

The State of Alabama
Mobile County

On this 28th day
of February A.D. 1859 before me, personally
came George Morley and James McLean
who being duly sworn depose and say
That they are well acquainted with J.
H. Banta and have known him for years
and have always found him a good and
law-abiding citizen.

That they are satisfied
that the said J. H. Banta, at the time that
he bet at ten pins, (for which offence he
is now confined), had not the slightest
idea that it was illegal - The publicity
with which he did it in an Alley within
a hundred yards of the City Police office,
the fact that heretofore it had always been
permitted - and his statements to affirm
since, satisfy them beyond a doubt that
J. H. Banta was not aware when he so
bet at ten pins that he was doing an
act prohibited by Law -

James McLean
George Morley
Sworn to and subscribed before me this
28th day of Feb A.D. 1859
C. B. Kingman

Minute Department

4 March 1839

The fine against J. Banta
who was convicted in the city
court of Mobile ^{for buying on Tom Pans} is remitted
on the payment of the costs
upon the ground that he

let a few pigs without know-
ing at that time a violation ^{of law} - it being
a recent statute of which he
had no knowledge - Of these
facts I am assured by the letter
of Solicitor Amstutz & appears
filed

A. B. Moore

J. H. Panto given
submitted, Panto
butting off
Panto
mobile Co.
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