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Senator Ben Tillman of South Carolina, heretofore regarded as immaculate and unassailable from the standpoint of official and personal integrity, seems to have joined the increasing flock of senatorial lame ducks.

It's an open question whether the denunciations of such senatorial orators as Bailey, Foraker and Tillman are not calculated to increase rather than impair the measure of President Roosevelt's popularity among the people of the country.

Death of S. A. Bankston.

(Communicated.)

S. A. Bankston, one of the oldest and most highly respected citizens of Galvez, died at his home at that place on Friday, Dec. 25, after an illness of only a few hours. He was born in Livingston parish in 1840 and was a Confederate veteran. He was known and honored for the public spirit he exhibited and the good work he did in promoting interest and raising funds for the new public school building now under course of construction at Galvez. Besides a wife, three sons and two daughters, Mr. Bankston leaves to mourn his loss two sisters and a brother, who are: Mrs. J. W. Evans, of Galvez; Mrs. Lavinia Owens, of Hammond, and H. Bankston, of Oats' Mills.

"Thou art gone. God called thee.
We hope, to a better resting place above."

HIS NIECE.

Speaking of the basketball game at Baton Rouge last Saturday between the Donaldsonville and capital city teams, the State Times says:

"Lovers of basketball were given a rare treat Saturday in the game between the high school teams of Baton Rouge and Donaldsonville. Heretofore the Baton Rouge team has had easy victories, but the girls of the visiting team made the winners work for their victory.

"All through the game interest was easily kept up. Playing was going on all the time, and few disputes arose. From first to last the teams were almost evenly matched. Though the Donaldsonville team showed up better in the first half, yet the Baton Rouge girls came into the second half with renewed energy and steadily scored, till when the time was up the score stood 20 to 20. By the rule the tie had to be played off. Donaldsonville objected, but finally consented.

"Then Baton Rouge easily scored from the field, making the final score 22 to 20 in favor of Baton Rouge."

Amusements.

Speaking of "Mrs. Temple's Telegram," the famous farce comedy which will be the offering at the Gondran theatre tomorrow night, the El Paso Herald says:

"Mrs. Temple's Telegram was welcomed by one of the gayest, biggest crowds ever seen at the El Paso theatre. It began with a chuckle that developed into a laugh and finally broke into a scream. Every bit of it is good.

"Robert Dalton, Maurice Costello, Fred R. Sunnels, Edna Burt and Jennie Alexander are one and all perfect. Jack Dalton as the useful friend of a happy-go-lucky husband is the funniest thing that ever happened. He reminds one of Willie Collier. His humor is of the same dry, quaint quality. You feel he is naturally funny without making the slightest effort to be so.

"The situations are screamingly funny and there isn't a dull moment in the entire play. The cast is splendid."

A play of unusual interest is Mildred Holland's greatest success, "The Lily and The Prince," which will be seen at the Gondran theatre on Monday next, the 18th inst. It is a romantic drama of poetic conception and remarkable construction, presenting a much involved plot in clear outlines and comptiheensible sequence. High sentiments and violent action go hand in hand, and innocence walks unscathed through dangers and tribulations. The time is that of Alexander, the Borgia pope; the place, Florence and Rome. In the first act a charming rose garden shows an idyllic love scene between the hero and the heroine, followed by the appearance of a disguised political conspirator, who endeavors to entangle "Count di Savelli," the heroine's father, in a plot against the pope. Before the curtain falls, papal soldiers have arrested the "Count" for this complicity. The second act shows the tapestry room in the palace of Lucrezia Borgia, to whom Angela, the heroine, appeals for an audience with the pope. This fair lady has fallen in love with Angela's lover, "Orsini," and endeavors to ruin her in his sight by an apparent affair with the Prince of Colonna. The third act shows the council of the inquisition in midnight session and the trial of Count di Savelli. His daughter penetrates the chamber and proves his innocence by recognizing the president of the council by his voice as the conspirator who tempted her father. Cardinal Capua, representative of the pope, throws off his disguise and puts matters in order in a highly entertaining manner. The last act brings the triumph of the good and the fall of the wicked, but with much evolution and skillful disentanglement.

"A Savage King," which will be the attraction at the Gondran theatre on Saturday, Jan. 23, is one of the most elaborate and successful melodramatic productions on the road. The scenery is the finest that the studios can furnish and was painted from photographs made in Mexico. The costumes and stage accessories are very rich, and the dramatic situations powerful and thrilling. Though it is a melodrama of the sensational sort, there is not a shot fired during the entire play, and it is possessed of real literary and dramatic merit of a high order. The cast has been carefully selected, and those who attend the performance here will not have cause to regret it.

Local theatre goer sare keenly interested in the announcement that the original company and production of "The Clansman" will come to the Gondran theatre on Tuesday, Jan. 26. This is the famous Ku Klux Klan play that has turned the country upside down with its thrilling story of the reconstruction era in the south.

"The Clansman" holds the record of being the most widely discussed play produced within the last fifty years. It has been variously described as an "answer" and as a "sequel" to "Uncle Tom's Cabin." In reality, it is the plain true story of the reconstruction struggle in South Carolina as its author remembers it and as told to him by eye witnesses.

The hero of the play, which is dramatized from Thomas Dixon's novels, "The Leopard's Spots" and "The Clansman," is a young and gallant leader of the Ku Klux. Opposed to him are an ambitious mulatto and a white Abolitionist from Vermont, whose daughter the young man seeks in marriage. The first act shows the young Ku Klux defying federal authority by tearing down a mischievous "social equality" proclamation, and the second shows the sale of his ancestral homestead to satisfy fraudulent taxes levied by the carpet-bagger government. In the third act the Ku Klux convene in a mountain cave to perform their mystic ritual and to act as a high court of justice.

The last act shows the mulatto lieutenant-governor of South Carolina confronting the Abolitionist, his friend and protector, with a demand for the hand of the latter's daughter. The effect is electrical. The old man spurns the suitor, forbids him ever to approach his home again, and says that four thousand years of Caucasian development have fitted his own family for something better than to end in a brood of mulatto brats. This rouses the politician to fury; but the timely arrival of the Ku Klux, headed by the girl's white lover, saves the northerner and rescues his daughter from a compulsory and degrading mesalliance.

The author of "The Clansman" has repeatedly offered to forfeit a thousand dollars and withdraw the play from the boards if any one can prove that his picture of the historical conditions in South Carolina in 1867 is not strictly accurate. He says: "I went to a mediocre theatre one day and saw a presentation of 'Uncle Tom's Cabin,' which so cruelly libels the white people of the south. I determined to put the other side of the situation before the American public and I think I have succeeded."

Mohawk Tribe Elects Officers.

Mohawk Tribe No. 33, I. O. R. M., held an enthusiastic meeting Monday night and elected the following officers for the ensuing term of six months: Louis Boston, sachem; Henry Duke, senior sagamore; F. L. Trepagnier, junior sagamore; Ulysses Esneault, prophet; Paul Gisclard, keeper of faith; J. C. Bouchereau, keeper of wampum; Jos. N. Gisclard, chief of records; Dr. P. T. Thibodaux, O. S. Broussard and Al. Whiteman, trustees. The installation will take place after the big fair and festival to be given on Jan. 31 and Feb. 1 under the auspices and for the benefit of Mohawk Tribe.

CHARTER

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United States of America—State of Louisiana—Ascension Parish.

BE IT KNOWN and remembered that on this 30th day of December, one thousand nine hundred and eight, before me, G. ADOLPH GONDRAN, a notary public duly commissioned and qualified in and for the parish of Ascension, state of Louisiana, therein residing, and in the presence of the witnesses hereinafter named and undersigned, personally came and appeared the several persons whose names are hereunto subscribed, who declared that, availing themselves of the provisions of the laws of the state of Louisiana, as contained in Act No. 36 of the general assembly of said state, approved June 29, 1888, and Act No. 78 of 1904, and other laws of said state relative to the organization, formation and authorities conferred on corporations, they have agreed and do hereby agree and bind and obligate themselves, as well as all such persons as may become associated with them, and their successors, to form and constitute a corporation for the objects and purposes and under the conditions and stipulations as contained and set forth in the following articles, to wit:

ARTICLE ONE.

The name and style of said corporation shall be "THE BABIN BROTHERS, LIMITED"; it shall exist and have and enjoy succession for the full term and period of ninety-nine years from the date hereof, and under its corporate name it shall have power and authority in respect to and as concerns its objects and purposes, hereinafter stated, to acquire, alienate, mortgage, lease, pledge and pawn movable and immovables, real and personal and mixed property; to contract to sue and be sued and generally to have, enjoy and exercise any and all powers conferred by law on corporations, and shall have a corporate seal.

ARTICLE TWO.

The domicile of this corporation shall be at Belle Helene P. O., in the parish of Ascension, and all citations and other legal process shall be served on the president, and, in his absence on the secretary and treasurer.

ARTICLE THREE.

The objects and purposes for which this corporation is formed and the nature of the business to be carried on by it are hereby declared to be to purchase, or otherwise acquire, to improve, cultivate, lease, let, rent and dispose of lands, lots, buildings and plantations in the state of Louisiana; to engage in the business of planting and raising sugar cane, corn, rice and any other agricultural crops and products; of manufacturing and refining sugars; of buying and selling sugar cane and other agricultural products; of growing and ginning cotton; to engage in a general merchandise business and to do all things necessary or incidental to the carrying out of the above objects and purposes.

ARTICLE FOUR.

The capital stock of this corporation is hereby fixed at ten thousand dollars, represented by one hundred shares of the par value of one hundred dollars each, all of which shares have been paid and subscribed for on the signing of this act, and this corporation shall begin business at once.

No stockholder in this corporation shall ever sell, or otherwise dispose of any share of stock held by him until he shall have first offered to sell the same, at the lowest price at which he will sell to others, to the stockholders, who shall have the option of purchasing the same during a period of thirty days, after which time, should no stockholder purchase such shares of stock, the same may be otherwise disposed of by the holder thereof.

The secretary and treasurer shall be without power to legally transfer upon the books any shares belonging to the present stockholders, unless the above directions and rules are carried out.

ARTICLE FIVE.

All of the corporate powers of said corporation shall be vested in and exercised by a board of directors, composed of three persons, all of whom must be stockholders of this corporation, and any two of whom shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. The directors shall be elected annually on the second Tuesday of January of each year, but the directors constituted under this charter shall hold office until the second Tuesday of January, 1910. The election shall be by ballot and each stockholder shall be entitled in person or by proxy to one vote for every share of stock held by him. Ten days prior notice of said election shall be given to each stockholder by written notice mailed to him, addressed to his residence or place of business, postpaid, or by delivery to him in person. The manner of conducting said election shall be regulated by the by-laws. At the first meeting after their election the board of directors shall elect from their own number a president and a secretary and treasurer, whose duties shall be prescribed by the by-laws. The said offices of secretary and treasurer may be combined into one office and in such case the person elected to fill both offices shall be known as the secretary and treasurer. Said directors shall hold office until their successors shall have been elected and qualified. A failure to elect directors on the date above specified shall not dissolve the corporation nor impair its corporate name, but the directors then in office shall remain in office until their successors are elected and qualified. Until the first election as herein provided for, the following stockholders are constituted the board of directors, to wit: Cyrile Babin, who shall be president; Henry Babin, who shall be secretary and treasurer, and James A. Godfrey, who shall hold office until the second Tuesday of January, 1910, or until the first election to be held in accordance with this charter, or until their successors shall have been elected and enter upon the discharge of their duties. The board of directors shall have full power and authority to borrow money; to execute mortgages; to grant pledges and liens; to make, execute and issue promissory notes and other obligations; to purchase or otherwise acquire, to lease, let or rent or take and hire the property of and for this corporation and generally to do all things reasonable, convenient and necessary for the carrying on of the business of the corporation. The board of directors shall make and adopt such by-laws as may be necessary for the proper management and regulation of the affairs and business of said corporation and shall have the power and authority to amend and alter the same at pleasure, and shall themselves, or in such manner as may be prescribed by the by-laws, appoint all employees, define their powers and duties and fix their compensation. The board of directors will fill any vacancies among their own number, at a meeting thereof. Meetings of directors may be called by the president or by any two directors by mailing a notice, postpaid, to each director addressed to his residence or place of business or by delivery to him in person.

ARTICLE SIX.

A general meeting of stockholders shall be held annually as provided for by Article Five, and the president or any three stockholders may call a special meeting of the stockholders for any lawful purpose upon notice to be given in the manner and for the time to be prescribed in the by-laws.

ARTICLE SEVEN.

No stockholder shall be held or responsible for the contracts or debts or faults of the corporation in any further sum than the unpaid balance of the share or shares owned by him, nor shall any informality in the proceedings of organization render any stockholder liable beyond said amount.

ARTICLE EIGHT.

This act of incorporation may be modified, altered or amended, or this corporation may be dissolved with the assent of two-thirds of the capital stock represented at a general meeting of the stockholders to be convened for said purpose, after due notice to be given by thirty days publication in a newspaper published in the parish of Ascension and also by written notice mailed postpaid to each stockholder, to him addressed to his residence or place of business or delivered to him in person.

ARTICLE NINE.

Upon the dissolution of this corporation either by limitation or otherwise its affairs shall be liquidated by three commissioners to be elected by the stockholders, who shall at the same time fix their compensation.

The incorporators whose names are affixed to this act have and do by these presents subscribe to number of shares of capital stock placed opposite their names.

Thus done and passed at the parish of Ascension, state of Louisiana, on the day, month and year first above written, in the presence of Messrs. Felix N. Gros and Jonas Weill, good and competent witnesses, who, with the said appearers and me, Notary, have signed these presents after due reading of the whole.

WITNESSES { FELIX GROS. / JONES WEILL.

Signed

Cyrile Babin	27 shares
Henry Babin	27 shares
Ignace Babin	26 shares
James A. Godfrey	20 shares

[L.S.] G. A. GONDRAN, Notary Public.

A true copy from the original on file in my office.

J. S. BARMAN, Clerk of Court.

State of Louisiana, Parish of Ascension—I do hereby certify the above and foregoing to be duly recorded in Book of Miscellaneous Acts No. 6, folio 390.

In faith whereof, witness my hand and seal of office at Donaldsonville, La., this 30th day of December, 1908.

J. S. BARMAN, Clerk and Recorder.

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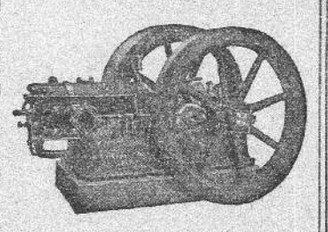

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