and were formed in defiance of, and in opposition to the principles of monarchical society. The constitution expressly provided that no titles of nobility should ever be granted, thereby guaranteeing future generations against the possibility of a lapse into the vices which lie at the foundation of all systems of civil polity based upon feudal institutions. Our constitutions were formed upon the idea that man was capable of self-government, and for the protection of man, the citizen endowed by nature with faculties of reason and forming in the theory of a free state an integral part of the sovereignty of the commonwealth. Hence the restrictions upon the right of suffrage, in so far as they repress the exercise of a function of popular sovereignty are at war with an elementary principle of the constitution.
The governments of Europe were consolidations of baronial rights into governments. The form of the United States are emanations of popular sovereignty. The former were predicated of property and feudal immunities—the latter of man and his capacity for self government. These vast distinctions in the origin of the several national organizations, make arguments drawn from the one, of more than doubtful application to the latter, whenever a principle of liberty is involved, or the objects of government are defined and expounded.
P. S. Since writing the above, we understand that the Committee to which Mr. BRAMMER's bill was referred, proposed yesterday bill to Messrs Pierce Cousin of the State and impose a Capitation Tax. The provisions of the bill embrace every class of individuals and every man who possesses a calling or employment of any kind. It was made the special order of the day for Thursday next.
We have now before us a biographical sketch of Mr. Van Buren's life, written with great ability and elegance by an impartial person in the north.—*Courier*.
Will our neighbor be good enough to inform us who the author of this sketch is, and where it may be had.

CITY INTELLIGENCE.

ORLEANS THEATRE.—This evening will be performed for the first time in this city, Halevy's grand opera in five acts of the 'Jewess.' The scenery, costumes and decorations are entirely new. A number of suits of armor have been procured at an immense expense from Paris, expressly for this occasion. Nothing has been spared in order to render it the most magnificent spectacle ever produced in this country. Our readers are perhaps aware that the opera of "La Juive" is the master-piece of Halevy, a composer of distinguished merit.
SR. CHARLES THEATRE.—Mr. Hackett is announced this evening in the character of Sir Pertinax McSycophant, in the sterling play of the "Man of the World." Mr. Logan, an old favorite of the New Orleans public will make his first appearance this evening as Wormwood, in the farce of the Turnpike Ticket.
NATIONAL AMPHITHEATRE.—"The Bronze Horse" is to be repeated this evening. We advise those who have not seen this magnificent spectacle, not to miss the opportunity ere it be too late.
HERR ALEXANDER, the famous magician, made his first appearance yesterday evening at the American Theatre, and was greeted by a numerous audience who appeared highly delighted with his wonderful performances.
BURNING OF STEAM BOATS.—On Saturday last, $2,630,000 of the bonds of the State, issued in favor of the Consolidated Association Bank of the State of Louisiana, were burnt at the office of the State Treasurer, in presence of the Governor, the Attorney General and Secretary of State.
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At a meeting of the WHIGS of the Fourth Ward, Second Municipality on Monday evening, 12th inst. Col. Wm. Christy was called to the chair, Mr. G. L. C. Davis appointed Vice President, and Mr. S. Harby Secretary.
On motion the meeting proceeded to ballot for delegates, to the State Convention, under the resolutions of the Democratic Whig Association of the Second Municipality, for a representative to Congress, when it appeared that the following gentlemen were chosen delegates.
Col. WM. CHRISTY,
N. HOLMES,
H. H. MARKS.
On motion, the meeting adjourned.
WM. CHRISTY, President.
SAML HARBY, Secretary.

February 12, 1844.
At a meeting of the Whigs of the Second Ward, held at Banks' Arcade this evening, W. H. Avery, Esq. was called to the chair, and Messrs. W. H. Garland and N. A. Vienne were appointed Vice Presidents.
On motion, a Committee of five were appointed to report delegates to the Convention to be held in this City on the 22d inst.
The said Committee appointed the following gentlemen, who were unanimously accepted by the meeting.
W. H. AVERY,
W. H. McCARDLE,
N. A. VIENNE,
D. DANA,
S. J. PETERS,
P. M. TOUMI,
A. C. BULLITT,
A. HILL,
JNO. PREREF,
J. B. WALTON,
J. A. BEARD,
H. LOCKETT.
On motion, the meeting adjourned.
GEORGE LAWRENSON, Sec'y.

OFFICIAL REPORT
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.
Monday, February 12th, 1844.
The House met pursuant to adjournment. The roll being called, 80 members answered to their names—after some time a quorum was present.
Mr Brewer presented a petition from sundry inhabitants of Carrollton, Napoleon and Amy ville, praying the Legislature to prohibit the selling of intoxicating liquors on Sunday to September. Referred to a Select committee consisted of Messrs Brewer, Fox and Bonnet.
Mr Lawrence offered a petition from citizens of New Orleans, praying the Legislature to provide the means or pay the persons State Bonds in his possession. Referred to the Committee on Finance.
Mr Edwards presented a petition praying that the seventy-fourth section of the Revised Code of Practice, be repealed so far as relates to the Parish of Tensas.
Mr Brammer from the Committee on the Poll Tax Bill, reported a bill to authorize the collection of the state Capitation Tax. The bill imposes a tax of one dollar on all trades, professions and occupations, house keeping, and on every male person, free or slave, which tax must be paid to constitute a State voter. The tax must be deducted from the amount of State tax. The tax must be paid on or before the 1st day of March.
Mr Coffee, from a Select committee, reported back the bill to incorporate a French Methodist church.
Mr Mills, from a Select committee, reported against the prayer of the people of Natchitoches in relation to Fresh Water navigation from Red River to Cane River.
Mr Brammer from a Select committee, to amend the act to incorporate the Lafayette Artillery of New Orleans, reported a bill to that effect. The bill was ordered to be printed, and made the special order of the day for Friday.
Mr. Wheeler, from a Select committee, to which the Governor's report of a bill for the repeal of Zachariah Richardson. Mr Brammer explained the circumstances of the case, and moved to the adoption of the report. A friend seem unjustly imposed upon him. Mr Coffee offered a substitute, providing for the repeal of the act of state. The House refused to dispose with the rules to take up the bill.
Mr Coffee introduced an act to amend the 1185th article of the Code of Practice. Referred to the Judiciary committee.
Mr Coffee, agreeably to notice, offered a bill to authorize the Parish Judge of Tensas to appoint a Clerk of the Probate Court.
Mr Brammer asks leave to introduce a bill to authorize the Imperial Orleans Jockey Club to sue and be sued before the Parish Judge of the City of New Orleans.
Mr Fox asks leave to introduce a bill to repeal the act concerning the Police Jury of the City of New Orleans.
Mr Brammer, for cause to notice introduced a bill to pay Valentine Hunter for services as Sheriff in summoning witnesses in the case of the contested election of Tensas.
Mr. Morgan gave notice of a bill to repeal all penalties for non-performance of road service, and to provide for the improvement thereof.
The amendments of the Senate to the House bill to repeal the act to incorporate the Jockey Club, were taken up.
Mr Lewis, for, not consider the amendments just and proper, in the bill as it left the House, it was a bill in favor of a popular institution, while the amendments inserted in the Senate, have made it a bill for the benefit of a few individuals, but not a popular one.
Mr Wadsworth said, he voted by general bill to amend, and considered the bill of importance in the State was destined for elections of President and Vice President. The Senate, in footing the bill, had taken the liberty to add the Parish Municipalities in the number, the most great source difficulty. He thought, to obtain their amendment, the House should yield to the Senate. He hoped, he preferred the amendments of the Senate, and footing the bill, as it left the House, with regard to the western part of the State than the House bill.
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The act to amend the act relating to improvement for sale, having come up at the third reading, was concurred in on Mr Brashear, recommitted to the Senate.
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The resolution relative to the clearance of Bayou Karr was taken up and on the question of its adoption.
The resolution instructing our Senators and Representatives to use their exertions to induce Congress to authorize the sale of the public lands to certain public bands was adopted.
The resolution appointing a Joint Committee to examine the accounts of the State Engineer, was adopted, and the committee on the part of the House was Messrs Lewis, Fox and Bonnet.
The act to the relief of the Lafayette Artillery Company of Clinton, was laid on the table subject to call.
The act to authorize John Shelton to change his name was adopted.
The act to provide for the creation of election precincts throughout the State came up. Mr Brammer, Chairman of the Select committee, reported in favor of the bill. It was supposed by Messrs Winchester and Taylor, new amendment was necessary to authorize the parishes. The terms were settle the test judges in such matters. Much time was wasted in discussing the formation of new precincts, and the power conferred upon the Police Jury of the several parishes. Mr. Newport said he was in favor of the bill as it stood.
Mr. Brewer offered a proviso that the jury should have no power to abolish any precinct. Mr. Winchester thought this amendment, hard of hearing, and Mr. Lewis offered an amendment providing that no election precinct should be made without the consent of the parish.
Mr Brammer said, it was not the boundary duty of the State to protect every voter at all localities, but right to secure the suffrage. Either the parishes should be given to give to the Police Jury the right to abolish precincts—in times of high party excitement, such rights would be certainly abused.
Mr Fluker intended the Police Jurors in general. They were a class of men, independent of party, and would have jurisdiction over all matters of the sort contemplated by the bill—they were competent to these duties and he did not distrust them.
Mr Phelps moved that the proviso should only be abolished by a vote of two thirds. He hoped he should meet the obj. cions of both sides of the House.
Mr Boulougnaie was in favor of the bill. The time occupied in the discussion proved that it should be passed—Every session large complaints of the hardships of the bill. Mr Lewis said, the time of the House consumed. He thought the right clearly belonged to the Police Juries. He was in favor of Mr Winchester's amendment, as a protection to the minority.
The bill and amendments were referred to a Special Committee.
The bill to regulate the inspection of tobacco came up. Mr Brewer said, it seemed to be generally in favor, in order to give more time to examine the question. After some conversation the bill was made the order of the day for Monday, at 12 o'clock.
The act relative to the land taxes paid by the Parish of Franklin, Ouachita and Madison, was taken up and on the question of the amendment of the Senate.
The act relative to the Register of Mortgages of the Parish of Natchitoches, was adopted.
The act to authorize the sale of certain of the expenses of the state was adopted.
The act to reduce the mileage of members of the General Assembly from four to two dollars, that is two dollars for every twenty miles, was taken up and adopted. Mr Coffee offered a proviso that members of the present session receive two dollars. Mr. Brewer moved to strike out two and insert one dollar. The yeas and nays stood on the question of the amendment, as follows:
Mr Ogden moved to lay the whole subject on the table.
The Constitution, which he thought, was adopted by the members, and though they could not change it by law, the change would totally affect their accounts. As a member of the city, he was interested in the reduction of the pay, but as he really thought the subject not worthy of the time and discussion it has elicited, he moved to lay the matter on the table, but subsequently withdrew it.
Mr Broussard, who introduced the bill, declared that the matter was not worth a moment's time. The members of the travelling were not one fourth of the amount paid by the Legislature. The object of the amendments which had been presented was to defeat the bill, and he hoped they would not be frightened from their adhesion to it.
Mr Ogden said, he was in favor of the reduction, but was in favor of the bill, which was conceived in the spirit of economy, and he was opposed to the amendments of the Senate, and footing the bill, as it left the House, with regard to the western part of the State than the House bill.
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