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## To my Friends.

Rumors have been recently circulated of my candidacy for sheriff of this parish. I desire to thank my friends most sincerely for the confidence they manifest in that respect, and beg to assure them of my high appreciation in that regard; but my private affairs forbid that I consent to obey the request of my friends to enter a political contest at this time.

SEVERIN LEBLANC.

Abbeville, December, 16, 1899.

Apparently a great many Representatives are conniving to get back into the House on their record in keeping Roberts out.

So far as our observation has extended, it appears to us that the turkey jokes this year were of the warmed-over variety.

Cecil Rhodes, who is cooped up in Kimberly, is depending on an old fashioned balloon to make his escape in case the siege is successful.

The alert Congressman will once more resume his wonted vocation of soliciting seeds for distribution among his thrifty and admiring constituents.

The immaculate indignation of some of the Republicans of the House over the Roberts case, has the appearance of the pot calling the kettle black.

The Congressional Record is an interesting publication, but it is not up-to-date. A photographic plant should be annexed in order the poses of Roberts may be illustrated.

Martin Julian, the former manager of Fitzsimmons, after having experienced a "fall out" with the pugilist, is talking through his poutices and sticking plaster in an effort to create the impression that he administered a licking to Bob.

The South and the West are all right on the question of expansion, but they do not like McKinley's blundering conduct of the war, and the voters of these two sections may be depended upon to express their dissatisfaction in the most practical manner next year.

For the first time in many years two brothers, from different States, are members of the same House. They are Representative Clayton, of Alabama, and Representative Clayton, of New York, nephews of ex-Senator Pugh, and both democrats of tried true brand.

It is said that the President's message contained 30,000 words. We will believe the statement, as it is too much trouble to count them. But if there is anything in which McKinley excels it is in words. He has what a bright editorial writer once described as a fluency of words and a paucity of ideas.

Chauncey M. Depew consumed a half-page of double column leaded matter in the New York World to let the public know his feelings upon being sworn in as a member of the Senate. Chauncey should restrain his feelings; they may overcome him in time, and then, too, there are many deserving young men in Washington, who, can do it just as well as Depew and they need the compensating collateral.

## A "Home" Institution.

To-day the Acme Saving Association of Abbeville makes its bow to the public, and solicits a share of patronage. This is entirely a "Home" institution, for and by home folks. Theodore Laporte is its President, J. G. Leblanc Vice-President, and W. W. Edwards Secretary-Treasurer. All its capital will be raised here and all its earnings will be retained here in Vermilion Parish—not sent off to some other town to enrich others. The object of the Acme is to gather up the odds and ends of idle capital, to be found scattered over the parish, and set it to work in carrying on home industries, and creating wealth. It thereby increases the banking capital of the parish and promotes business enterprises. It proposes to furnish safe, and profitable investment for those who have dollars to spare, and to furnish low rates of interest, and long time for payment, to those who borrow. It aims specially to encourage small savings, by having a DEPOSIT and SAVING BANK DEPARTMENT, where deposits can be made at any time, and interest be received on deposits as made.

It will enable those who are industrious and earn money, if economical, to purchase homes for themselves and PAY FOR THEM, when they could not possibly do so on any other plan. While the plan of the Acme is not at all new or untried, it is new to our citizens and differs in several material respects from former institutions of similar character. The promoters of this enterprise hope to secure the patronage and support of the public and those who have even a few dollars to spare will join with them in an effort to build up the industries of the town of Abbeville and the entire parish as well.

## Bryan Truly Great.

No public man since the day of Henry Clay has ever possessed the great personal magnetism of William J. Bryan. Not even Blaine, who was so long the popular ideal of the Republican masses, approached the heights of popularity to which Bryan has ascended, and seems destined to remain. One remarkable attribute of the man is his good hard common sense and lack of vanity. In a recent interview he says:

"The republicans would like to cover me with the glory of personally winning the fight in Nebraska. They would, if possible, lead the people to believe that there were no issues in this election, and that I was so personally magnetic as to lead the people to the polls with nothing more than myself as an incentive. The truth of the matter is the people of Nebraska have awakened. They realize that it is time that a change was being made in the administration of the affairs of the government, and they propose to throw off the yoke of a single money standard, a militarism and to check the avarice and greed that has almost become the objective of that party. And not only in Nebraska is this the case, but I find from both personal investigation and from those who are in a position to know that the people in many sections of other States heretofore strongly republican have made up their minds to join the free silver forces next year."

Secretary Hay's son goes to Pretoria as Consul, at one of the most critical periods in the relation between this country and the South African Dutch Republic. Inasmuch as the young man is twenty-four years of age, he may have been expected to have acquired a large amount of diplomatic experience which will stand him well in hand in his new job. Being a son of his father, however, he may be expected to dodge all the rough places and hang on to the soft snaps.

Notwithstanding that the official oath was not administered to Roberts, it will not prevent him from uttering a few private oburgations.

The Administration with characteristic cowardice hopes that Aguinaldo will escape from the Philippines as his capture would embarrass the President. So much for the principle involved in the Philippine struggle, of which the Administration leaders have prated so extensively. If Aguinaldo will leave the island for McKinley and Otis to dominate, it is all those worthies desire.

## To the Public.

Until further notice the office of the Acme Saving Association will be at the office of Edwards & Green, on State Street, Abbeville. The public are also respectfully informed that the stock book of the Acme, is now open at said office for subscriptions to stock, in said corporation, and they are invited to take stock therein; and thereby promote both their own interests, as well as the interest of the parish. Three kinds of stock are offered to the public: 1st—Full paid stock; 2nd—Series stock; 3d—Deposit, or Savings Bank stock. For full particulars enquire of the undersigned at the office of the Acme.

W. W. EDWARDS,  
Secretary of the Acme Saving Association.

## Sheriff's Sale.

STATE OF LOUISIANA—Parish of Vermilion—17th Judicial District Court—No. 1289.

Laura Bodin et als

vs.

J. A. Gibson.

BY virtue of a writ of fieri facias issued by the Hon. 17th Judicial District Court in and for the parish of Vermilion, in the matters of the above entitled and numbered suit, fully authorizing me to seize and sell, I will proceed to sell at public auction, to the last and highest bidder, at the principal front door of the courthouse in this parish, on

Saturday, January 20, 1900, between the hours prescribed by law, the following described property seized to satisfy said writ, to wit:

One certain tract of land lying and being situated in the parish of Vermilion, containing one hundred and twenty four arpents, more or less, measuring four arpents front, more or less, by thirty-one arpents deep, more or less, together with all and singular the buildings and improvements thereon situated and appertaining thereto being the Schexnaider tract in the Marin Mouton grant, and bounded north by Chas. Bandoin tract hereinafter described, east by Cleophas Vincent, south by Primeaux tract, west by Amilda Gibson, wife of Zack Griffin, being the same property acquired by said J. A. Gibson from John Lemaire and Joseph Lemaire by act of sale executed before Leo Perret, notary public.

An undivided one-eighth interest in and to that certain tract of land lying and being situated in said parish being the Chas Bandoin tract in the Marin Mouton grant measuring four arpents front by forty arpents deep, being bounded north by Mrs. Beloni Bandoin, east by—south by the tract described above under item thereof, west by public road.

Terms—Cash.  
Abbeville, La., December 16, 1899.  
J. O. HERBERT, Sheriff.

## CHARTER

—OF—

## THE BANK OF VERMILION.

STATE OF LOUISIANA, }  
PARISH OF VERMILION. }

Be it known, that on this the 27th day of November, Anno Domini, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Ninety-nine, before me L. L. BOURGES, a Notary Public, duly commissioned and qualified as such, in and for the parish and state above written, and in presence of the witnesses hereinafter named and undersigned,

Personally came and appeared, the parties whose names are hereunto subscribed, who declared that availing themselves of the provisions of the laws of the State of Louisiana, relative to the organization of corporations for the purpose of Banking, they have covenanted and contracted, and do by these present covenant, agree and bind themselves, as well as all persons who may hereafter become associated with them to form and constitute a body politic in law, for the purposes and under the agreements and stipulations following, to-wit:

### ARTICLE I.

The name and title of this corporation shall be THE BANK OF VERMILION. Its domicile and place of doing a Banking business shall be in the Town of Abbeville, Vermilion Parish, La., and the objects and purposes of said corporation shall be to carry on a general Banking business in all its branches and departments as provided by law.

### ARTICLE II.

It shall have power to discount bills, notes and other evidences of debt, to receive deposits, to buy and sell gold and silver bullion, foreign coins and

bills of exchange, to lend money on real and personal security, and to exercise all incidental powers necessary to carry on the business for which it is organized. To have and enjoy succession in its corporate name; to contract, to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, appear, answer and prosecute in any and all courts of justice and elsewhere, to hold, receive, purchase and convey, by and under its corporate name, such property, real and personal, as may be indispensable to the objects of the corporation, 1st, Such as may be necessary for the proper transaction of its business; 2nd, Such as shall have been mortgaged to it in good faith as security for loans; 3rd, Such as shall be conveyed to it in satisfaction, for debts previously contracted, bona fide in the course of its business; 4th, Such as it may purchase at sale under judgment or mortgages held by it, or in which it may have an interest, by being subrogated to the rights, according to Article 2157 of the Civil Code; to make and use a corporate seal having as a device a circular disc on the margin of which is inscribed "THE BANK OF VERMILION, incorporated January 1, 1900" and in the center an American Eagle; to name and appoint such managers and directors to administer the affairs of the corporation as may be necessary and proper, and to fix the compensation of all persons in its employment, provided all the directors and managers shall be citizens of this State. To make and ordain such by-laws for the proper management of the affairs of the corporation as may be necessary and proper and in conformity with the provisions of law and these Articles of incorporation and such by-laws to repeal, alter and annul at pleasure.

### ARTICLE III.

It shall be a going corporation with a capital stock of Twenty-Five Thousand (\$25,000.00) Dollars, and shall be authorized to begin business as soon as Fifteen Thousand Dollars shall have been subscribed. Said capital stock shall be divided into Two Hundred and Fifty shares of One Hundred Dollars each; the appearers being the shareholders and their places of residence and the number of shares and amounts held by each of them respectively being set forth opposite the signature of each of them. All stock subscribed shall be paid up in full in lawful money of the United States within twelve months after the corporation shall have commenced business and upon call of the Board of Directors.

### ARTICLE IV.

The said corporation shall commence operation from the date, January 1, 1900 and shall exist for the period of ninety-nine years unless sooner dissolved.

### ARTICLE V.

All the corporate powers of this corporation shall be exercised by a board of directors composed of seven stockholders of the corporation, each holding in his own name, or in the name of a firm of which he may be a member, at least five shares of the stock of said corporation. They shall be elected annually at a general meeting of the stockholders convened for the purpose at the banking house of said corporation, on the first Monday of January of each year commencing in 1901. Previous notice of at least ten days shall be given of each election by publication in a newspaper published in the town of Abbeville, La., and also by written notice addressed to each stockholder. Said election shall be conducted by three stockholders not members of the board to be appointed by the board for that purpose, and at each election the persons receiving the highest number of votes cast shall be declared elected. In case of no election on the day fixed the president shall cause an election to be held thereafter as soon as possible on giving the above required notice. A failure to elect a board of directors shall not forfeit the charter but the directors in office shall remain until their successors shall have been elected and shall have taken their places. All elections shall be by ballot and each stockholder shall be entitled in person or by written proxy to cast one vote for each share of stock held by him, or her. The board of directors shall at their first meeting after their election elect from among their number a president, and a vice-president. Said board shall also select some suitable person to act as cashier, and also such other help or assistance as may be required for the safe and proper conduct of the affairs of the corporation and they shall fix the compensation of such persons or employees, and require bond and security as they may deem proper. They shall make and adopt by-laws, rules and regulations for the government of the corporation and the transaction of its affairs and business and alter the same at pleasure, provided that the same be not inconsistent with the laws of this state and of this charter.

### ARTICLE VI.

Whenever this corporation is dissolved its affairs shall be liquidated under the supervision of three commissioners to be elected from among the stockholders, at a general meeting convened for that purpose, after thirty days notice given by publication in one of the papers of Abbeville and written notice directed to each stockholder. Said commissioners to remain in office till the affairs of the corporation shall have been fully liquidated and wound up, and in case of death of any of said commissioners the survivors shall act alone. The compensation of said commissioners shall be fixed by the board

of directors on the day the call is made for their election.

## ARTICLE VII.

This corporation shall have the right of increasing its capital stock to an amount not to exceed fifty thousand dollars and of making to this act of incorporation any modification, alteration or additions that may be deemed necessary, and it may also be dissolved; provided the matter be submitted to a general meeting of the stockholders specially called and held after thirty days notice thereof given to each of the stockholders by publication and in writing as required by article six of this charter, and shall be approved by two-thirds of the amount of the capital stock, and shall be executed, recorded and published as required by law. In case of the increase of the capital stock the matter of increasing the number of associates shall be determined and provided for by the board of directors at the time of calling the general meeting of the stockholders required above.

## ARTICLE VIII.

The shares of this corporation shall be personal property, and shall be transferable upon the books of the same in such manner as the by-laws may direct, but no shareholder herein shall be liable for its debts and contracts to a greater amount than the unpaid balance due by the owner on said stock. Nor shall any mere informality in organization have the effect of rendering this charter null or exposing the stockholders to any further liability than said unpaid balance.

## ARTICLE IX.

The first election under this Charter shall be held at the Courthouse in Abbeville, La., under the supervision of three commissioners to be then selected by the stockholders on the first Monday of December 1899 at 10 o'clock a. m., to elect a board of directors to serve until their successors are elected on the first Monday of January 1901 and each stockholder hereby takes cognizance of the date and place fixed for said election.

J. P. Gueydan, Gueydan, La., per H. L. Gueydan, one share \$ 100.00  
Theodore Laporte, Abbeville, La., ten shares \$ 1000.00  
B. F. McCrary, Patterson, La., per E. M. Stebbins, two shares \$ 200.00  
E. M. Stebbins, Abbeville, La., two shares \$ 200.00  
W. P. Edwards, Abbeville, La., five shares \$ 500.00  
J. Nelson Greene, Abbeville, La., five shares \$ 500.00  
Jos. S. Ewell, Abbeville, La., five shares \$ 500.00  
P. A. Villermin, New Orleans, La., two shares \$ 200.00  
W. B. White, Abbeville, La., five shares \$ 500.00  
Severin Leblanc, Abbeville, La., ten shares \$ 1000.00  
Jos. G. Leblanc, Abbeville, La., twenty shares \$ 2000.00  
D. L. McPherson, Abbeville, La., ten shares \$ 1000.00  
F. B. Williams, Patterson, La., per D. L. McPherson, five shares \$ 500.00  
Joseph Birg, Baldwin, La., per D. L. McPherson, five shares \$ 500.00  
H. S. Palfrey, Franklin, La., per D. L. McPherson, five shares \$ 500.00  
J. Agenor Leblanc, Abbeville, La., one share \$ 100.00  
Joseph Molaison, New Orleans, La., per J. N. Greene, ten shares \$ 1000.00  
Ted Bauer, Abbeville, La., two shares \$ 200.00  
A. J. Godard, Abbeville, La., two shares \$ 200.00  
W. W. Edwards, Abbeville, La., three shares \$ 300.00  
Francois Rageur, Royville, La., five shares \$ 500.00  
Summer Caldwell, Abbeville, La., one share \$ 100.00  
M. R. Cushman, Milton, La., two shares \$ 200.00  
Simms & Watlen, Abbeville, La., ten shares \$ 1000.00  
J. S. Lann, Abbeville, La., one share \$ 100.00  
Horace Trahan, Abbeville, La., one share \$ 100.00  
A. J. Golden, Abbeville, La., five shares \$ 500.00  
John J. Bagley, Abbeville, La., per Martin Bagley, five shares \$ 500.00  
Mrs. Julia Shaffer, Houma, La., per D. L. McPherson, 20 shares \$ 2000.00  
N. P. Moss, Lafayette, La., per D. L. McPherson, one share \$ 100.00

Witnesses:— MARK THERIOT,  
R. J. BROUSSARD,  
WILLIE R. ELLIS.

Thus done and passed at my office in the town of Abbeville, La., this 27th day of November 1899 in the presence of Messrs. M. Theriot, R. J. Broussard and Willie R. Ellis, competent witnesses of lawful age and residents of the parish of Vermilion, who have signed with the parties and me notary after due reading of the whole.

L. L. BOURGES,  
Notary Public.

STATE OF LOUISIANA, }  
PARISH OF VERMILION. }

I hereby certify that I have examined the foregoing charter of The Bank of Vermilion and find therein nothing contrary to the laws of the United States or of the State of Louisiana, and I hereby approve the same.

MINOS T. GORDY,  
Dist. Atty. 17th Judicial District, La.

STATE OF LOUISIANA, }  
PARISH OF VERMILION. }

I hereby certify the above and foregoing to be a true and correct copy of the original act of record in my office Vol. of mortgages 10, Folio 20 et seq. Given under my hand and official seal this second day of December, 1899.

AUCIDE LEBLANC,  
Clerk and Recorder.