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Sales at Auction To-Day.

By R. E. M., \$100 a-lb. wools, on the levee, at the head of Pontchartrain Railroad depot, flour and beans and oil, 100 bushels, on the levee, Port St. Bar and oats.

By E. M. Jacobs, at 11 o'clock A. M. on the Market road, the City Park, mules, cows, &c.

PAYMENT OF CITY TAXES.

Our readers are already aware that the time for calling on them for the payment of city taxes has arrived. The time allowed for their payment, indeed, expires on the close of business on Friday, the 19th instant, according to the provisions of the law of the late session of the Legislature, by submitting to the exchequer of advertising delinquent tax-payers, a receipt for the month of July may be obtained. This day will expire in fifteen days; after which the bills will be put into the hands of the City Attorney, by whom they will be sent before the respective Justices of the Peace, and the expenses, the expenses of the suits, will then commence.

We have been informed that the City Council regarded the addition of these expenses to their bills.

Mrs. Giffen, our worthy City Treasurer, only conveys to the law, publishing the names of delinquent tax-payers, and he will be only further complying with the law, when he puts into the hands of the City Attorney, those bills which shall not have been paid before the due date of the current month of July. As these are the requirements of law, we should not be justified in demanding compliance with them, however, if we were to do so. But we desire to see if, on this occasion, it may not be possible to obtain a further delay for the payment of arrears of taxes.

We address ourselves to the question, because we have been consulted about it, by many of those interested in it, and because we know that many of them are unable to pay their taxes. They have now for a long time been remitted, and the amount of arrears is small. The House, although they have been gradually reduced, are soon the better paid, and in a large proportion of cases are not paid at all. In order to fully understand the state of affairs in reference to this matter, New Orleans may be divided into five distinct categories—namely, first, of well located stores or coffee-houses, the occupiers of which pay their rents with a moderate reduction; second, of stores and retail dealers, whose goods are well sold, and third, of those at a considerable reduction, third, of residences exclusively, the occupants of which promises to pay, but nobody knows when they will be able to do so; fourth, of houses and probably never will pay; and fifth, of premises rented at all, and consequently bringing nothing to their owners—ever promises to pay. In such a state of affairs, there are proper ways of dealing with the tax-payers, and there is no reason why the City should not keep the property in repair, and pay its surface expenses? And let it not be overlooked that the payment of these last is even more important than the immediate payment of taxes; and that the city itself is interested in the former as well as in the latter. It is clear that a building which is destroyed by fire, and is not rebuilt, contributes to the city "to other taxes" than those trifling caused on the ground on which it had stood. The city consequently loses the amount of taxes formerly paid by the building.

For the general interest, their insurance expenses ought to be paid before taxes. And for similar reasons, should always prefer the preface over taxes, in order to prevent the building, that they may be kept available for public use.

If we further add to the losses caused by this almost total suspension of rent-paying, there is very considerable trouble, which for me, the tax master, have to meet, in the death and decay of property, and

and those yet other taxes consequent on the revaluation in our currency and medium of exchange, the total will be found startling, and we cannot but inquire with increased anxiety, how it can ever be possible to meet the requirements of the city treasury. In vain will the expectation of all delays be announced; these are sure to bring with them a general reduction of taxes, and will, without doubt, be a blow to the scale of humanity. She appears to be some sixty or seventy years of age.

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