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Wednesday morning, June 19, 1848.

THE GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE.—This document was received and read in both Houses of the Legislature yesterday. From its great length, we have not been able to give it such notice as it deserves. It will be found in our columns this morning, and will not be forgotten.

☞ A number of articles in type, and intended for our paper this morning, have been crowded out by the Governor's Message and other matters connected with the opening of the Legislative session—among them, the proceedings of an enthusiastic Taylor meeting in Catahula, &c.—To our advertising friends we have apologists for the omission of their favors, and beg a day or two's indulgence.

LEGISLATURE.—This body assembled yesterday at 10 o'clock, and a quorum being present, the House was organized and went into the election for officers. The Hon. P. W. Farrar, member from the Fourth District, was elected Speaker by a majority of two, and A. Cuvillier, Esq., Clerk by a large majority. We congratulate the State and the Whig party on the election of the accomplished, urbane and intelligent gentleman to the Speaker's chair, which he filled with so much credit and honor in the State, to the party and himself during the last session. Sergeant at Arms, Door-Keeper, &c. were elected, and all was harmony; the difficulty of Monday having been removed by the arrival of the members from St Landry, who were unavoidably detained.

THE WHIG MEMBERS of the House, who were in the city, are most awfully mortified by a few Locos for not attending on Monday and peopling the majority of the Representatives to elect officers for the House from their own party. *Fro pudor*, gentlemen, your memories are too short; you have too often and too blushingly set examples of that description, and you might be pleased to know that even Whigs could improve under your tuition in a few things. You have so very frequently indulged in, evidently to your pleasure, the luxury of "staying away" from your posts of duty, and gloated over the wrong as you think, this time!

HENRY CLAY.—We have almost daily new and fresh reports that this great public statesman, patriot and orator, the pride and boast and glory of every American at home, will consent again to be a candidate for the Presidency. We believe those reports have foundation in truth, and we hope they are true. We hope so for various reasons.—We do not wish to see HENRY CLAY again defeated; we do not wish to see the Whig party defeated; and we do not again wish to see the tornados and whirlwind of Locofocoism and calamities let loose upon such a man! HENRY CLAY is loved and hated more deeply and devotedly than any other man; and we fear some of his best friends love him with much less wisdom than warmth for they would prefer to have him beaten, abused and slandered, year after year, rather than give him up. This is wrong, absurd, unwise. A seat in the Presidential Chair can add nothing to the fame of HENRY CLAY; his great name will descend to the latest posterity, with those of the greatest, best, wisest, and most honored of the world; let that suffice. We admit freely and cheerfully, all that is claimed for HENRY CLAY by his most determined friends; but we are convinced, beyond a doubt, that he cannot be elected to the high office for which he is so eminently qualified. *The hero has passed.* We love the man, but we love our Country and our principles more. We would delight to anoint him yet once, but the halo of his glory is past. And we would now look upon him as upon the glorious evening Sun, in ripe, mild, calm and full mellow autumn. Need we say more? We love HENRY CLAY, our hearts swell and bound, when we think of him as our Countryman, and he ranks next to Washington and Marshall, and Madison, and Hamilton, and other Fathers of the Nation and the Constitution; we do not wish him again made a target for blackguard and unprincipled maligners.

GOV. POINDEXTER.—This weathercock politician of great notoriety, after a quiet of some years, has suddenly become *visible* through the thick fog and mists of Locofocoism, in whom he is to be unchangingly enshrouded. The gentleman was born a Democrat, and should never for a moment, have deserted any one of common sense who knew him in earlier days, be an exhibitor of false colors. A pirate under the stars and stripes, is still a pirate, with the black flag in his chest. This move will not add to your fame, Gov. Poindexter. Your *patriotism* is understood—Whigs and Democrats know you equally well—have the same opinion of you—the same want of confidence, and the same love and respect. *Politically*, now, you are equally incapable of doing good or harm.

LEGISLATURE OF LOUISIANA.

IN SENATE.

TUESDAY, 18th January, 1848.

The Senate met at twelve o'clock. Hon Thomas I. Landry, the Lieutenant Governor in the chair. Mr. Cook, the Senator from Iberville, moved that his colleague, Mr. Sweazea, be sworn in.—Carried. After which, Mr. Reynolds offered a resolution that a Joint Committee of three Senators, and —— members of the House, be appointed to inform the Governor that the General Assembly was convened and ready to receive his communications.—Adopted. As was sent to the House, and shortly after, returned with the concurrence of that body.

Mr. Kenner offered a resolution, that the two Houses meet this evening, at 5 o'clock, P. M., in the Hall of the House of Representatives, for the purpose of counting the votes for Auditor of Public Accounts. Mr. Bryce objected to it. He did not see that it was necessary to be done this day.

Mr. Bradford was astonished to see members objected to this resolution. The law is restricting in the matter in positive. It says that the counting of the votes for Auditor of Public Accounts, shall be made and settled on the second day of the session of the Legislature, if not acted upon on that day. Tuesday will be considered the first day of the session.

The question was put and carried by 27 ayes against 7 nays.

A message from Mr. Alex. Cuvillier, the Clerk of the House, the Senate was informed that the House was organized, and that Col. Farrar was elected Speaker.

Senator May, of Ouachita, gave notice of a bill to amend the law relative to assault and battery cases.

The Governor's private Secretary here entered the Senate chamber, with the Governor's Message. It was read, and on motion of Mr. Bryce, 250 copies of said Message were ordered to be printed, in French and English. The Senate then adjourned until this evening at half-past four o'clock.

House of Representatives.

At 12 o'clock, the House was called to order, Mr. Starke in the chair. The roll being called, 86 members answered to their names.

Mr. Drew Rowell that the House should now proceed to the election of Speaker, &c.

Mr. Pike, moved that the absent members should be sent for.

Mr. Conrad moved to lay Mr. Regan's motion on the table. Mr. Duncan requested that if this motion prevailed, the House could not proceed to the election this day. Mr. Conrad withdrew his motion, and

The Clerk having called the names of the absentees, it appeared that several had entered the Hall, and answered to their names.

Mr. Drew then insisted on his original motion, which the Speaker declared took precedence of all others. Mr. Cyr. Dubois appealed from the decision of the chair. After some slight discussion, all other motions were out of order. Drew, were withdrawn, and the House proceeded to the election of a Speaker.

Mr. Marshall nominated P. W. Farrar, of Orleans. Mr. Regan nominated Henry Phillips, of St. Mary. Upon counting the votes, it appeared that P. W. Farrar had received 45 votes, and Henry Phillips 43 votes. P. W. Farrar was therefore declared duly elected Speaker of the House of Representatives, for the ensuing session.

Mr. Farrar was introduced to the chair by Messrs. Phillips and Miles, and on taking his seat addressed the House as follows:

[Speech.]

Mr. Kenner offered a resolution, that the Governor be informed that the House was organized and ready to receive his communications.

Mr. Bradford moved to lay the resolution on the table.

Mr. Kenner called for the yeas and nays on the motion to lay on the table.

The yeas and nays were then called, and resulted as follows:

[Yeas and nays.]

So the motion was carried.

Mr. Kenner's resolution was then adopted.

The House then proceeded to the election of Chief Clerk. Mr. Moise nominated Alexander Cuvillier; Mr. —— nominated M. Reynal.

On counting the votes it appeared that Mr. Cuvillier had received 50 votes, and Mr. Reynal 35 votes. Mr. Cuvillier was, therefore, proclaimed duly elected Clerk of the House of Representatives.

The election of Minute Clerk was next in order. Mr. John D. Lyon was elected without opposition.

Mr. Phillips offered a resolution tendering the thanks of the House to P. Aycock, for the courteous, faithful and efficient manner in which he had discharged the duties of Clerk, and for acting in that capacity in the opening of the present session. Adopted unanimously.

For Sergeant-at-Arms, Messrs Briggs, Dreo, Remondet, and Embleu were put in nomination. There was no choice at the first effort to elect. Mr. Briggs had 33, Mr. Dreo 12, Mr. Remondet 36, and Mr. Embleu 12. Mr. Embleu and Mr. Dreo were then withdrawn. On the second trial, Mr. Briggs was elected, having received 49 and Mr. Remondet 35 votes.

The House then proceeded to the election of Door Keeper. Four or five scattering votes were cast in nomination, and on the second trial, Mr. A. Verret received 58 votes, and was, therefore, duly elected Door Keeper of the House.

Pending the election of Door Keeper, a message was received from the Senate announcing its organization, and readiness to proceed to business, and requesting the concurrence of the House in a resolution appointing a Committee to wait upon the Governor, and receive any communication he may have to make; also, in a resolution providing for nothing the votes for Auditor of Public Accounts.

After the election of Door Keeper, the Clerk was directed to inform the Senate that the House was organized and ready to proceed to business.

The message from the Senate were then taken up. A Committee of five was appointed to unite with the Committee on the part of the Senate, and wait on the Governor. The Speaker appointed Messrs. Pike, Maine, Phillips, Duer and Smith, of Orleans, on the Committee.

The resolution from the Senate fixing down the hour of 5, P. M., for counting the votes for Auditor, was taken up and concurred in.

Mr. Pike, from the Committee appointed to wait on the Governor, reported that his Excellency had promptly send in his message.

Mr. Phillips offered a resolution for the appointment of a Committee to notify the officers of the House, with instructions to report on Thursday next, the rules of the last House being in force, in the meantime.—Adopted.

The Governor's printed Message was received and read. It was ordered that each member be furnished forthwith with a copy.

The House then adjourned until 12 o'clock, M. to-morrow.

Off motion of Mr. Moise, the report of the Auditor of Public Accounts was ordered to be printed to the number of 250 copies in each language.

As the report is a document of importance, and contains many tabular statements, some discussion ensued as to the manner in which it should be printed. It was finally resolved that the Auditor should select his own printer, and that the work should be done under his personal supervision.

By a message from the Senate, the House was informed of the readiness of the former body to meet the House, for the purpose of counting the votes for Auditor.

The two Houses having met in Convention, Messrs. Swazie and Moore, of the Senate, and Conrad of the House, were appointed Tellers. The result was as follows: Bordelon, 10,305; Woodruff, 7,281, and Ker, 4183. Mr. Bordelon was therefore proclaimed duly elected Auditor of Public Accounts, for two years.

The Senate then withdrew, and the House adjourned.

City Intelligence.

SHINPLASTER CONFLAGRATION.—The Finance Committee of the Third Municipality, hurried day before yesterday, about $5000 of the Municipal notes.

VETO.—At the sitting of the Third Municipality Council, on Monday evening last, the Mayor vetoed the resolution of that body, providing that from and after the 15th inst., the revenue of this Municipality, will be paid in specie. But on motion of Alderman Solanica, it was unanimously persevered in.

PETIT LARCENY.—John Brown, charged with robbery, was yesterday put upon his trial, and was found guilty of larceny.

The following two prisoners were afterwards arraigned and pleaded not guilty: William Benton alias Bennet alias Angell, for stealing a slave in leaving his master's house, and for escaping a slave, Manuel Durand for robbery.

RECEIVING RANSE.—John Pollock, charged with passing counterfeit ten dollar notes of the Lafayette Bank of Cincinnati, on several persons, was yesterday examined by Recorder Ramos, who committed the accused for trial before the First District Court.

Mr. James Berthaud made affidavit against one Patrick Gibbons, charging the latter with having entered the premises of his defendant's brother, John O'Brien, who is actually very ill, and with having by his outrageous conduct, seriously endangered the latter's life. A warrant was issued.

RECEIVING BALSAMS.—The case of George M. Urquhart and John McCracken, charged with receiving money knowing it to have been stolen, was yesterday thoroughly investigated before Recorder Ramos. The prisoners were ordered to find bail in the sum of $1000 each for their appearance before the First District Court.

Charles Johnson was arrested on the charge of having taken on the 17th inst., a butcher's knife from Mr Alexander Dutlee's Stall, in the St. Mary's Market. The accused will be examined on the 19th instant.

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE.

GENTLEMEN OF THE SENATE,
AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

The free constituents of the People have assigned to you the care of their interests and of their welfare. The announcement of the fact, although it takes no one by surprise, cannot but be received with interesting manifestations of assurance and confidence, whilst it awakens the responsibility of a trust of no ordinary importance, which, under the present circumstances of the country, cannot but be viewed in a benefactor's Providence, taken equally and steadily in hand our forgiveness as a people from the feebleness of a weight and incongruous obligation, to our present aspiring and comparatively flourishing and happy condition! But I am admonished to decline the inviting topic and to refer to the duties which, perhaps the historian and enlightened statesman alone should tread. Indeed, I shall have great need of your charitable indulgence in acquitting myself of imperative constitutional obligations which may not be wholly pretermitted. You will therefore, kindly read your chief magistrate's communications in their peculiar circumstances, whether regarding the extent of existing energy, whether in the development of its resources, or in the more than ordinary difficulties of the times.

Such concerns as these peculiar circumstances, in their very nature, must forcibly call your attention to, and which, in the discharge of your duties, you will not fail, by your joint committee, to investigate in their full and searching reality into the economy of the houses, both as it is opened to discipline generally, and to personal treatment of the prisoners particularly. I was hitherto opposed to the leasing system, when the experiment was first proposed by my predecessors, on the ground, principally, that the lessees, having only a contingent interest in profits, in effect, would thereby be induced to employ more heartless task masters than the owners and lessors; and so with no little satisfaction that I now confess, that my objections have been silenced by results which seem to be due to the skilful and benevolent administration of the present contractors. But the Legislature, in its perhaps relation to the subject, can take nothing for granted, and will not trust to appearances, which are often ingeniously devised and deliberative. The interests of humanity and the fate of the system so auspiciously in progress, unite in protesting against a supine indifference on your part. After the expiration of the present lease, the 30th of September, 1851, a new contract, or some other disposition will be made, and nothing is more appropriate than that which will accrue to those whose plentiful labors entered it, aimed means of more instrumental curing the present disorganization, as it always experience has taught, and as different systems seem to bear them, not indefrequently aged men bent down with infirmities and broken in spirit, from the scene of their shame and servitude. No cause should be spared to persuade the penitentiary convict that society still feels and retains an interest in him, and hopes to reform him to his kind of punishment. He must be taught, in the severity, evil passions can rarely be quelled with impunity, and that his punishment is also necessary as an example to society. In short, that having been removed to the school of vice, without parent or friend, or government to guide his youth, he must now take lessons upon the things of a different school, and under a different master, and learn to submit to the discipline of a penitentiary.

It necessarily follows, that the persons employed in the institution should be competent to comply, with prompt and regular system, the requirements of a responsible law, and to consider the temptation of connivance with the many means of evasion which exist in institutions, visitors would be required to exercise an equal vigilance, and keep a close eye of inspection on the conduct of the keepers, both as it regards the proper discharge of their duties, and the general treatment of the prisoners particularly. I was bitterly