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AMENDMENT TO

THE CHARTER OF THE PLANTERS' COMPANY.

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

Be it known, that on this the 5th day of the month of May, in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and eleven, and of the independence of the United States of America, the one hundred and thirty-fifth, before me, Alexis Brian, a Notary Public, duly commissioned and qualified within and for the Parish of Orleans, State of Louisiana, and in the presence of the witnesses hereinafter named and undersigned, personally came and appeared, Mr. W. S. Penick, Jr., and Mr. C. S. Beard, both residents of the City of New Orleans, herein appearing and acting in their capacities as president and secretary respectively of the Planters' Company, a Louisiana corporation organized under the laws of the State of Louisiana, heretofore domiciled in the city of Shreveport, La., incorporated by act passed before Allen Rendall, Notary Public of the Parish of Caddo, on the nineteenth day of March, 1907, duly recorded in the Mortgage Office of the Parish of Caddo,

Who declared, that at a general meeting of the stockholders of said corporation held in the City of Shreveport, Louisiana, on the seventh day of January, 1911, said meeting having been called for the specific purpose hereinafter set forth, the following amendments of the charter of said corporation were adopted by unanimous vote of the owners of the outstanding stock of said company, to-wit:

Article II of the charter of said corporation was amended so as to read as follows:

"ARTICLE II.

The domicile of this corporation shall be in the City of New Orleans, La., and all citation and other legal process shall be served on the president, or in his absence, the same shall be served on the Vice-President."

Article IV of the charter of said corporation was amended so as to read as follows:

"ARTICLE IV.

"The capital stock of this corporation shall be five hundred thousand ($500,000.00) dollars, divided into and represented by five thousand (5,000) shares of the par value of one hundred ($100) dollars each. All stock is to be paid for at the time of subscription therefor.

"The company may begin operation as soon as one thousand two hundred and twenty (1,220) shares are subscribed for. Six hundred and ten (610) of said shares shall be classified as Series A and six hundred and ten (610) of said shares shall be classified as Series B, all of which will be represented by cash or property, rights and credits actually received by said corporation and no stock shall be issued until the consideration therefor has been received by the corporation.

"By a two-thirds (2-3) vote of the stockholders of this corporation the books may be opened for the subscription and issue of the remaining three thousand seven hundred and eighty (3,780) shares of stock or any portion thereof, but when so subscribed and issued half of the stock subscribed and issued shall be classified as Series A and the other half as Series B. When the books are opened for the subscription of the remaining three thousand seven hunderd and eighty (3,780) shares or any portion thereof the existing stockholders in Series A and Series B as shown by the books of the company, shall have the first privilege of subscribing for same in proportion to their respective holdings and in their respective Series.

"No transfer of stock shall affect this corporation unless the said transfer shall be made in the books of the said company at its office in the City of New Orleans, where said corporation shall be domiciled, and only on surrender of the certificate therefor."

Article V of the Charter of said corporation was amended so as to read as follows:

"ARTICLE V.

"The corporate powers of this corporation shall be vested in and represented by a Board of Directors composed of six stockholders. The following persons shall constitute the first Board of Directors: Messrs. W. S. Penick, Jr., Jas. P. Ford, N. T. Penick, C. S. Beard, M. S. Standifer, August Soniat, with W. S. Penick, Jr., as president, Jas. P. Ford as vice-president, and C. S. Beard secretary. The officers and directors shall hold their said offices until the first Tuesday in January, 1912, and until their successors shall have been duly elected and qualified. On the said first Tuesday in January, 1912, and every five years thereafter, a Board of Directors shall be elected unless said date shall be a legal holiday, and in that case the said election shall be held the day following said holiday, and notice of said election shall be given by ten days notice published in one of the newspapers published in the Parish of Orleans. The Board of Directors shall appoint one or more stockholders to preside at such election. Any failure from any cause to hold said meeting or to elect said board on the day named for that purpose shall not dissolve the corporation but the directors then in office shall hold over until their successors are chosen and qualified. After such election the Board of Directors shall elect from their number the officers, but the above named officers as president, vice-president and secretary shall remain in office as above stated until the first election fixed herein on the first Tuesday in January, 1912; and until their successors are elected and qualified. Any vacancies occurring among the officers of president, vice-president or secretary shall be filled by the Board of Directors; but any vacancy in the board shall first be filled before any vacancy among said officers shall be filled.

"In case any vacancy prior to the expiration of their term shall exist or occur among the first three directors named it shall be filled by a selection made by the owners of stock of Series A and in case of any vacancy among the last three directors named it shall be filled by a selection made by the owners of Series B.

"At every election and stockholders' meeting each stockholder shall be entitled to one vote for each share of stock represented on the books of the company in his name; votes may be cast in person or by proxy authorized in writing, but at each election of directors (by the stockholders), the next occurring the first Tuesday in January, 1912, and every fifth year thereafter as above provided, the holders of stock of Sries A shall elect and designate three directors and the holders of stock of Series B shall elect and designate three directors. After each election of directors as above provided, the next being the first Tuesday in January, 1912, and quintenially thereafter, the board shall elect from their number the officers, to-wit: President, vice-president and secretary. The president, in addition to his other duties, shall be general manager, and in his absence the vice-president, in addition to his other duties, shall be general manager. No by-laws of this corporation shall be amended or repealed except by a vote of the stockholders owning three-fourths (3-4) of the capital stock."

The foregoing amendments, and the authority of the appearers herein will more fully appear by reference to a duly certified copy of the minutes of said stockholders' meeting, which is hereto attached and made part hereof.

Said Penick and Beard in their respective capacities further declared, that they now, pursuant to the direction of said stockholders' meeting, request me, Notary, to receive said amendments in the form of this public act, in order that the same may be promulgated, published and recorded and thus become part of the original charter, with which request I, Notary, do hereby comply.

Thus done and passed, in my office, at the City of New Orleans, on the day and date herein first above written, in the presence of G. W. Schweitzer and E. L. Szabary, competent witnesses, who hereunto sign their names with said appearers and me, Notary, after due reading of the whole.

W. S. PENICK, JR., President.
C. S. BEARD, Secretary.
GEO. W. SCHWEITZER,
E. L. SZABARY.
ALEXIS BRIAN, Notary Public.

I, the undersigned Deputy Recorder of Mortgages, hereby certify that the foregoing act of amendment of the charter of the Planters' Company was this day duly recorded in my office in book 1018, folio —.
New Orleans, May 6, 1911.
(Signed) EMILE LEONARD,
Deputy Recorder of Mortgages.

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the original act of amendment of the charter of the Planters' Company, and of the certificate of the Deputy Recorder of Mortgages thereto attached, which is on file in my office.
New Orleans, May 6, 1911.
ALEXIS BRIAN, Notary Public.
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CHARTER

THE LOUISIANA COMPANY, LIMITED.

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

Be it known, that on this 20th day of April, in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and eleven, before me, Gustaf R. Westfeldt, Jr., a notary public, duly commissioned and qualified, in and for the parish of Orleans, and in the presence of the witnesses hereinafter named and undersigned, personally came and appeared the several persons whose names are hereunto subscribed, who severally declared that, availing themselves of the provisions of the laws of this state relative to the organization of corporations, they have contracted and agreed, and do by these present contract, agree and bind and obligate themselves, as well as all such other persons as may become associated with them, to form themselves into and constitute a corporation and body politic in law, for the objects and purposes and under the conditions and stipulations of the articles following, to-wit:

ARTICLE I.

The name and title of the said corporation shall be THE LOUISIANA COMPANY, LIMITED, and under its said corporate name it shall have power and authority and shall enjoy succession for the full term and period of ninety-nine years from and after the date hereof; to contract, sue and be sued, to make and use a corporate seal, and same to break and alter at pleasure; to purchase, receive, lease, hold and convey, as well as mortgage and hypothecate under its corporate name, property both real and personal; 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 proper management and regulation of the affairs of said corporation, as may be necessary and proper.

ARTICLE II.

The domicile of the said corporation shall be at New Orleans, parish of Orleans, state of Louisiana, and all citations or other legal process shall be served upon the president of said corporation, or in case of his absence, upon the vice-president, or in the absence of both of these officers, upon the secretary of the corporation.

ARTICLE III.

The objects and purposes for which this corporation is established and the nature of the business to be carried on by it are declared and specified to be to purchase, own, hold, sell, mortgage, lease, alienate, receive and otherwise acquire and dispose of real estate, oil and mineral land and oil and mineral rights and any other interest in lands, both in Louisiana and elsewhere. To buy, sell, own, lease or otherwise acquire, and to operate and maintain as principal or as agent in this state, or elsewhere, drilling outfits, machinery, appliances, apparatus and buildings of every description used or suitable for use in the extraction of oil or any other minerals from the earth, and for the housing, preservation, handling, refining and transportation of the same when so extracted, and particularly storage tanks and pipe lines, all solely for the uses of its own business and without power of eminent domain; to buy, sell or otherwise acquire and alienate, and to establish, export or import oil, minerals or mineral products of all kinds and in connection with said objects to lease, buy, sell, build, or otherwise to acquire, and to locate and maintain warehouses, sheds, storage tanks, tank cars, dwellings, storehouses and repair shops; to sell merchandise and carry on a general store and commissary, and to conduct hotels, boarding houses and lodging houses for its agents and employes, and generally to hold and exercise all such incidental powers and privileges not expressly excluded, as relate to the objects hereinbefore set forth.

ARTICLE IV.

The capital stock of the said corporation is hereby fixed at twenty thousand dollars ($20,000.00), divided into and represented by two thousand (2,000) shares of ten dollars ($10.00) each. The whole of the said stock or any part thereof may be issued and delivered to any person, firm or corporation for the acquirement of rights, privileges, franchises and property purchased and acquired by this corporation, also in payment, settlement and adjustment of the costs, fees, charges and expenses and commission incurred for services rendered in the formation and organization of this corporation, and in acquiring and bringing about the purchase of the property, rights and franchises aforesaid; also for cash or in installments of such amounts as the board of directors may determine; also for merchandise received or services actually rendered to this company. The board of directors as hereinafter created is especially authorized to dispose of the stock of this company in whole or in part, for any and all of the purposes above stated, as in its judgment may seem fair and proper. This company shall begin business as soon as three thousand dollars ($3,000) of its stock shall have been subscribed.

ARTICLE V.

All the powers of this corporation shall be vested in and exercised by the board of directors, composed of seven stockholders, any four of whom shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. The said board of directors shall be elected annually on the last Wednesday in January of each year. The first election to be held in the year 1912.

All elections shall be by ballot at the office of the corporation under the supervision of three commissioners to be appointed by the board of directors, and in the absence of any commissioner, the president shall have the power to fill the place by appointment, and of all such elections as well as meetings of sotckholders, except for the purpose of liquidation or dissolution, or as otherwise required by law, ten days' notice shall be given by mailing to each stockholder who appears as such upon the books of the company, at his last designated address or to the General Delivery at New Orleans, if he has not designated an address, an announcement stating the time and the place of the meeting. Each shareholder shall be entitled to one vote for each share of stock standing in his name on the books of the company, 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 that may occur on the board. Failure to elect directors in 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 qualified.

Due notice of another election shall forthwith be given, as above provided. Such notice of election shall be continued to be given until an election is held. The board of directors at the first meeting following an annual election shall elect from their number a president, a vice-president, a secretary and a treasurer, all of whom shall be stockholders, and such other officers as the board shall deem necessary. The board shall have the power in its discretion to unite two or more of the above or other offices and the same to confer upon one person, and shall have the power to fix the salaries of all officers and of such other officers as they deem necessary. The baord of directors shall have the power 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 this corporation, not inconsistent with its charter.

The said board shall also have full power and authority to borrow money through the president or some other duly authorized agent or agents; to execute mortgages and issue notes, bonds or other obligations in such a manner and on such terms as in their judgment may be advantageous, and generally to do all the things necessary for the proper carrying on of the business of the said corporation; as also to issue and deliver full paid shares of stocks and bonds or other obligations of the said corporation in payment of the money borrowed or money, labor, services, property or rights actually received by the said corporation, as heretofore set forth. 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 said absent director, according to the written instructions of the said absent director. The board of directors shall have the power, by a vote of not less than four directors, to sell, lease, mortgage (by bond mortgage or otherwise), or to pledge any or all of the property, movable and immovable belonging to the corporation, or to receive in exchange therefor, money or stocks or bonds or other obligations of another corporation without referring to the shareholders for the power to do so. And they may also purchase for stock in this company or for cash or on credit, property of any kind required for any of the purposes of the corporation, without authority of the shareholders.

Until the next meeting to be held under this charter, or until their duly qualified successors are elected and installed, the board of directors shall be composed of: George H. Smith, H. B. Hearn, E. P. Tatum, E. Miller, W. Brewer, A. J. Chapman and J. E. Schenck, with Geo. H. Smith as president, H. B. Hearn as vice-president, W. Brewer as secretary and E. Miller as treasurer.

ARTICLE VI.

Whenever this corporation shall be dissolved, either by limitation or from any other cause, its affairs shall be liquidated by three stockholders to be appointed at a general meeting of the stockholders convened for the purpose of liquidation, as hereinafter provided, each share being entitled to one vote to be cast by the holder either in person or by proxy. Said commissioners shall remain in office until the affairs of said corporation shall have been fully settled and liquidated, and they shall have full power and authority to transfer and give title to all the assets and property of the corporation and to distribute the proceeds. In case of death or disability or resignation of one or more commissioners, the vacancy shall be filled by the surviving commissioner or commissioners.

ARTICLE VII.

This act of incorporation may be modified, changed, or altered or the said corporation may be dissolved with the assent of three-fourths of the capital stock represented at any general meeting of stockholders convened for such purpose, after previous notice shall have been given in one or more daily newspapers published in the parish of Orleans, state of Louisiana, once a week during the thirty days next preceding such meeting and upon the date of such meeting, and by notice mailed at least forty days prior to such meetin, to eaca stockholder who appears as such on the books of the company, to the post office address designated by him, and in case of failure to designate an address to the General Delivery at New Orleans.

Any change which may be proposed or made with reference to the capital stock of said corporation shall be made in accordance with the laws of the state of Louisiana on the subject of altering the amount of capital stock of corporations, and it may be increased or diminished upon a compliance therewith, upon the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the stock of the corporation. No stockholder shall ever be held liable or responsible for the contracts or faults of this 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 and void or of exposing any stockholder to any liability beyond the amount due on his stock.

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

Thus done and passed, in my office in the city of New Orleans, in the presence of J. Blanc Monroe and John Dalmen, Jr., competent witnesses, of lawful age, who have signed their names with the said appearers and me, notary, on the day and date aforesaid, after reading the whole.

(Original signed): J. B. Bannon, 45 shares; A. J. Chapman, 45 shares; E. A. Kelley, 45 shares; A. W. Wenham, 45 shares; Udolpho Wolfe, 45 shares; J. E. Schenk, 45 shares; Geo. W. Smith, 45 shares; R. J. Anderson, 45 shares; Ernest Miller, 45 shares; W. T. Brewer, 45 shares.
(Witnesses): J. Blanc Monroe, John Dalmen, Jr.

GUSTAF R. WESTFELDT, JR.,
Notary Public.

I, the undersigned, recorder of mortgages in and for the parish of Orleans, state of Louisiana, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing act of incorporation of The Louisiana Company, Limited, was this day duly recorded in my office, in book 1018, folio 538.

New Orleans, April 20th, 1911.
(Original signed) EMILE LEONARD,
(Seal) D. R.
A true copy:
GUSTAF R. WESTFELDT, JR.,
Notary Public.
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CHARTER

OF "JOSEPH P. SIMONE COMPANY, LIMITED."

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

Be it known, that on this thirtieth day of the month of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eleven, and of the independence of the United States of America the one hundred and thirty-fifth, before me, Clifford M. Eustis, a notary public, duly commissioned and sworn, in and for this city and Parish of Orleans, 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, all above the age of majority and residents of this city, parish and state, who severally declared that availing themselves of the provisions of the laws of this state relative to the organization of corporations in general, and especially of the provisions of Act 78 of 1904, of the General Assembly of Louisiana, they have covenanted and agreed and by these presents do covenant and agree, bind, form and constitute themselves as well as such persons as may hereafter join or become associated with them, in 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 "Joseph P. Simone Company, Limited," and its domicile shall be in the City of New Orleans, Parish of Orleans, State of Louisiana. Under this corporate name the said corporation shall have power and authority to exist and to enjoy succession for the full term of ninety-nine years from the date hereof, unless sooner dissolved; to contract, sue and be sued; to make and use a corporate seal; to break and alter the same at pleasure, to have, hold, purchase, own, receive, lease, sell, convey, mortgage and hypothecate or pledge property, real, personal and mixed; to borrow money and to lend any portion of its income proceeding from its capital stock or otherwise and to give and receive securities therefor; to make advances on real and personal securities; to elect and appoint such officers, directors, managers, agents and employees as the interests and convenience of the corporation may require; to make and establish such by-laws, rules and regulations for the proper management of the affairs of the corporation as may be necessary and proper, and the same to change, alter, amend or abrogate at pleasure; and generally to do and perform all acts, matters and things as may be incidental to the corporation or requisites and necessary to carry out the objects and purposes of the same.

ARTICLE II.

All citation and legal process shall be served on the president of said corporation, or, in case of his absence or disability, on the vice president, and in the absence or disability of both the president and vice president, upon the secretary-treasurer of the said corporation.

ARTICLE III.

The objects and purposes for which this corporation is organized and the business to be conducted by it are hereby declared to be as follows:

To establish and conduct a general shipping and packing business to deal in produce, vegetables, garden seeds and general merchandise; to buy, sell, exchange, barter or trade in any wares or material incidental thereto; to acquire by lease, purchase, or otherwise any equipment, consisting of movable or immovable property, necessary for the conduct of said business, and generally to invest the funds of this company in such manner as may be found desirable or necessary.

ARTICLE IV.

The capital stock of this corporation is hereby fixed at the sum of ten thousand dollars ($10,000.00), to be divided into and represented by one hundred (100) shares of the par value of one hundred dollars ($100.00) each. The capital stock may be increased or diminished in compliance with the laws of the State of Louisiana. All stock shall be paid for in cash, as called for by the Board of Directors, or may be issued as full paid stock in payment or exchange for property or rights actually received or purchased by the corporation, and in payment of services rendered, and all stock shall be full paid and non-assessable.

No shares shall be transferred except on the books of the corporation, or until the certificates evidencing the share or shares of stock to be transferred shall have been delivered to the corporation and duly cancelled, and the corporation shall have the right to refuse to make such transfer upon its books as long as the owner of the stock is indebted in any way to the corporation.

No stockholder shall have the right to dispose of his stock or to sell same until he has first made a written offer of the same to the corporation through its Board of Directors, and said board shall have the power for thirty days from the date of the receipt of such offer to purchase such share or shares for the benefit of the corporation at their book value, as shown by the inventory last made.

The Board of Directors shall have the right to call in and purchase at their book value, as shown by the inventory last made, such share or shares of stock as may be inherited from any of the stockholders who may die. All retired stock may be reissued by said Board of Directors, at not less than their book value.

There shall be printed or engraved across each certificate of stock the following: "These shares are issued and shall be held subject to the charter and by-laws of this corporation." This corporation shall begin business as soon as three thousand dollars ($3,000.00) of the capital stock is subscribed for.

ARTICLE V.

All of the corporate powers of this corporation, and the management and control of its business shall be invested in and exercised by a Boarfd of Directors to be composed of three members, any two of whom shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of all business, and their decisions shall be valid, corporate acts. The following persons shall constitute the first Board of Directors, viz.: John Mailhes, Joseph P. Simone, Salvadore Pellegrinni.

Each Board of Directors shall elect from among their number its own officers, as follows: A president, a vice president and a secretary, who shall also be treasurer.

The Board of Directors shall have the power to determine the manner and the causes for which vacancies may be declared on said board.

No person shall be eligible as a member of the Board of Directors unless a stockholder of this corporation.

Said Board of Directors shall continue in office until the first Wednesday in April, 1912, on which day, and annually thereafter a Board of Directors shall be elected by ballot for the term of one year. Such election shall be held under such rules and regulations as may be provided by the Board of Directors. Any failure from any cause whatever to elect a Board of Directors on the day named shall not dissolve the corporation, but the Board of Directors then in office shall hold over until their successors are chosen. At every election and meeting of the stockholders, each stockholder shall be entitled to one vote only, regardless of the number of shares registered in his name, and may vote in person only, and not by proxy. Any vacancy occurring on said board shall be filled by the remaining directors by the appointment of some qualified stockholder who shall serve until his successor is elected at the annual election. The Board of Directors shall have the right to appoint or discharge such clerks, agents, managers, and other employees as may be deemed necessary or expedient, and to make, change and amend all by-laws, rules and regulations for the proper conduct and management of the affairs, business and concerns of said corporation, not in conflict with this charter or the laws of this state; provided that the president may suspend any employees in his discretion, pending the action of the Board of Directors.

All warrants, checks, drafts, notes or other obligations of this corporation shall be signed by the secretary-treasurer.

Any officer or director may be removed by a majority vote of the stockholders.

When all the directors consent thereto, the notices otherwise required for holding meetings may be dispensed with.

ARTICLE VI.

Meetings may be called at the pleasure of the president or upon written request of a majority of the stockholders.

All meetings of the stockholders, whether general or special, shall be held only after ten days' written notice to each stockholder.

ARTICLE VII.

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

ARTICLE VIII.

This act of incorporation may be amended, altered or modified, or said corporation may be dissolved by a vote of three-fourths of the stockholders present at a general meeting of the stockholders convened for that purpose.

ARTICLE IX.

Whenever this corporation is dissolved, either by limitation or otherwise, its affairs shall be liquidated under the supervision of three liquidators to be appointed from amongst the stockholders at a general meeting of the stockholders convened after due notice, as required by Article VI of this charter.

Thus done and passed, in my office, at New Orleans, aforesaid, in the presence of Philip Shields and Edmund S. Ogden, domiciled in this city, who sign these presents, together with the parties and me, notary, the day and date first aforesaid.

Original signed: John Mailhes, J. P. Simone, Salvadore Pellegrinni.

Witnesses: Edmund S. Ogden, P. F. Shields.

C. M. EUSTIS, Not. Pub.

I, the undersigned Recorder of Mortgages, in and for the Parish of Orleans, State of Louisiana, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing act of incorporation of the "Joseph P. Simone Company, Limited," was this day duly recorded in my office in book 1018, folio 501.

New Orleans, La., April 11, 1911.
(Signed) EMILE LEONARD, D. R.

I hereby certify the above and foregoing to be a true and correct copy of the act of incorporation of the "Joseph P. Simone Company, Limited," with the exception of the number of shares subscribed for by the incorporators, on file and of record in my office.

C. M. EUSTIS, Not. Pub.
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CHARTER

OF THE SOUTHERN RICE SALES COMPANY.

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

Be it known, that on this 18th day of the month of April, in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and eleven, and of the independence of the United States of America, the one hundred and thirty-fifth, before me, W. Morgan Gurley, a Notary Public, duly commissioned and qualified in and for the Parish of Orleans, State of Louisiana, and in the presence of the witnesses hereinafter named and undersigned, personally came and appeared the persons whose names are hereunto subscribed, who declared that, availing themselves of the laws of this state relative to the organization of corporations, and the provisions of the constitution of this said state, have covenanted and agreed, and do, by these presents, covenant and agree, obligate and bind themselves, as well as such persons as may hereafter become associated with them, to form and constitute a body politic in law, under the following articles which they adopt as their charter, to-wit:

ARTICLE I.

The name of this corporation shall be the SOUTHERN RICE SALES COMPANY, with its domicile in the City of New Orleans, State of Louisiana, and it shall enjoy succession for a period of ninety-nine (99) years from the date hereof. It shall have and exercise, for the purpose of its business, all the powers conferred by law on similar corporations, and it shall be authorized to do and perform any act and thing, and to conduct any business not specially prohibited by law to corporations.

It shall have power and authority to receive, buy, own, hold, purchase, alienate, lease, rent, convey, mortgage, hypothecate, pledge, or otherwise encumber or dispose of property, real, personal and mixed, to issue bonds, certificates and notes or other evidences of indebtedness; to borrow money, to name and appoint its managers and employees, and fix their compensation, and discharge them at pleasure.

It shall have the power to elect officers, directors and agents; to establish such by-laws, rules and regulations as may be necessary and proper for the conduct and management of its business, and the same to alter and amend or abolish, at pleasure.

It shall have the right to increase or diminish its capital stock, with no other formality than is hereinafter provided for.

It shall have the power and authority to contract, sue and be sued in its corporate name and generally to do and perform all such acts as may be necessary and proper to execute and carry out the purposes of this corporation. It shall have power and authority to enter into and operate any kind of commercial business, wholesale or retail, on commission or otherwise; to operate any kind of factory, plant or other enterprise, and to establish such agencies as it may choose for the conduct of its business here or elsewhere. It shall also have the right to act as the agent or proxy for any individuals or corporations.

ARTICLE II.

All citation and other legal process shall be served on the president of this corporation and in the event of his absence or inability to act, then upon the vice-president, at the domicile of this corporation.

ARTICLE III.

The purpose for which this corporation is organized and the purposes of the business to be carried on by it are hereby declared to be:

To do a general business in rice, and all of its by-products; to buy and sell at wholesale or retail, on commission or otherwise; to do a general commercial business in any product of any kind; to operate factories, plants or other mills of any kind in connection with its said business, both here and elsewhere, and generally to do whatever may be incidental to a general mercantile or commission business.

ARTICLE IV.

The capital stock of this corporation is hereby declared to be: One Hundred Thousand Dollars ($100,000.00), divided into one thousand shares (1000) of one hundred dollars ($100.00) each, which said stock shall be paid for in cash or its equivalent, whether paid directly or indirectly, in such amounts and on such terms and conditions and in such manner as the Board of Directors may determine, or it may be issued full paid or non-assessable for property actually purchased, or labor actually performed or rendered to this corporation.

This corporation shall be authorized to commence business as soon as twenty-five thousand dollars ($25,000.00) of its stock shall be subscribed for.

ARTICLE V.

All the corporate powers of this corporation shall be vested in and exercised by a Board of Directors of not less than three (3) and not more than seven (7) directors, who must be stockholders and who shall be elected annually on the second Monday in April of each year, by the stockholders, commencing on the second Monday in April, 1912, at which time the officers of this corporation shall also be elected by the board from among their number or as soon thereafter as possible and the directors and officers shall hold their respective offices until their successors are duly elected and qualified.

The said officers are declared to be a president, a vice-president and a treasurer.

They shall also elect a secretary, who may or may not be a member of the board or a stockholder, at the discretion of the board, and the offices of secretary and treasurer may be filled by one and the same person as the board may determine.

The first Board of Directors is hereby declared to be: Mr. Gordon S. Orme, Mr. Julius R. Ross and Mr. James L. Pitot, with the said Gordon S. Orme as president, the said James L. Pitot as vice-president and the said Julius R. Ross as secretary-treasurer.

Which said Board of Directors and officers shall retain their respective offices until the second Monday in April, 1912, or until their successors are duly elected and qualified. Any vacancies occurring in the Board of Directors before the expiration of their term shall be filled by the stockholders, after ten (10) full days' notice shall have been sent to each stockholder by mail to his last known address. Two (2) members of said board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of all business.

Said Board of Directors shall have the power to make such by-laws, rules and regulations as it deems proper, and to alter, amend, break and revoke same at pleasure.

No director shall be allowed to sell his stock without first offering the same to the Board of Directors of this corporation, at its then book-value, and the said offer must be made to the board in writing and if same is not taken advantage of within thirty days, the said stockholders shall have the right to sell his stock to whom they please.

Any director shall have the right to be represented by written proxy given to any stockholder to represent him at any directors meeting, and any director may waive any or all notices of meetings by written notice to the secretary and each member of the board, as also the stockholders shall leave their last address with the secretary of this corporation and their failing to do so shall be construed as a waiver of all notices.

All notices of stockholders meetings unless herein otherwise provided for shall be by ten (10) days written notice in the manner herein provided.

This corporation shall retain first lien on any stock of any stockholder for any indebtedness due this corporation by him, and all transfers of stock shall be made subject to this clause.

All employees of this corporation shall be considered as employed by the month unless otherwise contracted with in writing.

ARTICLE VI.

The failure to hold an election, or to elect either directors or officers of this corporation on the day fixed, shall not for this charter or affect this corporation in any way, but the then existing Board of officers, or both, shall retain their respective offices until a meeting can be held until such board or officers are elected.

ARTICLE VII.

This charter may be amended, altered, modified, or the capital stock increased or diminished, or the corporation dissolved by a vote of three-fourths of the stock issued at any meeting called for that purpose, after forty (40) days written notice thereof shall have been sent by the secretary to each stockholder at his last known address.

At the dissolution of this corporation either by limitation or otherwise, its affairs shall be liquidated by the then Board of Directors or such of them as may remain in office, who shall be vested with full power to liquidate and wind up affairs.

No stockholder shall ever be held liable for the contracts or faults of this corporation, nor shall any mere informality in the organization hereof have the effect of rendering this charter null or of exposing any stockholder to any liability thereunder.

Thus done and passed in my office at the City of New Orleans, on the day, month and year herein first above written, in the presence of Pierre A. Lelong, Jr., and Lawrence M. Janin, competent witnesses, who hereunto sign their names with the appearers and me, notary, after due reading of the whole.

(Original signed):
GORDON S. ORME,
JULIUS R. ROSS,
JAMES L. PITOT.
Witnesses:
P. A. LELONG, JR.
LAWRENCE M. JANIN.
W. MORGAN GURLEY, Not. Pub.

I, the undersigned Recorder of Mortgages in and for the Parish of Orleans, State of Louisiana, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing act of incorporation of the "Southern Rice Sales Company" was this day duly recorded in my office, in book 1018, folio 535. New Orleans, La., April 20, 1911.
(Signed) EMILE LEONARD, D. R.

I certify the above and foregoing to be a true and correct copy of the act of incorporation of the "Southern Rice Sales Company," together with the certificate of the Recorder of Mortgages thereto annexed, on file and of record in my notarial office in the City of New Orleans.
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