COMING! Gem Theatre, Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 23-24---Evelyn Nesbit Thaw, in "Redemption." Prices, 10-20 Cents

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"REDEMPTION" COMING TO GEM.

Life Story of Evelyn Nesbit Thaw Subject of Notable Film.

Local patrons of the silent drama will be interested in the announcement by Manager Von Lotten of the Gem Theatre that he has booked "Redemption" for exhibition next Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 23 and 24. The picture is based on the life story of Evelyn Nesbit Thaw, and she and her young son, Russell Thaw, play the leading roles. "Redemption" is acclaimed an intensely interesting film which would have been a huge success even without the advantage of the immense publicity attached to the name of its star.

The production is based on life it self—a life which has drained the cups of happiness and of sorrow—in a background of glittering wealth, in the glare of incandescents and in the somber attics or hall rooms of misfortune. The game of burning the candle at both ends is revealed in its grim realities. Only those with hearts courageous may dare hope for redemption. Evelyn Nesbit not only hoped, but the presence of her little son and thoughts of his future spurred her to supreme effort. And how she emerges from the atmosphere of the past and makes for herself and little Russell Thaw a name and fame of which each may be proud is told in her picture. Without attempting a preachment, there is a moral lesson fearlessly drawn in "Redemption." But its greatest asset is said to be the exceptional production given the story and the naturalness with which each of its characters is portrayed.

For this notable offering the prices of admission will be 10 and 20 cents. Performances will begin at 2 o'clock each day. On Sunday the fifth installment of the war pictures will be shown in addition to the feature attraction.

——W. S. S.——

A Popular Railroad Official Resigns.

Neal M. Leach of New Orleans, one of the best known and most popular railroad officials in Louisiana, recently resigned the position of general traffic manager of the Texas & Pacific railway to become vice president of the J. H. W. Steele Company, Inc., foreign freight and forwarding agents with offices in a dozen cities of the United States. The receivers of the Texas & Pacific, J. L. Lancaster and Pearl Wight, gave expression to the general sentiment in railroad circles when they issued the following announcement:

"The receivers of the Texas & Pacific railway regret very much the retirement of N. M. Leach from the position of general traffic manager. As head of the traffic department since 1911 he has built up an excellent traffic organization, and the large increases in the company's earnings are to a great extent attributed to his wonderful ability. His retirement from railway service is a distinct loss to the public as well as the railways. The best wishes of the officers and employes of the Texas & Pacific go with him and his business ability assures success in his new field of endeavor."

——W. S. S.——

Called to Washington.

John Marks, of Napoleonville, has been called to Washington as a special adviser to the commissioner of internal revenue. His appointment becomes effective March 1. He will be consulted on taxation matters which have especial bearing on the south. Mr. Marks' son, J. Lallande Marks, holds a position in the postoffice service of the national house of representatives.

——W. S. S.——

Not our "bit," but our "best."

JURY VENIRE.

State of Louisiana—Parish of Ascension—Twenty-Seventh Judicial District Court.

IN accordance with Act No. 186 of the general assembly of the state of Louisiana, approved July 13, 1898, and amended by Act No. 58 of the acts of the general assembly of Louisiana, approved June 29, 1904, the jury commissioners in and for the parish of Ascension, La., met at the office of the clerk of court of said parish and state on Thursday, February 7, 1918, and then and there proceeded to draw a grand and petit juries to serve according to law at the session of court beginning Monday, February 25, 1918, in the following manner, viz:

GRAND JURORS.

Name	Ward
A. R. Dugas	1
Jas. L. Dodds	1
Emile Dugas	2
Wallace D. Landry	2
Henry Judice	3
Santiago Truxillo	4
V. L. Duffel	4
Henry Goette	4
A. J. Schroeder	4
U. L. Rodriguez	5
E. A. Lawless	5
Louis Rome	6
Clarence Boote	6
A. C. Menuet	8
Adam Braud, Jr.	9
Preston Ambeau	9
John H. Dyer	9
J. Linden LeBlanc	10
W. I. Smiley	10
J. A. Evans	10

Petit jury drawn for the second week of the session, beginning Monday, March 4, 1918:

Name	Ward
Leo Morgan	9
Joseph J. Hickson	4
Paul Babin	9
S. H. Rheams	10
Willie Sanchez	2
Ellis Babin	10
H. M. Cooper	10
Oscar Arceneaux	9
Sabin Denoux	3
R. D. Rheams	10
Emile Keller	9
Clarence Gautreau	9
A. P. Gautreau	9
Mederic LeBlanc	3
Alfred Ganel	4
Robert Bradford	2
William Oubre	6
J. F. Arceneaux	9
Joseph Blouin	9
Norbert Young	9
L. V. Achord	10
Henry Nickens	10
Leon Clouatre	3
Thomas Q. Chapman	2
Thomas Blair	10
C. C. Fickling	10
Frank K. Sims	4
W. W. Hodgeson	6
Louis Rome	2
Wright Babin	10

I hereby certify the above and foregoing to be a true and correct list of the grand and petit juries drawn to serve at the February session, 1918, of the twenty-seventh judicial district court for the parish of Ascension, beginning Monday, February 25, 1918.

In faith whereof, witness my hand and seal of office at Donaldsonville, La., this 7th day of February, 1918. J. S. BARMAN, Clerk of Court.

THE FARMER'S GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY.

Nowhere in the wide world has anyone profited more from the war than the American farmer. Prices of cotton, rice, sugar, grain, live stock; in fact, of everything the farmer has to sell are higher than he ever dreamed of—and the end is not yet.

Unlike the farmers of France, of Italy, of Russia, and of other countries in the war, the American farmer can go about his work, sowing in the spring and feeling secure that his fields will not be overrun by the enemy before harvest; reaping in the firm knowledge that his stored grain will not be seized by a ruthless invader.

'Tis true the farmer has his troubles. Help is hard to get, and the cost of production goes up month by month. What the farmer has to buy also advances continually in price, but the farmer, unlike the city dweller, can, if he desires, purchase very little and still get along. His living is right on his farm. What he purchases elsewhere is largely in the line of luxuries. He can sell now, while prices are high, and buy later, if he wishes, after prices go down.

In fact it would be wisdom if he would follow this plan. Cut down on the purchases of luxuries and save for the next period of depression. That is just what the United States is asking him to do in connection with the war savings campaign. The world needs food—all that can be produced. The government needs money—all that can be had. Let the farmer produce the food and supply a hungry world, and put his money—part, at least, from every load of produce he sells—into government war savings stamps.

The security is the best in the world; the interest rate is good; the war savings stamps cannot decline in value. The men, women and children who own them are insured against adversity.

——W. S. S.——

AN IMPIOUS BRAGGART.

In a bombastic speech to the second German army on the western front just before Christmas, Kaiser Wilhelm declared, "If the enemy does not want peace, then we must bring peace to the world with our iron fist and shining sword." "Despite three years of war and suffering, our old offensive spirit is still effective. This is shown by our recent great victories in Flanders and at Cambrai, where the British first felt the crushing power of our offensive blow."

In extravagant terms he praised the tactics, strategy and valor of his troops, characterizing the defense they opposed "against the attempt of the British to advance toward Brousels" as "the most gigantic feat in history," and to cap the climax of this preposterous exaggeration he proclaimed that "The year 1917 has proved that the German people have the Lord of Creation above as an unconditional and avowed ally upon whom they can absolutely rely. Without Him all would have been vain."

The spectacle of Kaiser Wilhelm, the very personification of ruthlessness, cruelty and barbarism in warfare, assuming to enlist the Supreme Deity of the universe on the side of the merciless Huns in the pending struggle between the forces of democracy and autocracy, is indeed one to make devils smile and angels weep. If such a union of diametrically opposite attributes could possibly be effected, all scriptural tenets of mercy and justice would be contravened and the teachings of the gentle, lowly and loving Christ set at naught.

——W. S. S.——

AN IMPORTANT MATTER.

A meeting of the joint organization of the Atchafalaya and Lafourche basin levee boards will be held at the office of the latter body in this city Thursday of next week, the 21st inst., at 11 a. m. It has been suggested that a delegation of local citizens appear before the boards to urge the immediate dredging of Bayou Lafourche between the railroad and traffic bridges, as was contemplated some months ago, but deferred (presumably for a few weeks) at the request of the railroad officials. This is a most important matter, and should by all means be brought to the attention of the levee boards at the coming meeting. It is hoped a large and representative delegation of citizens will be present on that occasion to emphasize the necessity for prompt action in the premises.

——W. S. S.——

An exchange complains that popular talk takes account of "our soldiers" but rarely of "our sailors," when in fact the soldiers would find it impossible to get to the battle front were it not for the sailors. The marines complain similarly of being pushed in the background by the sailors in public estimation. The truth is that the words "our soldiers" are used as a generic term for the country's defenders. In the hearts of all, every defender, however employed, is one of our soldiers.—St Francisville True Democrat.

——W. S. S.——

A most appropriate selection was made in the person of Col. T. Sambola Jones of Baton Rouge to fill the post of chairman and manager of the speakers' bureau of the Louisiana State Council of Defense. Col. Jones is himself one of the most eloquent and earnest speakers in the state, and under the inspiration of his patriotism and enthusiasm the work of the speakers' bureau will no doubt yield the best possible results.

——W. S. S.——

Among prominent citizens of New Orleans who have recently been called by death from the spheres of their earthly activities was Edward A. Williams, for many years secretary of the city's board of public school directors. He has been succeeded by Prof. Nicholas Bauer, assistant superintendent of the schools, who will continue to perform the duties of this position in addition to those of the secretaryship.

——W. S. S.——

An admonition from the United States food administration urges the conservation of laying hens during the next ninety days, the period of largest egg production.

——W. S. S.——

Monday and Wednesday are wheatless days, Tuesday and Friday meatless, and Saturday porkless.

——W. S. S.——

Ask yourself this question every night: What have I done today to help win the war?

OFFICERS FOR 1918 FAIR.

President Murrell Re-elected, and R. S. Vickers Named Manager.

The first meeting of the new board of directors of the South Louisiana Fair Association was held Sunday at the Hotel Donaldson, with the following members present: E. Sundbery, G. W. Dodge, C. W. Harper, Assumption parish; L. E. Murrell, J. W. Supple, Iberville parish; W. B. Stuart, Charles Pitman, R. E. Noel, D. D. Dalferes, J. O. Montegut, Walter Lemann, Alex. Bloomenstiel, Ascension parish.

The board at once proceeded to elect officers for this year, as follows: Lewis E. Murrell, president; E. Sundbery, vice president; Alex. Bloomenstiel, treasurer; R. S. Vickers, secretary-manager.

Plans for the 1918 fair were discussed, and among other important measures adopted for insuring the success of the big show in October and bringing out good exhibits of agricultural products, and live stock, was a resolution to enlist without delay the active co-operation of every parish farm agent and home emergency demonstrator in each of the eleven parishes composing the South Louisiana Fair Association. To this end it was also decided to publish the catalog earlier than in former years and have it in the hands of exhibitors at latest by July 1.

October 3, 4, 5 and 6, the dates allotted to the South Louisiana Fair for this year by the state-wide conference of fair secretaries held in Baton Rouge on the 8th inst., were approved and accepted by unanimous vote of the board.

President Murrell was authorized to negotiate with the Lemann Company for the purchase of additional land, with especial reference to the tract that lies between the fair grounds and the railroad, for the treble purpose of facilitating the unloading of cattle and other exhibits, and of providing another entrance for automobiles as well as more space for parking. Furthermore, it is the intention of the association to construct a new grand-stand on that side of the race track and convert the present structure into an appropriate building for the display of agricultural products, as soon as its means permit.

The board delegated full authority to the following executive committee to take active control of the holding of this year's fair:- G. W. Dodge, Edward J. Gay, W. B. Stuart, Walter Lemann, J. W. Suppie, R. E. Noel, Charles Pitman, Walter Godchaux, J. T. Guyton, L. E. Murrell, Alex. Bloomenstiel, E. Sundbery, and R. S. Vickers.

——W. S. S.——

Methodist Church Notes.

A valentine party was given at the Methodist parsonage Thursday night under the auspices of the Young People's Club, and a most delightful evening was spent. Mrs. Kirchberg and Mrs. Henderson had planned well and there was not a dull moment. A number of guests from Plattenville, including Mrs. Frank Baker, Mrs. G. W. Edmonston, the Misses Edmonston, and Luke Campo, were present.

Refreshments of fruit punch and home-made cake were served, and all went away hoping for many more such pleasant affairs. The attendance upon these entertainments increases with each one, and is filling a need in the lives of the young people.

The little folk enjoyed a valentine party at the home of Mrs. W. F. Henderson Friday afternoon. A number of games were played and valentines were distributed. Refreshments were served and altogether they had a jolly good time.

Sunday school tomorrow at 10 o'clock. Preaching at 11 by the pastor. This will be a special service for the children. All are invited to spend a profitable hour with us. Subject: "A Red-Headed Boy Who Made Good."

Older folk are welcome at all the children's services.

W. F. HENDERSON, JR., Pastor.

——W. S. S.——

Patriotic Meeting Next Tuesday Night

Hon. Murphy J. Foster, collector of customs at the port of New Orleans, and Hon. L. E. Thomas, chairman of the Board of State Affairs, both of whom are members of the recently created speakers' bureau of the State Council of Defense, will address a patriotic meeting of citizens to be held in Donaldsonville Tuesday night, the 19th inst., at 8 o'clock, under the auspices of the Ascension Parish Council of Defense. The speakers will tell of the activities and purposes of the defense council and allied organizations, and will outline some of the methods by which every citizen can co-operate in the extensive war-work now being carried on. The meeting will be held in the courthouse, and it is hoped there will be a large attendance of citizens, as important matters which concern every loyal American will be discussed.

——W. S. S.——

Numerous Offers for Shamrock Places

Rumors persisted throughout the week that the Evan Hall plantation and factory and the Belle Alliance plantation and factory of the Shamrock Land and Planting Co., (the Hibernia Bank), had been sold. Inquiry of Vice President Hecht of that bank elicited the information that most of the reported negotiating had been one-sided and that it was rather a case of many buyers than any anxiety at all on the part of the present owners to sell the places. The Wilberts, of Plaquemine, were said to be most prominent amongst the many who are daily endeavoring to purchase the plantations, which are two of the finest in the state. Up to Thursday (Feb. 7) there was no report of any sale of them having been consummated. Buyers for sugar properties already established are numerous in Louisiana now.—Louisiana Planter.

LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE.

The Chief is not responsible for views expressed by correspondents.

More About Second District Gravel.

Burnside, La., Feb. 14, 1918.

Editor Chief:

I reluctantly ask for more space in your valuable paper to continue the gravel controversy between Mr. Newman and myself. I am charged with not knowing anything about gravel. Granted. On the other hand, I say that Mr. Newman is an artist when it comes to the spreading of gravel where it will do the most good for instance, connecting "two stores." The building of a gravel road between Hope Villa and the St. James line will not connect any other "two stores."

Regarding Mr. Newman's statement that the contractor began work at Geismar without consulting the police jury or its head, the president, I cannot believe this, because all contracts sent from the State Highway Department contain a clause which says that the police jury shall designate the starting point of construction. Possibly Mr. Newman did not read the contract that he signed for the parish with the contractor. I would like to have Mr. Newman state whether I am right or wrong concerning this paragraph.

Since we are now engaged in a discussion of this matter, I want Mr. Newman to answer a few questions for me and the taxpayers of this parish.

How many cubic yards of gravel were delivered on the river bank during the low water and how long did this amount of gravel stay on the banks of the river before being removed to the road side? If Mr. Newman cannot or does not care to answer this question, I will.

How much did the parish spend for moving this gravel from the river side to the road side, so as to save the gravel from being lost by high water?

The moving of the gravel at Burnside to the road side will be completed today. I am pleased to report that only a small percentage will be lost.

"All's well that ends well."

HENRY C. BRAUD.

A Card of Thanks.

Donaldsonville, La., Feb. 15, 1918.

Editor Chief:

Permit me through the medium of your valued columns to express my gratification at the strong and unequivocal position taken by Mr. Reuss and Mr. Lemann on the question of increasing teachers' salaries and the closely related subject of increased taxation.

It is true that the position taken by these gentlemen is only in line with their previous records; but nevertheless, this public expression of their views will carry great weight, and merits the appreciative thanks not only of those most directly concerned—the school teachers—but of every intelligent and patriotic citizen of the parish. My only regret is that more such men have not taken advantage of the opportunity given by this discussion to express themselves in like manner.

Very respectfully,
SCHOOL TEACHER.

——W. S. S.——

Skilled Workmen Enlisting in Public Service.

In response to the call of the nation for skilled artisans and mechanics, several young men of this vicinity have enlisted and filled out registration cards with Chairman of the Parish Council of Defense Walter Lemann. Those whose names have been forwarded to Washington for service are as follows: Ulysses P. Acosta and Camille Esneault, power engineers and pipe fitters; Loble Lanoux, rivet heater; Emile Rodrigue, painter. All men desiring to help their government by applying for membership in the U. S. Public Service Reserve and in the U. S. Shipyard Volunteers can obtain registration cards at the office of Mr. Lemann. Here is the opportunity for trained men to secure good jobs and at the same time help win the war.

——W. S. S.——

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Those who object to liquid medicines can procure Peruna Tablets.

Lands Another Big Contract.

Joseph T. Cafiero, local contractor and rigger, returned Thursday morning from a business trip to Eagle Lake, Texas, and gave out the interesting announcement that he has been awarded a contract to dismantle the Lakeside sugar factory near that place and pack the equipment and buildings for shipment to Jamaica, where the plant will be re-erected. The property is housed in seven steel structures, all of which will be taken down and transported to the new site. The mechanical equipment of the factory includes a six-roller mill and crusher, ten-foot triple effect, two ten-foot vacuum pans, eight crystallizers, and other modern appurtenances and paraphernalia for the manufacture of sugar. It is estimated that six or seven months will be required to complete the taking down of the big plant. Mr. Cafiero's nephew, Leopold Cafiero, will have charge of the job, and expects to begin work at once.

——W. S. S.——

Johnston--Landry.

Miss Marie Celine Landry, the attractive daughter of Mrs. J. Sam. Landry, and William Gladstone Johnston, a well-known young citizen of Rayne, were married at the presbytery of the local Catholic church Monday afternoon at 12:30 o'clock, in the presence of a small assemblage of relatives and immediate friends, Rev. C. M. Chambon officiating. The charming bride is an erstwhile Ascension girl, member of a family long prominent in the fourth ward of the parish, and has an extensive coterie of friends here who feel a cordial interest in her happiness and take pleasure in extending warmest felicitations and good wishes to her and the fortunate man of her choice. The young couple will make their home in Rayne, where the bride and her mother have been residing for some time past with Mrs. Landry's younger son, J. Wilfred Landry.

AMENDMENT TO CHARTER
— of —
THE FASHION COMPANY, INC.

Donaldsonville, La., Jan. 24, 1918.

The following is a true and correct copy of the proceedings of a meeting of the stockholders of the Fashion Company, Incorporated, held on the 24th day of January, 1918, at Donaldsonville, La., in pursuance and compliance with the resolution adopted at a meeting of the board of directors of said corporation on the 24th day of December, 1917, and notice of which was given by posting for 30 days in the rooms of the corporation at its domicile in Donaldsonville, La., and as required by the charter of said corporation.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Arnaud Bloch, president of the board of directors of the said corporation; Mr. M. Himmler, secretary of the said corporation, being present and at its post.

The following stockholders were present or represented by proxy, each owning in his name the number of shares opposite his name: Arnaud Bloch, thirty shares; Marcel Himmler, twenty-five shares; Leon Bloch, ten shares; a majority of the stockholders, representing a majority of the shares of the corporation, being present in person or by proxy.

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Arnaud Bloch, and was duly seconded and adopted by a majority of the votes of all the shares present in order to conform with the notice given as aforesaid for the amendment of Article IV. of the charter of said corporation:

Be it resolved, that Article IV. of the charter of this corporation shall be amended so as to read as follows:

The capital stock of this corporation shall be hereby fixed at sixty thousand dollars ($60,000), divided into six hundred shares of the par value of one hundred dollars ($100) each, which said stock shall be issued only for cash or in payment of property or services actually received by or rendered to said corporation.

Of said stock appearers have this day subscribed for the amount of shares representing the increase of said stock of said corporation. This corporation shall continue its business as heretofore, as the stock has been subscribed.

All parties declare that they hereby subscribe for the increase of stock for the number of shares opposite their names.

The initial stockholders of this corporation still continue owners of shares subscribed hereto, and the new stockholders have also subscribed.

I further certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted as aforesaid and that the same is a true and correct copy of the same taken from the minute book of said corporation.

MARCEL HIMMLER,
Secretary.

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

Be it known that on this 7th day of the month of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eighteen, before me, J. Fernand Fernandez, a notary public, duly commissioned, sworn and qualified in and for the parish and state aforenamed, and in the presence of the witnesses hereinafter named and undersigned, personally came and appeared Messrs. Arnaud Bloch, acting in his capacity as president, and Marcel Himmler, acting in his capacity as secretary of the Fashion Company, Incorporated, as per act of incorporation passed before Sidney Marchand, a notary public duly commissioned and qualified in and for the parish of Ascension, on the 27th day of June, 1916, and recorded in Book of Charters No. 1 at folio 2, et seq. of the recorder of the parish of Ascension.

Said appearers herein and hereunto authorized and empowered by virtue of a resolution of the board of directors of said company, adopted on the 24th day of the month of January, 1918, a duly certified copy of which is hereto attached and made a part and portion hereof; which said appearers, acting as aforesaid, severally declare in pursuance to said resolution Article IV. of said corporation shall be altered and amended to read as below:

A general meeting of said corporation was held and convened after 30 days' notice as mentioned in said resolution, and Article IV. was proposed to be altered and amended, and a majority being in favor of said article, it was then amended to read as follows:

"The capital stock of this corporation shall be hereby fixed at sixty thousand dollars ($60,000), divided into six hundred shares of the par value of one hundred dollars ($100) each, which said stock shall be issued only for cash or in payment of property or services actually received by or rendered to said corporation. Of said stock appearers have this day subscribed for the amount of shares representing the increase of said stock of said corporation.

This corporation shall continue its business as heretofore, as the stock has been subscribed.

All parties declare that they hereby subscribe for the increase of stock for the number of shares opposite their names.

The initial stockholders of this corporation still continue owners of shares subscribed hereto, and the new stockholders have also subscribed.

Thus done and passed at the parish of Ascension, in Donaldsonville, La., on this 7th day of February, 1918, in the presence of Messrs. L. Casso and Jos. B. Heriard, two good and competent witnesses, after due reading of the whole.

Original signed:
ARNAUD BLOCH,
MARCEL HIMMLER.

Attest:
L. CASSO.
JOS. B. HERIARD.
(L. S.) J. FD. DERNANDEZ,
Notary Public.

State of Louisiana, Parish of Ascension—I do hereby certify the above and foregoing to be duly recorded in Book of Charters No. 1, folio 19.

In faith whereof, witness my hand and seal of office, at Donaldsonville, La., this 8th day of February, 1918. A. J. BABIN,
Dy. Clerk and Recorder.

A true copy of the original on file.
A. J. BABIN, Dy. Clerk and Recorder.

CHARTER
— of —
PALO ALTO COMPANY, INC.

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

BE IT KNOWN that on this 30th day of the month of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eighteen (1918), and of the independence of the United States of America the one hundred and forty-second (142nd), before me, Walter Lemann, a notary public, duly commissioned and qualified in and for the parish of Ascension, 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 laws of this state relative to the organization of corporations, they have covenanted and agreed, and do by these presents covenant, agree, bind, form and constitute themselves, as well as such persons as may hereafter join or become associated with them, into a corporation and body politic in law, for the objects and purposes and under the agreements and stipulations following, to-wit:

ARTICLE I.

The name and title of this corporation shall be PALO ALTO COMPANY, INC., and under its corporate name it shall enjoy succession for the full term and period of ninety-nine (99) years from and after the date hereof, and shall have power and authority to contract, sue and be sued; to accept and receive mortgages, pledges or other hypothecations; to make and use a corporate seal and the same to break and alter at pleasure; to purchase, receive, lease, hold, or otherwise acquire and convey, as well as mortgage and hypothecate under its corporate name, property both real and personal and mixed; to borrow money and make and issue bonds and other evidences of debt, and to secure the same by mortgage and otherwise; to hold stock in other corporations; to acquire, hold and reissue shares of its capital stock; to join or consolidate with and enter into agreements and co-operative relations not in contravention of law, with any person or persons, firms, associations or corporations, governmental, municipal or otherwise, in and about the carrying on and accomplishment of all or any of the purposes of the company; to carry out all of the objects and purposes hereinafter set out; to name and appoint such managers and directors, officers and agents, as the interest and convenience of said corporation may require; and to make and establish, as well as alter and amend at pleasure, such by-laws, rules and regulations for the management and regulation of the affairs of the corporation as may be necessary, proper or convenient.

ARTICLE II.

The domicile of this corporation shall be in the parish of Ascension, state of Louisiana, and all citations or other legal process shall be served upon any of the officers of the corporation.

ARTICLE III.

The objects and purposes for which this corporation is organized, and the nature of the business to be carried on by it, are hereby declared to be: To engage in all sorts of agricultural operations; to hold, own, purchase, sell, lease, develop and cultivate lands and to produce thereon crops of all sorts; to operate sugar houses, rice mills, cotton gins, and any other factories useful or convenient in connection with agricultural operations; to drain, irrigate, reclaim and colonize, develop and improve lands; to buy, sell, deal in, mortgage and rent real estate of all sorts, improved and unimproved, rural and urban; to raise, market and deal in live stock; to build, lease and operate tramroads, bridges, canals and telephone and telegraph lines, lighting plants, waterways and other means of transportation necessary or convenient in prosecuting the business of the company; to erect buildings and other structures, and to operate, lease or otherwise handle them and deal therein; to construct and operate commissaries, boarding houses, hotels, warehouses and general stores; to deal in merchandise of all sorts, both at wholesale and retail; to operate dairies; to make advances for the cultivation of lands; to develop, produce, market and deal in minerals; to acquire and hold, sell, encumber or dispose of stocks and bonds of other companies, to the extent permitted by law; to hold stock in other companies; to exchange its entire capital stock, or any part thereof, for property which it is authorized to acquire, or to exchange its entire assets and business, or any part thereof, for property, stocks, bonds or other obligations of other companies; to deal in agricultural commodities of all kinds; and generally, to do all such acts or things as may be necessary, proper or convenient for the accomplishment of any of the foregoing objects and purposes.

ARTICLE IV.

The capital stock of this corporation is hereby fixed at the sum of three hundred thousand ($300,000) dollars, divided into three hundred (300) shares of the par value of one hundred ($100) dollars per share. The amount of stock may be increased to five hundred thousand ($500,000) dollars. The whole or any portion of said stock may be issued and delivered to any person, firm or corporation for the acquisition of the rights, privileges or property owned or controlled by such person, firm or corporation, for the fair value thereof as appraised by the board of directors; and the board of directors hereinafter created is specially authorized to issue and dispose of the stock for any and all purposes as in its judgment may seem fair and proper.

ARTICLE V.

All the powers of this corporation shall be vested in and exercised by a board composed of not less than three (3) nor more than seven (7) directors. The precise number of directors within said limit shall be fixed by the vote of the stockholders at the annual meeting, or at a special meeting called for that purpose. Said board of directors shall be elected annually by ballot, at a stockholders' meeting called for that purpose on the second Monday in February of each year, (or the next legal day, if that be a holiday), after due notice given to the stockholders by mail, at least fifteen days before the date of said meeting. Each holder of stock shall be entitled to one vote for each share of stock standing in his name on the books of the company, said vote to be cast in person or by proxy, and the majority of the votes cast shall elect. The board of directors shall have the power to fill all vacancies which may occur or in any manner arise or be created on the board, even though no quorum remain at the time such vacancies are to be filled. Failure to elect directors on the day above specified shall not dissolve the corporation, but the directors then in office shall remain in office until their successors are elected and qualify. The board shall elect from their number a president, a vice president and a secretary; provided, that the same may dispense with any of said offices and or may combine any of them, and or may elect such other officers (who need not be members of the board or stockholders), as they think proper or convenient for the carrying on of the company's business, and they shall fix the salaries of all officers, agents and employees. At any meeting of the board of directors any director absent from the meeting may be represented by any other director, who may cast the vote of the absent director according to the written instructions, either general or special, of said absent director. The board of directors shall have authority to make and establish, as well as alter and amend, all by-laws, rules and regulations necessary and proper for the support and management of the business and affairs of the corporation and not inconsistent with this charter; and they shall have power to authorize the borrowing of money and the issuance of notes and the execution of mortgages and pledges, and generally to do all things necessary or convenient for the proper carrying on of the business of the corporation.

Until the general meeting of stockholders for election of directors to be held on the second Monday of February, 1919, or until their duly qualified successors are elected and installed, the board of directors shall be composed of: Ferdinand B. Lemann, post-office address, Donaldsonville, La.; Monte M. Lemann, postoffice address, 1104 Hibernia Building, New Orleans, La.; Arthur A. Lemann, postoffice address, Donaldsonville, La.; Lazard Kahn, postoffice address, Hamilton, Ohio; and Robert H. Polack, postoffice address, 840 Union Street, New Orleans, La.

Of these, Ferdinand B. Lemann shall be president, Lazard Kahn vice president, and Monte M. Lemann secretary.

ARTICLE VI.

This act of incorporation may be changed, modified or amended, or the corporation dissolved, by a vote of two-thirds of the entire capital stock present or represented at a general meeting of the stockholders convened for such purpose, after previous notice shall have been given in the manner above required to be given of the annual meeting of the corporation.

ARTICLE VII.

If this corporation shall be dissolved, either by limitation or from any other cause, its affairs shall be liquidated by three commissioners to be appointed at the meeting of stockholders convened for the purpose of liquidation, and to be elected by the vote of all the stockholders voting upon a parity. Said liquidators shall remain in office until the affairs of the corporation shall have been fully settled and liquidated, and they shall have full power and authority to transfer and give title to all the property and assets of the corporation and to distribute the proceeds. In case of death, disability or resignation of one or more liquidators, the vacancy shall be filled by the survivor or survivors.

ARTICLE VIII.

No stockholder shall ever be held liable or responsible for the contracts or faults of said corporation in any further sum than the unpaid balance due on the shares of stock owned by him, nor shall any mere informality in organization have the effect of rendering this charter null or of exposing any stockholder to any liability beyond the amount due on his stock.

In order that this charter may serve as the original subscription list, the subscribers hereto have indicated opposite their respective signatures the number of shares of stock subscribed for by each of them.

There is annexed hereto, to be read in connection herewith, an accurate, detailed and itemized description, giving amount, location, extent, character and state of improvement, together with a statement of values as appraised by the directors, of certain property to be conveyed to the corporation in satisfaction of certain subscriptions to its capital stock.

Thus done and passed at my office at Donaldsonville, Louisiana, on the day, month and year herein first above written, in the presence of J. E. Blum and Myer Lemann, competent witnesses, who have hereunto subscribed their names together with me, notary, and the said appearers, after due reading of the whole.

(Original signed.)
(NAMES OF SUBSCRIBERS OMITTED).

Witnesses:
J. E. BLUM.
MYER LEMANN.
(L.S.) WALTER LEMANN,
Notary Public.

State of Louisiana, Parish of Ascension—I do hereby certify the above and foregoing to be duly recorded in Book of Charters No. 1, folio ———.

In faith whereof, witness my hand and seal of office at Donaldsonville, La., this 31st day of January, 1918.

(Signed) J. S. BARMAN,
(L.S.) Clerk and Recorder.

I certify the above and foregoing to be a true and correct copy of the original on file in my office, names of subscribers being omitted.

J. S. BARMAN,
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