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[No. 212.]

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE LOAN AND PLEDGE ASSOCIATION.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana in General Assembly convened.* That the following named persons, their successors and assigns are hereby created a body politic and corporate under the name and title of the "Loan and Pledge Association," with the powers and rights as set forth in the following articles, viz: Alfred Marchand, Charles H. Foster, Henry Kloppenburg, H. W. Kloppenburg, JR. Hubenwald, A. C. Denonvian, St. F. Casanave.

Article 1—The name and title of the said corporation shall be the Loan and Pledge Association, and its domicile is hereby established in the city of New Orleans. It shall commence business as soon as fifty thousand dollars shall have been subscribed, and shall exist for twenty-five years from the date hereof, and any such longer period as may be granted by special act of the Legislature of this State. It shall have power to contract, sue and be sued, to hold, receive, purchase, convey, mortgage and receive in mortgage, pledge and receive in pledge, property, both real and personal, to make and use a common seal of such device as may be recommended by the board of directors herein established, to name and appoint such managers, directors, officers and servants as its interests and convenience require, and to create and establish proper by-laws and rules for the regulation and management of its affairs, all in its corporate capacity.

Article 2—The object and purposes of said corporation are to make and enter into all manner of contracts and arrangements for the pledge of, and to receive in pledge movable property in order to promote the interest of the working classes who are out of employment and temporarily in need of money for the support of themselves and families, and to make and execute, issue and receive certificates of pledge of any kind and nature whatsoever for the pledge of movable property, and to do and perform generally every act and thing to the business of loaning money on the security of pawn, or pledge belonging or in any wise appertaining.

The said association may, for the interest of its stockholders, purchase from time to time any certificate or certificates of pawn or pledge, or other obligations issued or to be issued by the said corporation. All citations, notices and other legal process shall be served on a president, who shall be appointed in the manner hereinafter provided for.

Article 3—The capital stock of the said association shall be two hundred thousand dollars, divided into two thousand shares of one hundred dollars each, to be paid for at the time and in the manner following, to-wit:

The subscribers to the said association shall pay into the hands of the president, upon its organization for business, the sum of twenty dollars on each and every share of stock subscribed by them, the remaining eighty dollars per share payable on demand at the office of the company, after fifteen days notice from the president and cashier. The said capital stock of two hundred thousand dollars may be, by a two-thirds vote of the stockholders, in number and amount extended to an amount not to exceed five hundred thousand dollars.

Article 4—All the corporate powers of the said association shall be exercised by a board of directors, to be composed of three directors and ex-officio the president and cashier, any three of whom shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, over which the president, or, in his absence, the cashier shall preside, or, in the absence of both the said officers, one of the said board, to be selected by the members present, and the person or officer thus presiding shall exercise a casting vote in case of an equal division in the vote of those present. The following named stockholders, together with the president and cashier are hereby constituted the first board of directors and invested with all the rights and privileges herein specified, to-wit:

Article 5—The board of directors shall fix the amount of the compensation of all officers, clerks and employés of the association. They shall invest the profits and gains of the association as herein provided for. They shall make and adopt by-laws, rules and regulations for the proper government of the association and the transaction of its affairs, and alter and change the same at pleasure; *Provided.* The same shall not conflict with the laws of this State, or the true intent and meaning of this act. They shall have full power to do and perform all acts and things not herein provided for, which may be necessary to carry into full effect the object and purposes of the said association; and they shall also have power to fill all vacancies which may occur in their number or in the offices of president and cashier.

Article 6—To the end that the term of service of the aforesaid three directors shall not expire at the same time, the said directors shall by lot be so divided that they shall be respectively designated as the first director, second director and third director, the term of whose service shall expire as follows: That of the first director in one year, that of the second director in two years, and that of the third director in three years, to date from the first Monday in May, 1868; and on the third Monday of April in each and every year thereafter there shall be holden at the office of the association, in the city of New Orleans, between such hours as may be named or designated by the board of directors, an election for director in the place and stead of him whose term of service shall then expire, of which said election previous notice of not less than ten days shall be given by public advertisements in two newspapers published in this city, and it shall be the duty of the board of directors, at some meeting of said board prior to such election, to appoint three competent persons from among the stockholders, not directors nor officers of this association, to act as inspectors of said election, to superintend and conduct the same, and to certify to said board the result thereof, and should any of the persons so appointed decline or fail to attend, the president shall have power to appoint others to fill the vacancy.

Nothing in this act shall be construed as to render any director ineligible to said office of director. Those receiving a majority of votes cast shall be considered duly elected, and shall take their seats on the first Monday of May after the election, and shall hold the same until others are elected in their stead. In the event of no election taking place on the day fixed, the president shall cause an election to be held within ten days thereafter, and shall give notice thereof by advertisement in two of the newspapers published in the city of New Orleans, repeating the same, if necessary, until said election is effected.

Article 7—No person shall be capable of being a director of this association who does not at the time of his election and during his continuance in office hold in his name, or that of the commercial firm of which he may be a member, ten shares of the stock of this association.

Article 8—No stock shall be transferred, unless such transfer be made on the books of the association, at their place of business in the city of New Orleans, and no transfer shall be made while any indebtedness to the association exists on the part of such stockholder. But a stockholder wishing to transfer stock may be permitted to do so by substituting the obligations of the party to whom the stock is transferred; *Provided always,* That the obligations proposed to be substituted shall be in every respect satisfactory to the board of directors. And the said board of directors shall at any time have the right to require additional bond or security from any stockholder whenever they deem the security on the deferred payment insufficient. The stockholders shall not be responsible for loss or damage incurred by said association beyond the amount of capital stock held and owned by him or them respectively.

Article 9—The funds of this association shall consist of those funds which result from the sale of the capital stock as above set forth, and of those funds which may be received by the said association in payment of the interest on money loaned on pledges and pawns of movable property as herein provided, and the profits which may be realized by the said association after the payment of the semi-annual dividend on the capital stock as further provided herein shall be invested at the rate of at least three per cent. per month and not to exceed five per cent. per month as loans upon the security of movable property exceeding in value one hundred per cent. of the amount so loaned; nor shall any loans whatever of the funds of the said company be made for a period exceeding six months.

Article 10—All pledges or pawns which shall not have been redeemed on or before the expiration of the period for which the loans as above set forth may have been made shall be considered as forfeited to the association, and at least twice in every year, and at such periods as shall be designated by the board of directors, after ten days advertisement in two newspapers published in the city of New Orleans, such unredeemed pledges or pawns thus forfeited to the association on account of non-payment of the principal loaned thereon, and of the interest, as stipulated, which may have accrued, shall be exposed for sale, and sold to the highest bidder, at public auction, for cash, and the proceeds, after deducting the said principal and interest, and the costs of said sale and advertisements, shall be placed to the credit of the pledger on the books of the association; and should he fail to claim the same within one year from the date of the pledge, ten per cent. thereof shall be paid into the hands of the treasurer of the Charity Hospital, and the remainder shall be applied and added to the capital stock of the company.

Article 11—In the months of May and November of each year it shall be the duty of the cashier to make, or cause to be made, an estimate of the profits and losses of the Association, and also a statement of all cash paid into the company for or on account of the interest paid on pledges and pawns during the preceding six months, and further a statement of the value of the property held by the company in pledge, as well as the amount of certificates or pledge thereof not cancelled, together with such other accounts as may be necessary to exhibit a complete statement of the affairs of the said association as they exist, for the information of the stockholders and all persons interested, and the said statement shall be verified by the affidavit of the cashier and filed with the papers of the association, to be examined by all whom it may concern, and if it shall appear that the profits of the association do not exceed its losses and expenses by more than ten per cent. of its capital stock the Board of Directors shall make no dividend to the stockholders, but such percentage of profits shall be retained by the company as a reserve fund to meet future losses and liabilities and for the investment, according to the object and purposes of the association. But if it shall appear that the profits exceed the losses and expenses by more than ten per cent. of the capital stock, then the Board of Directors shall reserve and set apart a portion thereof not less than ten per cent. nor more than one-half of such excess as they may deem proper to be kept by the association as a reserve fund, which shall be applied as above set forth and the residue of such excess shall be rateably apportioned and divided between the several stockholders according to the amount of stock held by each stockholder.

Article 12—This act of incorporation may be modified, altered or amended, or the said association dissolved at any general meeting of the stockholders which the board of directors shall convene for that purpose, after thirty days' notice in the English and French languages, published in the daily newspapers having the largest circulation in the city of New Orleans, with the assent of three-fourths of the stock represented at such meeting, and any and all such notifications, alterations, amendments or dissolutions shall be recorded and published according to law.

Article 13—The board of directors shall assemble at such place and as often as they may deem it necessary, and shall convene the first general meeting of the stockholders to effect the organization of this association, and on the first Monday of May of each and every year thereafter the said board shall convene a general annual meeting of the stockholders to deliberate upon the interest of the said association.

Article 14—After the term of the dissolution of this association, its affairs shall be liquidated, and its debts paid under the charge and superintendence of three commissioners to be appointed by the board of directors, and who shall remain in office until the final liquidation of the affairs of the association.

Article 15—At every general meeting of the stockholders, each and every stockholder shall be entitled, either in person or by proxy, to vote for each and every share which he, she or they may respectfully hold; *Provided,* That no corporations shall be entitled to a greater number of votes than fifty, nor to vote on any share transferred to him or them within ninety days prior to such meeting.

SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted, etc.,* That this act shall take effect on and after its passage.

(Signed) CHAS. W. LOWELL,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
(Signed) OSCAR J. DUNN,
Lieutenant-Governor and President of the Senate.
Approved October 31, 1868.
(Signed) H. C. WARMOTH,
Governor of the State of Louisiana.
A true copy:
GEO. E. BOVEE,
Secretary of State.

OFFICIAL.

PROCLAMATION BY THE MAYOR.

MAYORALTY OF NEW ORLEANS,
City Hall, Nov. 21, 1868.

WHEREAS, The Common Council of the city of New Orleans, by authority of law, having passed an ordinance for the redemption and absorption of the various issues of city treasury notes and the relief of the finances of said city to be submitted to the approval or disapproval of the qualified voters of said city, at a special election, conducted in accordance with existing laws and ordinances; and,

WHEREAS, The said ordinance having been approved by me and promulgated according to the provisions of the city charter,

Now, therefore, I, John R. Conway, mayor of the city of New Orleans, by virtue of the power vested in me, and conformably to the provisions of said ordinance, a true copy of which is herewith appended, do issue this my proclamation, submitting the same to the qualified voters of the city of New Orleans for their approval or disapproval, for which purpose the polls will be opened in the various precincts of the wards established for voters at the late election, said election to be held on Saturday, the fifth day of December, A. D. 1868, and said polls to be opened from seven o'clock A. M. until six o'clock P. M. of said day, and the returns made to the mayor, agreeably to section seven of said ordinance.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seat of the city of New Orleans, this 21st day of November, A. D. 1868.

JOHN R. CONWAY, Mayor.

MAYORALTY OF NEW ORLEANS,
City Hall, Nov. 19, 1868.

[No. 1130—N. S.]

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE REDEMPTION AND ABSORPTION OF THE VARIOUS ISSUES OF CITY TREASURY NOTES AND THE RELIEF OF THE FINANCES OF THE CITY OF NEW ORLEANS, TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE APPROVAL OR DISAPPROVAL OF THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF THE CITY OF NEW ORLEANS.

WHEREAS, The Common Council of the city of New Orleans has exhausted every means within their direct control for the relief of the finances of the city; and

WHEREAS, They have applied, without success, for assistance from the Legislature of the State of Louisiana; therefore

SECTION 1. *Be it ordained by the Common Council of the city of New Orleans,* That the mayor, controller, treasurer and chairmen of the finance committees of the Common Council be and they are hereby authorized to issue bonds of the city of New Orleans in and for the sum of ($3,000,000) three million dollars, dated December 1, 1868, and payable twenty five years after date in the legal currency of the United States, and bearing interest at the rate of seven and three-tenths of one per centum per annum, in semi-annual coupons.

SEC. 2. *Be it further ordained, etc.,* That these bonds shall be used exclusively for the purpose of absorbing the various issues of city treasury notes, and shall be offered for sale in city notes and under no conditions shall be sold for less than

SEC. 3. *Be it further ordained, etc.,* That in addition to the present taxation a tax of (¼) one-fourth of one per cent. be levied annually on the assessed value of all real and personal property and on the amount of each and every license paid into the city treasury by the party following the profession licensed, within the corporate limits of the city of New Orleans (not exempted by law from taxation), and that the same be and is hereby set aside and pledged to be used solely and exclusively for the payment of the interest and the redemption of the bonds to be issued by virtue of this ordinance, and that this annual tax shall be deposited daily, when collected, in such bank in the city of New Orleans as may be designated by the Common Council.

SEC. 4. *Be it further ordained, etc.,* That the bonds to be issued under the provisions of this ordinance be and the same are hereby exempted from taxation by the city.

SEC. 5. *Be it further ordained, etc.,* That all city notes received in exchange for or in purchase of the bonds to be issued under this ordinance, shall be cancelled and defaced daily as they are received into the treasury, and whenever they shall amount to the sum of one hundred thousand dollars, shall be publicly destroyed in the manner prescribed by existing ordinances.

SEC. 6. *Be it further ordained, etc.,* That all ordinances or resolutions conflicting with this ordinance be and the same are hereby repealed, and that this ordinance shall take effect from and after its approval by a majority of the qualified voters of the city of New Orleans voting at a special election to be held under the provisions of this ordinance.

SEC. 7. *Be it further ordained, etc.,* That after ten days' proclamation by the mayor in the official journal of the city of New Orleans, the qualified voters of the city of New Orleans be called upon to approve or disapprove this ordinance. Those voting affirmatively to have printed or written on their ballots, "For issue of bonds;" those voting negatively, "Against issue of bonds."

The polls to be opened and the election conducted in accordance with existing laws and ordinances, and returns to be made to the mayor,

All persons registered under the late registration law of the State to be considered qualified voters.

(Signed) THOMAS MARKEY,
President Board Aldermen.
(Signed) JOHN BREEN,
President pro. tem. Board Assistant Aldermen.
Approved Nov. 19, 1868.
(Signed) JOHN R. CONWAY, Mayor.
A true copy:
JOHN W. OVERALL, Secretary.

OFFICIAL.

PETITION.....PETITION.

NEW ORLEANS, Oct. 13 1868.

To the Honorable the Common Council of New Orleans:

Gentlemen—The undersigned property owners on Bolivar street, between Poydras and Common and Lafayette streets, represent the number of feet front hereinafter mentioned, do most respectfully inform your honorable body, the banquette on said street, between Lafayette and Common, are unfit for travel especially after dark. We therefore lay this our petition before you, to have said banquett repaired and curbed according to law, for which we will ever pray, etc., etc.

THOS. O'NEIL 662 feet.
PATRICK MURPHY, 110 feet.
THOS. MARKEY 30 feet.
H. A. WEBER, 120 feet.
E. A. BRIDGE, 150 feet.
CHAS. ROSS, 60 feet.
JOHN CROFT, 240 feet.
LAWRENCE McGREVNE, 30 feet.
WALTER CUNNINGHAM, 30 feet.
WILLIAM SHERIDAN, 30 feet.
JOHN FORD, 60 feet.
COUTLEDGE & RAINEY, 100 feet.
PATRICK MAHER, 30 feet.
HENRY GAINES, 30 feet.
EDWARD LYNCH, 95 feet.
SCHMIDT BIEGLER, 100 feet.
B. J. BEIKERY, 180 feet.
JOHN BAKERY, 30 feet.
Petition signed 14,912 feet.

PETITION.....PETITION.

A l'Honorable Consell Commun de la ville de la Nouvelle-Orleans:

NOUVELLE-ORLEANS, 13 octobre 1868.

Messieurs—Les soussignés, propriétaires sur la rue Bolivar, entre les rues Fogeras, Commune et Lafayette représentant le nombre de pieds de faces ci-dessous mentionnés, informent respectueusement votre honorable corps que les banquettes sur la dite rue, entre Lafayette et Commune sont dans un état qui les rend impassables aux pietons, surtout la nuit. Ainsi donc, nous vous soumettons notre pétition demandant que les ci es banquettes soient pavées et réparées conformement a la loi, pour lequel vous prierons, etc.

THOMAS O'NEIL, 662 pieds.
PATRICK MURPHY, 110 "
THOS MAKKEY, 30 "
H. A. WEBER, 120 "
E. E. JUDGE, 150 "
CHAS. ROSS, 60 "
JOHN CROFT, 240 "
LAWRENCE McGREENE, 30 pieds.
WALTER CUNNINGHAM, 30 pieds.
WILLIAM SHERIDAN, 30 pieds.
JOHN FORD, 60 "
COUTLEDGE & RAINEY, 100 pieds.
PATRICK MAHER, 30 pieds.
HENRY GAINES, 30 "
EDWARD LYNCH, 95 "
SCHMIDT & ZIEGLER, 100 pieds.
B. J. BERKERY, 180 "
JOHN BAKERY, 34 "
Nombre total de pieds, 14 912.

PETITION.....PETITION.

NEW ORLEANS, July 21, 1868.

To the Honorable Council of the city of New Orleans:

Gentlemen—We the undersigned, property holders of the City of New Orleans do respectfully represent to your honorable body that the sidewalks on the south side of Magnolia street, from Clio street to pass Keller Market to St. Andrew street, are overflowed by heavy rains and rendered impassable to the great detriment of your petitioners, wherefore they respectfully request you, considering the premises, to have curb stones placed on said street, and have the city surveyor instructed to order good brick sidewalks made, as it will benefit not only the petitioners but the whole community and city at large, and they will ever pray.

FRANCIS LURGES, 146½ feet.
ST. CHARLES STREET RAILROAD COMPANY, 32 feet
JOHN BOENSEL, 126½ feet.
J. H. KELLER, 120 feet.
PATRICK MURPHY, 22 feet
GRETZNER & BOOTH, 146 feet.
Petition signed 603 feet.

PETITION.....PETITION.

NOUVELLE-ORLEANS, 21 juillet 1868.

A l'Honorable Consell Commun de la ville de la Nouvelle-Orleans:

Messieurs—Nous, les soussignés, propriétaires dans la ville de la Nouvelle-Orleans, representons respectueusement a votre honorable corps que les banquettes du cote sud de la rue Magnolia, partant de la rue Clio, passant le marché Keller, jusqu'a la rue St. André, sont inondées pendant les grandes pluies et rendues impassables au grand préjudice de vos petitionnaires en consequence ils demandent respectueusement que, considerant ces faits, des pierres de cote soient placées dans la dite rue, et que le voyer de la ville soit instruit à donner ordre que de bonne banquettes en briques soient construites, afin de servir au bien-etre non-seulement de vos petitionnaires mais aussi du public en général, et nous continuerons, etc.

FRANCIS LURGES, 146½ pieds.
COMPAGNIE DU CHEMIN DE FER DE LA RUE ST. CHARLES, 32 pieds.
JOHN BOENSEL, 126½ pieds.
J. H. KELLER, 120 pieds.
PATRICK MURPHY, 22 pieds.
GREIZNER & BOOTH, 156 pieds.
Petition signé 603 pieds.

PETITION.....PETITION.

To the Honorable Board of Assistant Aldermen, city of New Orleans:

Gentlemen—The undersigned, property holders and residents on both sides of Locust street, from Felicity Road to Washington Avenue, Fourth District, would most respectfully petition your honorable body to have a shell roadway constructed on said street under the supervision of the City Surveyor, after due advertisement according to law.

Your petitioners would respectfully represent that for nearly six months in the year it is almost impossible for either cart or wagon to pass along the entire length of said street loaded with wood milk, building materials, etc., etc.

JNO. PURCELL, 120 feet on Locust street.
ANDREW SCHMITT, 91 feet on Locust street.
SILVESTER DOOLEY, 30 " "
J. CARROLL, 30 " "
JOS. EVANS, 30 " "
W. MUNLING, 91 " "
F. MUNIDAS, 65 " "
HENRY SCHRADER, 30 " "
J. W. SHOTWELL, 36 " "
Mrs Widow BILAC, 118 " "
J. H. KELLES, 145 " "
KELLER MARKET, 140 " "
AUG. GRUNEWALD, 120 " "
R. BLIESORTH, 156 " "
J. G. BISSELL, 33 " "
JOHN EAGLA, 91 " "
G. BORG, 258 " "
JAS. HAGAN, 90 " "
WM. F. J. GRAHAM, 100 " "
E. P. DUCLOSLANGE, 120 " "
JOHN F. KRAUZ, 158 " "

NOTA—Nous petitionnaires would also represent that they are a majority of actual tax-payers and owners of property fronting on both sides of Locust street from Felicity Road to Washington Avenue.

PETITION.....PETITION

A l'honorable Consell des Assistant Aldermen de la ville de la Nouvelle-Orléans:

Messieurs—Les soussignés, propriétaires et résidents sur les deux cotes de la rue Locust, du Chemin Felidité à l'Avenue Washington, Quatrieme District, pétitionnent respectueusement votre honorable corps a l'effet de faire construire un chemin coquille sur cette dite rue, sous la surveillance du voyer de la ville, apres avis sur la loi.

Vos pétitionnaires représentent respectueusement que presque pendant six mois de l'année il est impossible aux charretes et wagons de passer tout le long de la dite rue quand ils sont chargés de bois, lait, ou materiaux de construction, etc., etc.

JNO PURCELL, 120 pieds, rue Locust.
ANDREW SCHMITT, 91 " "
SILVESTER DOOLEY, 30 " "
J. CARROLL, 30 " "
JOS EVANS, 30 " "
W. MUNLING, 91 " "
F. MUNIDAS, 65 " "
HENRY SCHRADER, 30 " "
J. W. SHOTWELL, 36 " "
Mme veuve BILAC, 118 " "
J. H. KELLER, 145 " "
MASCHE KELLER, 140 " "
AUG GRUNEWALD 120 " "
R. BLIESORTH, 156 " "
J. G BISSELL, 33 " "
JOHN EAGLA, 91 " "
G. BORG, 258 " "
JAS HAGAN, 90 " "
WM. F J. GRAHAM, 100 " "
E. P. DUCLOSLANGE, 120 " "
JOHN F. KRAUZ, 158 " "

NOTA—Vos pétitionnaires représentent aussi qu'ils sont la majorite actuelle des proprietaires payant taxes pour des propries faisant face sur chaque cote de la rue Locust, a partir

PETITION.....PETITION.

NEW ORLEANS, July 28, 1868.

To the Honorable the Common Council of the City of New Orleans:

Gentlemen—The undersigned Property Owners and residents on Tonti Street, between Main and Esplanade, respectfully represent to your Honorable Body that only a portion of the banquettes or sidewalks are made on said street, and that they therefore pray that the necessary steps be taken to cause brick sidewalks to be made on said street, and your petitioners will ever pray, etc.

H. MONTREUIL, 108 feet.
E. GARNET 30 feet.
A. C. LEHMAN, 30 feet
G. ROUX, 130 feet.
FRANCOIS FRENAT, 30 feet.
T. L. RELENNACK, 140 feet.
MANUEL GUERRIER, 31 feet.
ARTHUR OLIVIER, 60 feet.
AUGUSTE DALEHE, 30 feet.
J. A. FREMAUX, 118 feet.
F. ROLLS 27½ feet.
CARL LORCH, 27½ feet.
JAN ABADIE, 30 feet.
JOSEPH FIELAK, 100 feet.
ANTONIO DE MANI, 100 feet.
T. H. MOUSSEAUX, 30 feet.

PETITION.....PETITION.

NOUVELLE-ORLEANS, 28 juillet 1868.

A l'honorable Consell Commun de la ville de la Nouvelle-Orleans:

Messieurs—Les soussignés propriétaires et résidents sur la rue Tonti, entre les rues Maine et Esplanade, representent respectueusement a votre honorable corps, qu'une partie seulement des banquettes est faite dans la dite rue, et en consequence ils prient que des mesures necessaires soient prises afin de construire des banquettes en briques sur cette rue, et vos pétitionnaires continueront, etc.

H. MONTREUIL, 108 pieds.
E. GAINET, 30 pieds.
A. C. LEHMAN, 30 pieds.
G. ROUX, 130 pieds.
FRANCOIS FRENAT, 30 pieds.
T. L. RELENNACK, 140 pieds, rue Tonti
MANUEL GUERRIER 31 pieds, rue Tonti.
ARTHUR OLIVIER, 60 pieds, rue Tonti.
AUG. DALCKE, 30 pieds.
J. A. FREMAUX, 118 pieds.
JO. ROLLS, 27½ pieds
CARL LORCH, 27½ pieds.
JAN A ADIE, 30 pieds
JOSEPH FIELAK, 100 pieds.
ANTONIO DERMANI, 100 pieds.
P. H. MONSSEAUX, 30 pieds.

CONSTITUTION Y. M. M. L. A.

CONSTITUTION, BY-LAWS
—AND—
READING-ROOM REGULATIONS
—OF THE—
YOUNG MEN'S
MERCANTILE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
OF NEW ORLEANS.

We, the subscribers, young men of the city of New Orleans, being desirous of adopting efficient means to extend our information upon mercantile and other subjects of general utility, have associated ourselves for the purpose of establishing a Library and Reading-Room, and for our government have adopted the following

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I.

The name and style of this Association shall be "THE YOUNG MEN'S MERCANTILE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION OF THE CITY OF NEW ORLEANS."

ARTICLE II.

SECTION 1. The officers of the Association shall be a President, Vice President, Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, and five Directors, who, together, shall constitute a Board of Directors and shall be elected annually—the President, Vice President, Secretaries and Treasurer by separate ballots, the Directors by general ticket; a majority of the whole votes given being necessary to a choice.

SEC. 2. The President shall preside at meetings of the Association; call such extra meetings as the Board of Directors shall deem expedient; shall have a vote in all elections, and give the casting vote when there shall be an equal division among the members.

SEC. 3. The Vice President shall preside in the absence of the President, and in general perform the duties of that office.

SEC. 4. The Recording Secretary shall keep an accurate record of the business of the Association. The Corresponding Secretary under the superintendence of the Board of Directors, shall conduct its correspondence.

SEC. 5. The Treasurer shall receive all dues and donations in money; pay all orders on him when signed by the President; keep a regular account of the financial concerns of the Association—an abstract of which, accompanied by satisfactory vouchers, he shall exhibit at each annual meeting, and at the monthly meetings of the Board of Directors, and oftener if required; and for the faithful discharge of these trusts, he shall give security in the sum of five hundred dollars.

SEC. 6. The Board of Directors shall have power to appropriate funds, enact By-Laws, and generally conduct the affairs of the Association; shall meet at least once in each month for the transaction of business; shall report at each quarterly meeting of the Association their proceedings for the past quarter, and the state of the concerns of the Association; and in case any vacancy shall occur in the Board, shall immediately notify the Association, and appoint an evening for an election to fill such vacancy.

SEC. 7. The Board of Directors shall appoint a Librarian, whose duty it shall be to attend at the Library on each day of the week, who shall keep a register of all books, magazines, maps, charts, papers, and all other property in his care, belonging to the Association; arrange them in proper order, make a record thereof, with the names of the donors, and keep an accurate account of all books delivered to the members; and to be otherwise governed by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE III.

Each member not a proprietor, on subscribing to the Constitution, shall pay the sum of five dollars annually, in advance.

ARTICLE IV.

Each member who is a proprietor, on subscribing to the Constitution, shall pay the sum of ten dollars annually, in advance.

ARTICLE V.

Any person may become a member for life by paying the sum of fifty dollars.

ARTICLE VI.

Any person approved by a majority of the Board of Directors may become entitled to a membership in perpetuity, on payment of one hundred dollars, and may transfer such membership at pleasure on the books of the Association, subject to the approval of the Board of Directors: *Provided,* however, that any one being already "a life member" may become a member in perpetuity under this clause, on the payment of fifty dollars.

ARTICLE VII.

Any person, if approved by a majority of the Directors, may become a member on complying with the provisions of this Constitution.

ARTICLE VIII.

There shall be an annual meeting of the Association on the first Tuesday in January, for the election of officers for the ensuing year; for receiving reports from the Board of Directors; and, quarterly thereafter, for the transaction of such other business as may be presented.

ARTICLE IX.

If the President, Vice President, Secretaries, Treasurer or Directors, in their several official capacities, shall neglect the performance of their duties, or shall not administer the laws of the Association efficiently or equitably, on written complaint of fifteen members a meeting shall be called, and a committee appointed, consisting of two members and one director, who shall censure, remove from office, or fully exonerate the accused, as the circumstances of the case may warrant.

ARTICLE X.

There shall be no alterations in this Constitution unless the same shall have been proposed to the Board of Directors one month previous to the quarterly meeting, and then approved by three-fourths of the members present.

BY-LAWS.

SECTION 1. The Library and Reading Room shall be open every day from 9 o'clock A. M., until 10 o'clock P. M.

SEC. 2. The Librarian shall give security, in the sum of five hundred dollars, for the faithful discharge of the duties of his office, and will hold the same at the pleasure of the Board of Directors.

SEC. 3. It shall be the duty of the Librarian to keep a complete and exact catalogue of books belonging to the Library, together with a duplicate of the same, which shall be open at all times to the examination of the members. He shall number each book, assign its place in the Library and arrange the whole in proper order; he shall likewise keep such record of maps, charts, and other property of the Association, as may from time to time be prescribed by the Board of Directors.

SEC. 4. He shall deliver, on the application, or to the written order of any member whose name has been registered and dues paid, one book, if it be a folio, quarto, or octavo; and one book, or set of books not exceeding three volumes, if it be a duodecimo, or of smaller size.

SEC. 5. He shall carefully enter in a book to be kept for that purpose, the name of the member to whom a book or books have been delivered; the date of taking from and returning to the Library, together with a full record of such fines or penalties as may have been incurred thereto.

SEC. 6. He shall collect from members, for the use of the Association, all fines and forfeitures incurred, regularly accounting for the same to the treasurer; and shall report to the Board of Directors the name of such member or members as may refuse to pay their fines and forfeitures lose or damage any book or set of books, write in or otherwise deface the same, or in any other way wilfully violate the Library or Reading-Room Regulations.

SEC. 7. He shall have the supervision and general superintendence of the Library and Reading-Room; shall carefully examine returned books, and replace them upon the Library shelves; shall see that newspapers are promptly filed, and that magazines, etc., are regularly placed on the Reading Room tables, and shall at all times enforce the rules relative to the circulation of books, and main ain quiet and good order in the rooms of the Association. He shall likewise perform such other duties appertaining to his office, as may from time to time be prescribed by the Board of Directors.

SEC. 8. It shall be, additionally, the duty of the Librarian, under the immediate supervision of the treasurer, to keep the record book of subscription and annual dues of members; to render bills of the same and generally to take charge of such other books and accounts as may from time to time be assigned him.

SEC. 9. The Assistant Librarian shall give security, in the sum of three hundred dollars, for the faithful discharge of the duties of his office, and will hold the same at the pleasure of the Board of Directors.

SEC. 10. It shall be the duty of the Assistant Librarian to co-operate with and relieve the Librarian; to be governed in every particular by the like rules, assuming in the absence of that officer the general duties of the post.

SEC. 11. It shall be additionally, the duty of the Assistant Librarian, under the immediate supervision of the Treasurer, to collect the subscriptions and other annual dues of members together with such other collections as may be especially assigned him. He shall likewise perform such other duties appertaining to his office as may from time to time be prescribed by the Board of Directors.

SEC. 12. It shall be the duty of the Librarian and his assistant to attend especially to the receiving and giving out of books, carefully observing the Library regulations for the same; to give special attention to the filing of newspapers, the proper distribution of magazines, etc; to act as messengers when required in that capacity; to keep or assist in keeping the rooms of the Association clean, well ventilated and in good order, taking especial care that furniture, maps, globes, pictures, statuary etc., be neither defaced nor injured; and generally that the Library and Reading-Room be made agreeable and attractive for the convenience and resort of members. The Librarian and his assistant shall report themselves for duty at a quarter before 8 o'clock, that the papers, magazines, etc., may be properly distributed before the hour of the opening of the Reading-Room.

SEC. 13. Each member of the Association, duly entitled to the use of the Library may withdraw a book or set of books, and retain the same two weeks from the date of delivery. New books, catalogued within the current year, shall not be renewed, but must, at the expiration of two weeks, be returned to the Library; other books of circulation may, on application to the Librarian, be renewed for the like term of two weeks: *Provided,* that not more than two separate renewals of the same book shall be allowed, nor shall any book be renewed in the interval permitted by the Board of Directors. No book or set of books shall, in any case, be reserved by the Librarian for either a member or director; nor shall books be transferred from one name to another.

SEC. 14. Any member who shall retain a book, or set of books, longer than two weeks, as above limited, shall forfeit and pay to the Librarian, for the use of the Association, five cents for each day over the time the book or set of books shall have been so detained in his possession; and such fines shall, in all cases, be fully exacted without reference to the value of the books thus detained; *Provided,* that this regulation shall not be deemed to interfere with any regulations regarding books of reference.

SEC. 15. If any member loses, deface or injure a book or set of books, he shall make the same good to the Librarian; and if any book lost, defaced or injured be one of a set, he shall either replace the set or pay the full value of the same to the Treasurer, and may thereupon receive the remaining volumes as his property.

SEC. 16. Books cannot be examined on the shelves, but each member shall be privileged to use any book belonging to the Library, in the Reading-Room of the Association (of which use the Librarian shall at the time keep a minute), yet such book, if it be one of circulation, must be relinquished to any member withdrawing the same from the Library.

SEC. 17. Such books, maps, charts, etc., as have been or may from time to time be donated, with the intention or request that they be not taken from the Library, shall, in no case, be loaned therefrom. Books which are specially valued for their plates, for rarity or antiquity, or for other reasons, may from time to time be designated as books of reference, and as such may be restricted from circulation, but can at all times be freely consulted at the Library or in the Reading-Room. Books so restricted shall be taken from the Library only by special permission of the Library Committee.

SEC. 18. Resignation of membership must be made in writing, either to the Treasurer or Board of Directors, and can be accepted only after the payment of all dues, forfeitures and arrearages. Any member wishing to withdraw from the Association, must comply with these requirements, or he will be considered and charged as continuing his membership.

SEC. 19. The privileges of the Association will be withdrawn from any member who shall refuse to pay fines and forfeitures incurred, or who shall be known wilfully to violate any of the preceding regulations, and such person shall be ineligible for re-election until full satisfaction shall have been made of all legal claims; and that this regulation may be effective, it shall be the duty of the Librarian to keep a record of those persons thus made ineligible, and the reasons therefor. The Board of Directors will from time to time alter, amend or establish such additional By-Laws as may be necessary and proper for the safety of the Library and the due administration of the affairs of the Association.

Regulations of the Reading Room.

RULE 1. No conversation shall be allowed otherwise than in a whisper within the Reading Room.

RULE 2. No person shall be permitted to smoke in the Library or the Reading Room; to deface, damage or injure the furniture or fixtures thereof, or to conduct themselves inconsistently with decorum and propriety.

RULE 3. Any person who shall deface, mutilate or abstract a newspaper or periodical, placed on file or upon the Reading Room tables, shall pay to the treasurer a fine equal to four times the value thereof, and, for a repeated offense, shall be liable to expulsion.

RULE 4. Any member shall be privileged to introduce a friend, not a resident of the city, whose name must be registered in a book provided for that purpose, and who will receive from the Librarian a ticket of admission for the term of four weeks, to the rooms of the Association.

RULE 5. An order from a member to draw books does not entitle the holder to the privilege of the Reading Room.

RULE 6. These rules shall be binding and of like force with the preceding By-Laws and will be amended in like manner at the discretion of the Board of Directors.

(Signed) SAMUEL MULLEN,
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F. W. PERKINS,
JOHN GRESENFELD,
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N. O. STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

CHARTER.....CHARTER
—OF THE—
NEW ORLEANS STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
STATE OF LOUISIANA, CITY OF NEW ORLEANS.

Be it Known, That on this eighth day of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight, and of the independence of the United States the ninety-second, before me, Edward Ivy, a notary public, in and for the City and Parish of New Orleans, State of Louisiana aforesaid, duly commissioned and sworn, personally came and appeared the parties hereinafter named and undersigned, who severally declared that, availing themselves of the provisions of the statutes of the State of Louisiana relative to the organization of corporations in this State, they have covenanted and agreed, and do by these presents covenant, agree and bind themselves, and those whom they represent, to form themselves into and constitute a corporation for the objects and purposes, and under the stipulations, regulations and obligations following, to-wit:

ARTICLE I.

The name and title of said Company shall be the "NEW ORLEANS STEAMSHIP COMPANY," and its domicil is hereby established in the city of New Orleans and it shall exist and continue for the term of twenty five years from the date of these presents, unless sooner dissolved, as hereinafter provided for. It shall have a corporate seal with a device upon the same and the name of the Company upon the margin thereof.

ARTICLE II.

The object of said company is to construct or otherwise procure and maintain one or more steamships, to constitute a line or lines of steamships, to be owned and controlled in the city of New Orleans, and to trade between said city and any port or ports on the Atlantic coast or Gulf of Mexico.

The manager of said company shall be some proper person on whom to serve citations, notices and other legal process where in the said Company may be interested.

ARTICLE III.

SECTION 1. It shall be the duty of the Manager to keep, or cause to be kept, in bound books, in the name of the Company, a correct record of the proceedings, transactions, acts, property, business and aff