A Robbery

By EDUARD L. PARDIE

"Mr. Murdock," said the president of the Second National bank of East Berwick, "$30,000 in currency are necessary to make us good at the People's Savings bank of Attruria. I wish you to take it to them by train. My opinion is that the safest way to carry it is in an ordinary suit case. Its bulk doesn't show as in the pocket, and if you proceed as any ordinary traveler would, not appearing watchful of your baggage, though watching it every instant, you should get it through safely."

"I have a great regard for your opinions, Mr. Cleverly, and if I am not guided by them I shall at least endeavor to use them to my advantage."

Mr. Murdock took the bills, varying from $100 to $1,000 in denomination, and left the bank for his home, where he made a package of them in brown paper and, throwing some clothes in his suit case, called a carriage and left for the station. He had noticed a man standing on the street corner as he left the bank in a checkerboard suit and his beard cut goatee style. The person had not noticed him, but he had noticed the person. Murdock had little fear of any one knowing that he carried a large amount of money unless he discovered the fact of it before he left the bank. Many robberies occur from some rogue seeing a man draw money. The latter is followed and when a convenient opportunity occurs is robbed. Murdock remembered the man in the checkerboard suit, and when he saw him at the station buying a ticket became profoundly interested in him. His seeing the fellow when he left the bank lounging on a street corner and soon after as a traveler might be a coincidence, but he didn't believe it was. At any rate the gentleman would need watching.

When the bank messenger boarded the train he sat waiting for the man with the goatee. He was not disappointed. A few minutes before the train left he sauntered into the car, tossed a satchel on to a seat, sat down, pulled a newspaper out of his pocket and seemingly became deeply interested in the news. Murdock glanced up at him as he passed to his seat and made up his mind that before his journey's end he would hear from him.

At the first stop a man with a red necktie got into the same car with Murdock and, taking a seat by himself, pulled his hat down over his eyes and apparently went to sleep. Something told Murdock that this man was bent on the same errand as the other. What was that something? The same faculty that enables us to discriminate between faces, to recognize one we have not seen in thirty years with his back turned to us. Besides, Murdock's faculties were concentrated on the subject of being robbed. Convinced that one man was aboard the train with that intent, his faculties were acute in detecting others. He reasoned that the robbery would likely be committed by several rather than one, and he was ready to pick out those involved.

Murdock began to fidget in his seat. He turned and looked about him, and a suspicious glance at the last comer escaped him. He took his suit case on his knees, opened it and felt of a brown paper parcel. Then he put the satchel down again. The man with the red necktie yawned, stretched himself and caught the eye of the one with the goatee. Murdock's back was toward them at the time, and he did not see this glance between them. Presently he got up, went to the water cooler and took a drink. While doing so he left his suit case on his seat, but kept his eye on his baggage. The man in the checkerboard suit stole a glance at the man with the red necktie.

Then Murdock took up the suit case again, opened it and took out a cigar, setting the case down beside him as carefully as though it contained glass, first on the outside of the seat, then, as if that position were not safe enough to suit him, he moved it to the inside. The man with the goatee and the one with the red necktie looked at each other with two pairs of cunning eyes, and a look of satisfaction appeared in the faces of both.

When the trainman called "Waterford!" the two observant men sat up in their seats. The next station was West Waterford, half a mile distant. There was a look of intensity in both the men, as if they were about to do something. When West Waterford was called they fidgeted in their seats. As the train moved off after the stop the man with the goatee dashed by Murdock, snatched his suit case and, followed by the red necktie man, jumped off the train, and both men, climbing into an automobile, were whisked away more rapidly than the railway cars.

"Stop thief!" yelled Murdock.

Too late! The fugitives were gone and the suit case with them. Great excitement prevailed among the passengers, but Murdock, coolly drawing a cigar from his vest pocket, proceeded to light it. Then the others, thinking no great loss had been sustained, relapsed into the humdrum of travel.

When Murdock returned to his bank the president asked if the money had been delivered. Murdock told him that it had.

"Did you carry it in the suit case, as I told you to do?"

"No; I carried it in my pocket. I foiled two robbers with the suit case."

A Surprised Justice.

In a New England town a local celebrity was brought up before the justice for stealing chickens. The prisoner was noted for never telling the truth when he could help it and consequently there was general surprise when he pleaded guilty. It evidently staggered the justice. He rubbed his glasses and then scratched his head. "I guess—I'm afraid— Well, Hiram," said he, after a thoughtful pause, "I guess I'll have to have more evidence before I sentence you."

CHARTER

OF THE WESTSIDE IMPROVEMENT COMPANY.

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

Be it known, that on this nineteenth day of the month of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and twelve (1912), and of the independence of the United States of America the one hundred and thirty-sixth, before me, Arthur B. Leopold, a notary public in and for the parish of Orleans, state of Louisiana, duly commissioned and qualified, and in the presence of the witnesses hereinafter named and undersigned, personally came and appeared the following persons, whose names are hereunto subscribed, together with the amounts of their respective subscriptions to the capital stock of the corporation to be formed, who severally declared, that availing themselves of the provisions of the general laws of the state of Louisiana relative to the organization of corporations, they have contracted and agreed and do by these presents covenant and agree and bind and obligate themselves, as well as such other persons as may hereafter become associated with them or their successors, to form and constitute a corporation and body politic in law for the objects and purposes and under agreements and stipulations following, to-wit:

ARTICLE I.

The name of this corporation shall be WESTSIDE IMPROVEMENT COMPANY, and under its corporate name it shall exist and have succession for a period of ninety-nine years from date hereof, and it shall have and exercise for the purposes of its business all the powers, rights and privileges conferred by law on similar corporations and it shall be and is further authorized and empowered to do and perform any act or thing and conduct any and all business usually connected with and pertaining to the affairs and business set forth in Article III of this charter and which is not specially prohibited by law.

It shall have power and authority to hold, own, receive, purchase and lawfully acquire by deeds of conveyance, contract, lease, rental or in any other lawful manner the title and ownership to all property, real personal and mixed, which it may deem useful and expedient to hold, use and employ for or in connection with the exercise and use of its corporate rights, powers and purposes, and likewise with full power and authority to alienate, dispose of, lease, rent, sell, convey, mortgage, hypothecate, pledge or otherwise encumber, its property, real, presonal or mixed or any part thereof.

It shall have power to borrow money, and to issue notes, bonds, and other evidences of indebtedness from time to time, and to secure the payment of the same or any part thereof, by pledge or hypothecation of property, or by mortgage, or other evidences of lien placed upon its property, franchise, real, personal and mixed or any part thereof.

It shall have power to elect officers and directors, to name and appoint its managers, agents and other employes, and to fix their compensation, and to discharge the same at will; to establish and adopt such by-laws, rules and regulations as may be deemed expedient and proper for the conduct and management of its property and business, and the same to alter, amend and abolish at pleasure; to make and use a common or corporate seal, and the same to break and alter at pleasure, and generally to do and perform all acts and things requisite and necessary to carry out the objects and purposes of this corporation.

ARTICLE II.

The domicile of this corporation shall be in the city of New Orleans, state of Louisiana, and all citations and other legal process shall be served on the president, and in his absence on the vice-president, and in the absence of both of said officers on the secretary of this corporation.

ARTICLE III.

The objects and purposes for which this corporation is formed and organized and the nature of the business to be carried on by it are declared to be: To acquire, reclaim, improve and cultivate landed property; also to acquire by purchase or lease, operate, sell and otherwise dispose of any and every species of property, real and personal, necessary or convenient to be so acquired and used in order to more effectually carry out the main design of the organization of the company.

ARTICLE IV.

The capital stock of this corporation is hereby fixed at the sum of one hundred thousand dollars ($100,000.00), divided into and represented by ten thousand (10,000) shares of the par value of ten ($10.00) dollars each, to be paid for in money, or for labor done or services rendered, or such stock as may be issued or delivered for lands and other property to be taken, accepted and received by the corporation for its corporate purpose sat such valuation and upon such terms for said stock as the board of directors may determine and direct from time to time to be expedient. The capital stock of the corporation may be increased or reduced by proceedings taken in the manner prescribed by law.

The stock of this corporation may be issued for money, for labor done, or services rendered, or for lands or other property, which may be thus paid for or exchanged and made over to the company. The valuation of any and all lands, rights, contracts, labor or services or property, movable, immovable and mixed, corporeal or incorporeal, accepted and received by the corporation for its corporate purposes in payment, exchange or otherwise, for any of the stock and shares of this corporation and fixed by the board of directors upon such terms and conditions for the issuance of such stock shall be conclusive evidence of such valuation ;and any and all persons, partnerships, associations, corporations or creditors dealing with this corporation are concluded thereby, and any and all persons, partnerships, associations, cqporations or creditors dealing with this corporation hereby waive any right or cause of action against the original or subsequent owner or owners of such stock and shares issued to it, him, her or them in payment or exchange for labor done or services rendered, or for such lands, rights, credits, contracts and property valued by the board of directors as aforesaid; and each, every, any and all contracts, contract or undertaking made by or entered into with this corporation shall be subject to this provision of this charter.

All of said stock shall be full-paid and non-assessable when issued and delivered and transfers thereof shall not be binding on the company unless recorded in its books, and shall be further subject to such rules, regulations and conditions as the board of directors may prescribe.

This corporation shall begin its business as soon as three thousand dollars ($3,000.00) of its stock shall have been subscribed.

ARTICLE V.

The corporate powers of this corporation, including the power to make and amend its by-laws and the management and control of its affairs shall be vested in and exercised by a board of directors, composed of not less than three or not more than seven persons, who shall be the holder of at least one share of the capital stock of this company, a majority of whom, represented either in person or by proxy, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of all business.

Any director in his absence from any meeting of the board of directors shall have the power to appoint in writing any other director or stockholder as his proxy, with full power to act in his stead at such meeting.

The directors shall be elected annually by ballot by the holders of the stock on the first Tuesday in April of each year. Each holder of stock shall be allowed to vote in person or by written proxy, one vote for each share of stock owned by him, and all elections shall be held under such rules and regulations as may be adopted by the board of directors. The directors thus elected shall continue in office for one year and until their successors shall have been duly elected and qualified. Any failure to elect officers or directors shall not be regarded as a forfeiture of the charter. Any vacancy occuring on said board of directors shall be filled by the remaining directors for the unexpired term.

The following persons shall be and constitute the first board of directors: Otto T. Maier, C. E. A. Carr and E. Howard McCaleb, a majority of whom shall constitute a quorum, with Otto T. Maier as president, C. E. A. Carr, vice-president and E. Howard McCaleb, secretary, who shall be the officers of the corporation and shall serve until the regular meeting on the first Tuesday in April, 1913, or until their successors have been elected and qualified.

ARTICLE VI.

Liability of the stockholders of this corporation for the contracts or faults of said corporation is limited to any unpaid balance that may be due by them respectively on their suubscriptions. No mere informality in this act of incorporation shall render this charter void or expose stockholders to liability beyond the amount of their unpaid subscriptions.

ARTICLE VII.

This charter may be amended or this corporation may be dissolved with the assent of the stockholders holding a majority of the outstanding stock at a generral meeting convened for that purpose and at least ten days notice shall have been given to the stockholders through the mail addressed to their respective places of business.

In case of dissolution by the expiration of this charter or otherwise, the affairs of this corporation shall be liquitdated by three stockholders to be elected at the meeting ordering such liquidation.

This charter shall serve as the original subscription list, the undersigned being the original subscribers to the capital stock of this corporation in the amount and for the number of shares opposite their respective names and signatures.

Thus done and passed in my office at New Orleans, Louisiana, on the day and date hereinbefore written and in the presence of L. P. Bryant and Louis P. Bryant, competent witnesses who hereunto sign their names with the said appearers and me, notary, after due reading of the whole.

(Original signed)

E. Howard McCaleb, and others.

Witnesses: L. P. Bryant, Jr.

Louis P Bryant.

ARTHUR B. LEOPOLD,
Notary Public.

I, the undersigned recorder of mortages, in and for the parish of Orleans, State of Louisiana, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing act of incorporation of the WESTSIDE IMPROVEMENT COMPANY, was this day duly recorded in my office in book 1055, folio —.

New Orleans, April 23rd, 1912.

EMILE LEONARD,
Deputy Recorder.

A true copy of the original of record and on file in my notarial archives.

ARTHUR B. LEOPOLD,
Notary Public.

May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, June 6, 1912.

AMENDMENT TO CHARTER CHARTER

OF J. H. MENGE & SONS, LTD.

STATE OF LOUISIANA, PARISH AND CITY OF NEW ORLEANS.

Be it known, that on this thirteenth day of May, in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and twelve, and of the independence of the United States of America, the one hundred and thirty-sixth, before me, Andrew Hero, Jr,. a notary public, in and for the Parish of Orleans, State of Louisiana, duly commissioned and qualified, and in the presence of the witnesses hereinafter named and undersigned, personally came and appeared Messrs. Bernard H. Menge, Joseph A. Menge and John H. Menge, Jr., all of this city, who declared that at a meeting of the stockholders of the corporation styled J. H. Menge & Sons, Limited, held at its office in the City of New Orleans, on the eleventh day of May, 1912, all of its stock being present or represented, it was unanimously decided to change, alter and amend the charter of said corporation so as to beb and read as hereinafter set forth; and they, said appearers, were appointed a committee to execute any and all acts or instruments of writing to carry the action of said stockholders into effect; and thereupon acting as aforesaid, said appearers declared that the charter of said corporation of J. H. Menge & Sons, Limited, executed before J. J. Ward, notary, on November 30, 1904, amended by another act passed before said notary, J. J. Ward, on September 10, 1910, has been duly amended and is hereby amended so as to be and read as follows, viz:

ARTICLE I.

The name and title of this corporation is "J. H. Menge & Sons, Limited," and it shall exist for ninety-nine years. Its domicile shall be in the City of New Orleans, of State of Louisiana. Citation or other legal process shall be served on the president and in his absence or inability to act on the vice-president or on the secretary.

ARTICLE II.

The objects and purposes of this corporation are to engage in a general furnishing and supply business, as principal and as agent, in hardware, ship-chandlery, paint, railway, mill supplies and machinery; and in connection therewith to plan, design, erect and construct any works, plant or other affair wherein such things are employed, whether in original construction or as parts of some other plant or design; to engage in general business, at wholesale and retail, in all lines of hardware and supplies for painters, mills, railways, ships and things of that nature, and to carry on the business of said corporation in Louisiana and in all the states of the United States and in foreign countries; and generally to do and perform all things pertinent and incident and which may be proper and necessary to carry out and execute the objects and purposes of this corporation.

ARTICLE III.

The capital stock of this corporation shall be two hundred thousand dollars, divided into two thousand shares of one hundred dollars each, payable in cash or for property received or rights conveyed, or labor and services rendered.

Stock in this corporation is issued, held and acquired by the stockholders under the following conditions, which are the essence of their rights as stockholders, and which conditions shall be briefly set out in each certificate It shall commence business when one thousand shares shall have been subscribed for.

First: That no stockholder shall sell, alienate, hypothecate, transfer, or otherwise alienate his stock until he shall have first offered the same unto the other stockholders of the company, which officer shall be made in writing to the board of directors, whose duty shall be to transmit to the stockholders immediately, and said stockholders shall have seven days from the receipt of said notice by the board of directors within which they may purchase at the value thereof, plus ten per cent.

The value of the stock for the purpose aforesaid shall be the same as is shown on the books of the corporation,—established on the basis of the last semi-annual statement of the corporation in connection with the last monthly trial balance.

It shall be the duty of the corporation to make up and preserve the foregoing monthly trial balances and semi-annual and annual statements for the purposes aforesaid, and which shall be at all times open to the view of the stockholders.

Should more than one stockholder offer to buy said stock, the same shall be distributed according to their holding in the corporation.

In case of the acceptance of the offer under the provisions hereinabove set forth the price of such stock shall be paid in cash within twenty-four hours after such acceptance.

Second: The rule hereinabove set forth shall govern in case of the death of a stockholder, with the additional proviso, in such case, the surviving stockholders may, at a meeting called and held for that purpose or at any meeting held after the death, call the said stock at its book value plus ten per cent, established in the manner above set forth, for the purpose of conveying the said stock to the survivors in said corporation.

This option or right shall not be exercised, however, after six months from the date of the death of the stockholder.

ARTICLE IV.

All the corporate powers and the management and control of the affairs of the corporation shall be vested in and exercised by a board of directors, composed of not less than three or more than five persons, a majority of whom shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of all business. The directors shall be elected annually by the stockholders at a meeting to be held on the last Monday in January of each year, said meeting of stockholders to be preceded by three days notice in writing sent to each of said stockholders at his or her last known address. Each stockholder shall be entitled in person or by proxy to one vote for every share owned by him or her; all elections shall be held under such rules and regulations as may be determined by the board of directors. At all meetings, whether of directors or of stockholders, all questions shall be decided by a majority represented at said meetings. The directors when elected shall continue in office for one year and until their successors have been duly elected and have been qualified. No failure to elect shall operate the forfeiture of this charter or any rights under the same. Any vacancy occurring on said board shall be filled by the remaining directors for the unexpired term. The board of directors, after its election, shall elect a president and one or more vicep-residents, and a manager. It shall also elect a secretary-treasurer. The president and manager, subject to the control of the board, shall have the right to appoint and dismiss the clerks and other employees of the corporation, at pleasure, and as the interest and business of the same may demand.

Any director being sick or absent or about to absent himself shall have the right to appoint, by written instrument, another director or stockholder of the corporation to act in his absence and in his stead at any and all meetings of the said board of directors, during such absence or illness.

Immediately after the signing of this charter the stockholders without further formality shall elect a board of directors, who shall serve until the election in 1913.

ARTICLE V.

The funds of this corporation shall be deposited from time to time in a bank or banks to be selected by the board of directors All checks, notes, or other instruments drawn, executed, or issued in said corporation's name shall be countersined by at least two officers of the corporation. No official shall thus sign or endorse the name of the corporation save strictly in its concerns.

ARTICLLE VI.

No stockholder shall be held liable or responsible for the contracts, defaults or debts of this corporation, nor shall any mere informality in its organization have the effect of rendering this charter null, or of exposing any stockholder to any liability beyond the unpaid balance due on the stock by him.

ARTICLE VII.

This act of incorporation may be changed, modified, or altered, and this corporation may be dissolved, with the assent of the stockholders owning three-fourths of the stock of this corporation, present or represented at a general meeting convened for that purpose, and after at least three days notice of the meeting shall have been given through mail, addressed to each stockholder at his or her last known place of residence. In case of dissolution by the expiration of this charter or otherwise, the stockholders shall elect a liquidator from among their own number, who shall have full authority to settle and wind up the business and affairs of the company. The terms and conditions and the compensation for such services shall be fixed at the time of election. In case of the death or other disability of said liquidator before the final liquidation of the affairs of the corporation, a successor shall be named by the stockholders at a meeting to be held as above provided for meetings.

ARTICLE VIII.

Any and all notices and delays provided for by this charter may be waived by the unanimous consent of all its stockholders unless prohibited or required by law.

And the said Messrs. Bernard H. Menge, Joseph A. Menge, and John H. Menge, Jr., further declared that in accordance with the act and doings of the stockholders of said J. H. Menge & Sons, Limited, at their meeting aforesaid, the charter or act of incorporation of said corporation has been amended so as to hereafter be and read as hereinabove expressed; and they direct that same be published and recorded as required by law so as to hereafter be and constitute the charter of said corporation styled and known as "J. H. Menge & Sons, Limited."

Thus done and passed, in my office in New Orleans, in the presence of John J. Ward and William S. Hero, both of this city, who hereunto sign their names with the parties and me, said notary, on the day and date aforesaid.

Original signed: B. H. Menge, J. A. Menge, J. H. Menge, Jr. W. S. Hero, Jno. J. Ward.

ANDREW HERO, JR., Not. Pub.

I, the undersigned Recorder of Mortgages in and for the parish of Orleans, State of Louisiana, do hereby certify that the foregoing act of incorporation of "J. H. Menge & Sons, Limited" was this day duly recorded in my office in book 1055, folio 144.

New Orleans, May 14, 1912.

(Signed) EMILE LEONARD, Dy. R.

I hereby certify the above and foregoing to be a true and correct copy of the original extant and on file in my notarial archives.

As witness my hand and seal on this 14th day of May, A. D. 1912.

ANDREW HERO, JR., Not. Pub.

622 Commercial Place, New Orleans, La.

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CHARTER

OF L. SIDNEY BELL, INC.

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

Be it known, that on this twentieth day of the month of May, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and twelve, and of the independence of the United States of America the one hundred and thirty-sixth, before me, Lawrence McLean Janin, a notary public, duly commissioned and qualified in and for the parish of Orleans and state of Louisiana, therein residing, and in the presence of the witnesses hereinafter named and undersigned, personally came and appeared the several persons whose names are hereunto subscribed, who severally declared that, availing themselves of the provisions of all of the laws of this state relative to the organization of corporations, particularly of Act No. 36 of the session of the General Assembly of the state of Louisiana of 1888, they have covenanted and agreed, and do, by these presents, form and organize themselves, as well as such other persons as may hereafter become associated with them, into a corporation or body politic in law, for the objects and purposes, and under the stipulations following, to-wit:

ARTICLE I.

The name and style of this corporation shall be "L. SIDNEY BELL, INC.," and by said corporate name shall have succession and enjoy existence for a period of ninety-nine years from date hereof, unless sooner dissolved in the manner provided by law, and under the articles of this charter; it shall have power and authority under its corporate name, to contract, sue and be sued, to make and use a corporate seal, and the same to alter or break at pleasure; to make all necessary rules and regulations for its corporate management and control, and shall have and enjoy all the rights, privileges, and immunities which are now conferred upon or may hereafter be granted to, corporations of the same kind and character.

ARTICLE II.

The domicile of this corporation shall be in the city of New Orleans, state of Louisiana, and all citations and other legal processes shall be served upon the president, or, in his absence or inability to act, upon any other officer 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 as follows: to engage in and conduct a general insurance business, including fire, burglary, liability, fidelity, guarantee, casualty, plate glass and marine, as local agents, general agents, or as brokers, in all its phases, conditions and modifications; and generally to engage in and undertake any other enterprise or perform all acts incidental to or germane to the purposes above set forth.

ARTICLE IV.

The capital stock of this corporation is hereby fixed at the sum of ten thousand ($10,000.00) dollars, divided into one hundred (100) shares of the par value of one hundred ($100.00) dollars each; said stock shall be issued only for cash, or in payment of property or services actually received by or rendered to said corporation. Said stock shall be fully paid at the time of its issuance, and shall be non-assessable thereafter. The parties to this declare that they hereby subscribe for the number of shares of said capital stock set opposite their respective signatures hereto, so that this act of incorporation shall serve as an original subscription. This corporation shall become a going concern as soon as three thousand ($3,000.00) dollars of its capital stock shall have been subscribed and paid for.

ARTICLE V.

All the powers of this corporation shall be vested in and be exercised by a board of three (3) directors, to be elected each year, by the stockholders, at their annual meeting; the said directors shall be bona fide stockholders, and the first board shall consist of L. Sidney Bell, William C. Soria and John Soria. They shall proceed to elect from their own number a president, vice-president, and secretary-treasurer, who shall remain in office until their successors shall have been elected and qualified. The annual meeting of the stockholders of this corporation shall be held on the third Monday in the month of May of each year, except when such day shall fall upon a legal holiday, then upon the next following lay day. At said annual meeting the stockholders shall elect from their own number a board of directors for the ensuing year, the board already installed to continue to hold over until their successors are elected and qualified.

The board of directors so elected shall elect from their own number the officers of this corporation, who shall be a president, vice-president and secretary-treasurer; the election of directors shall be by ballot, and the person receiving the largest number of votes shall be declared elected. For electing directors or for any other purpose, each share of stock, whether present or by proxy, shall be entitled to one (1) vote, and a majority of the votes cast shall be required to pass any resolution, or decide any question submitted to the stockholders, except for the alteration or amendment of this charter, or the dissolution of the corporation, as hereinafter provided.

The said board of directors shall have power and authority to make all necessary rules and regulations for the management, operation and control of the business of the corporation as well as to make all necessary rules, regulations and by-laws, and shall have the authority to fill any vacancy occurring in their number. A majority of the directors voting at any one time, in person or by proxy, shall be required to pass any resolution or adopt any by-law, and which, when so adopted, shall become valid corporate acts.

ARTICLE VI.

Notice of all meeting of stockholders, for electing directors, or for any other purpose, except as may be hereinafter directed, shall be given in writing, by the secretary-treasurer, to be deposited in the mail, at least ten days before such meeting, directed to each stockholder at his last known address appearing upon the books of the corporation, unless said notice is waived in writing by all the stockholders appearing as such upon the books.

ARTICLE VII.

This act of incorporation may be changed, modified or amended, or this corporation may be dissolved by and with the assent of the holders of three-fourths (3-4) in amount of its outstanding stock, given at a general meeting of the stockholders, to be convened after ten (10) days' prior notice, to be given in one of the daily newspapers published in the city of New Orleans, in addition to the personal notice to each stockholder as provided in Article VI of this charter, and such changes as may be made, in reference to an increase of capital stock shall be preceded by such notices, delays and formalities as by law required.

In the event of the dissolution of the said corporation, either by limitation of its charter, or otherwise, its affairs shall be liquidated by three commissioners, to be elected at a special meeting called for that purpose, as above provided; and they shall remain in office until the affairs of said corporation shall be fully liquidated; and in case of the death of one or more of said liquidators, the survivor or survivors shall continue to act.

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

Thus done and passed in my notarial office in the city of New Orleans, on the day, month and year hereinbefore written, in the presence of John Watt Duffy and Morris Dunn, competent witnesses, who hereutno sign their names, together with said appearers, and me, notary, after due reading of the whole.

(Original signed): W. C. Soria, 10 shares; Jno. Soria, 10 shares, per pro W. C. Soria; L. Sidney Bell, 10 shares. Jno. Watt Duffy, Morris Dunn.

(Seal) LAWRENCE M. JANIN,
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 L. Sidney Bell, Inc., was this day duly recorded in my office, in book 1055, folio —.

New Orleans, May 20th, 1912.

(Signed) EMILE LEONARD, Dy. R.

A true copy.

LAWRENCE M. JANIN,
(Seal) *Notary Public.*

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GUARD YOUR NAME.

A man's name is not like a mantle which merely hangs about him and which one perchance may safely twitch and pull, but a perfectly fitting garment, which, like the skin, has grown over and over him, at which one cannot rake and scrape without injuring the man himself.—Goethe.

How It Affects Them.

An Alpine guide thus describes the behavior of different nationalities when they get to the top of a peak.

A German, he says, as soon as he arrives at the top wants to know the exact height of the mountain he is on and of every peak around him.

A Frenchman goes into raptures over the wildness of the scenery and the beauties of nature and sometimes accompanies his remarks by an attempt to embrace his guide.

The Englishman when he has "done" his peak plunges his ice ax into the snow, looks around him and then says, "I say, open the baskets and let's have something to eat."

A Deserved Fate.

Some poet wrote the following: "Long is that morn that brings no eve; tall is the corn that no cobs leave; blue is the sky that never looks yeller; hard is the apple that never grows meller. But longer and bluer and harder and tall is my own ladylove—my adorable Poll." P. S.—The author has since died in great agony.—London Tit-Bits.

That's Right!

"Pa, what's a historical novel?"

"Well, it's—er—it's a sort of scrap book."—Exchange.

CHARTER

OF THE NEW ORLEANS LIVE STOCK TRANSFER COMPANY.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, STATE OF LOUISIANA.

Be it known that on this 24th day of the month of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and twelve and of the independence of the United States of America, the one hundred and thirty-sixth, before me, J. Kenton Bailey, a notary public, duly commissioned and sworn, in and for the parish aforesaid, therein residing, and in the presence of the witnesses hereinafter named and undersigned, personally came and appeared: Messrs. John Munford, Henry Senac, Jos. Maumus, J. M. Goodwyne, Edward Alvis, Fred Joachim, B. F. Howell, W. H. Hodges, J. G. Lacroix, C. H. Rice, E. B. Lacoste, T. J. Perrin, J B. Saunders, A. P. Perrin, Jones Kendrick, B. M. Taylor and Wm. Frank, Jr., all of full age which said appearers severally declared that availing themselves of the provisions of the laws of the state relative to the organization of corporations for works of public improvement and other purposes and being desirous of acquiring, enjoying and exercising all the rights, benefits, privileges and powers secured by the laws of this state to such corporation, they do by these presents, covenant and agree and bind themselves and such other persons as may hereafter become associated with them to form and constitute a corporation and body politic in law, for the objects and purposes, under the clauses, stipulations and articles hereinafter set forth and expressed, which they hereby adopt as the charter, to-wit:

ARTICLE I.

The name and title of this corporation is hereby declared to be "The New Orleans Live Stock Transfer Company" and the place chosen for its domicile is hereby declared to be in the Parish of Orleans.

ARTICLE II.

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: the transfer and transportation of cattle and other animals and freight, throughout this state, by lands or water, by steam or otherwise, and to effect to acquire, construct, own and operate depots, stock yards, ferries, barges, tugs, transfers and such other adjuncts as shall or may be found desirable and necessary to carry out the purposes of this company.

The president, or in his absence, the vice-prpesident, is hereby designated as the officer on whom all citations shall be served.

ARTICLE III.

The capital stock of this corporation is hereby fixed at the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars ($25,000.00), to be represented by five thousand (5,000) shares of the value of fifty dollars ($50.00) each, payable in cash at time of subscription.

ARTICLE IV.

Transfers of stock shall be made on the books of the company only; but no transfers of stock shall be made while there exists any indebtedness on the part of the owner thereof to the company.

ARTICLE V.

All the corporate powers of this corporation shall be vested in, enjoyed and exercised by a Board of Directors to be composed of five stockholders, and who shall be elected annually on the second Tuesday of the month of April, the first election to be held on the second Tuesday of the month of April, 1913.

All such elections shall be by ballot and shall be held at the office of the company, and be conducted by three commissioners to be appointed for that purpose by the Board of Directors and notice of such elections shall be given by mailing a notice of such election to each stockholder of record at his post office address at least ten days prior thereto.

Each stockholder shall be entitled in person or by proxy to one vote for each share of stock owned by him, and a majority of the votes shall elect.

A failure to elect directors on the date above specified shall not dissolve this corporation, but the then existing Board of Directors shall continue in office and shall cause another election to be held as soon thereafter as possible upon giving the same notice of such election, as above provided.

Vacancies occurring in said board shall be filled by the remaining directors and three directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

At their first meeting after said election the Board of Directors shall elect from their own numbers a president and a vice-president; they shall also appoint a secretary and all such agents, clerks and other employees as shall or may be necessary and fix their salaries.

ARTICLE VI.

The following named persons are hereby constituted as the first Board of Directors, and they shall hold office until the second Tuesday in April, 1912, or until their successors shall have been elected and have qualified, to-wit: John Munford, A. P. Perrin, J. G. Lacroix, W. H. Hodges, Henry Senac, with the said Jno. Munford as president and the said Henry Senac as vice-president.

ARTICLE VII.

This corporation shall exist and have and enjoy succession by its corporate name for a period of ninety-nine years from the date of these presents, and whenever it is dissolved by limitation or from any other cause, its affairs shall be liquidated by three commissioners to be appointed by the stockholders at a general meeting to be called and convened for that purpose, after thirty days notice given in one of the daily papers published in the Parish of Orleans.

ARTICLE VIII.

This charter or act of incorporation may be modified, changed or altered, or said corporation may be dissolved with the assent of three-fourths of the stock present or represented at a general meeting of the stockholders called for that purpose after thirty days notice published in one of the daily papers of the Parish of Orleans.

ARTICLE IX.

No stockholder of this corporation shall be held liable or responsible for the contracts or faults thereof in any further sum than the unpaid balance due the company on the shares of stock owned by him, or shall any mere informality in organization have the effect of rendering this charter null or of exposing a stockholder to any liability beyond such unpaid balance due on his stock.

Thus done and passed, in my office in the city of New Orleans, on the day, month and year first herein above written, in the presence of John R. Perez, and Florence Flynn, competent witnesses who have hereunto signed with the said appearers and me, notary, after reading of the whole.

Original signed: T. J. Perrin, 2 shares; John Munford, 5 shares; Henry Senac, 56 shares; W. H. Hodges, 10 shares; Wm. Frank, Jr., 2 shares; C. H. Rice, 2 shares; Edward Alvis, 5 shares; Jos. Maumus, 10 shares; J. G. Lacroix, 2 shares; A. P. Perrin, 10 shares; B. F. Howell, 4 shares; B. M. Taylor, 2 shares; J. A. Kendrick, 2 shares; Fred Joachim, 2 shares; J. B. Saunders, 2 shares; E. B. Lacoste, 2 shares; J. M. Goodwyne, 10 shares.

Witnesses: John R. Perez, Florence Flynn.

J. KENTON BAILEY,
(Seal) 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 New Orleans Live Stock Transfer Co. was this day duly recorded in my office in book 1055, folio 92, New Orleans, La., April 30, 1912.

(Signed) EMILE LEONARD, Dy. Clerk.

A true copy.

J. KENTON BAILEY,
(Seal) Notary Public.

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CHARTER

PROGRESSIVE HEALTH & ACCIDENT COMPANY.

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

BE IT KNOWN, that on this ninth 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, Edward Rightor, a notary public, duly commissioned, sworn and qualified, in and for the Parish of Orleans, State of Louisiana, therein residing, and in the presence of the witnesses hereinafter named and undersigned; personally came and appeared. The several persons whose names are hereunto subscribed, who declared that they are citizens of the United States and residents of the State of Louisiana, and that, availing themselves of the provisions of the laws of the State of Louisiana, they have covenanted and agreed and do by these presents covenant and agree and bind themselves, as well as such persons who may hereafter become associated with them, to form themselves into and constitute a corporation for the objects and purposes and under the Articles as follows, to-wit.:

ARTICLE I.

The name and title of this corporation shall be PROGRESSIVE HEALTH & ACCIDENT COMPANY, and by its corporate name it shall have power and authority to have and enjoy succession for a period of ninety-nine years from the date hereof; to contract, sue and be sued, to make, have and use a corporate seal and the same to change or alter at pleasure; to hold, receive, lease, purchase, convey, pledge, mortage and exchange property, both real and personal; to name and appoint such managers, directors, officers and agents as the interests and convenience of the corporation may require, and to make and establish such by-laws for the management and regulation of its affairs and business as may be necessary and proper, and the same to change or alter at pleasure.

ARTICLE II.

The domicile of this corporation shall be in the City of New Orleans, State of Louisiana, and all citation or other legal process shall be served on the president, or, in his absence, on the vice-president.

ARTICLE III.

The object and purposes for which this corporation is organized and the nature of the business to be carried on by it are here declared to be: That form of mutual assessment insurance business known as Industrial Life Insurance, for which stipulated premiums, advance assessments or dues are regularly payable and collectible, at any stated term less than a month apart, and for which additional assessments may be levied as may become necessary, and the policies or benefit certificates for which are for sums of five hundred dollars or less, on a single life, or which policies or benefit certificates provide a weekly cash benefit for disability caused by sickness or accident, of twenty dollars per week or less, or which provides for the attendance of a physician or supplying of drugs, or furnishing a funeral.

ARTICLE IV.

All of the corporate powers of this corporation shall be vested in and exercised by a board of directors, to consist of five members, all of whom shall be citizens of the United States and the holder of a policy or benefit certificate in the association. They shall hold office for five years or until their successors are elected and qualified, and shall be elected at a meeting called for that purpose, by ballot of the holders of policies or benefit certificates of this corporation, each holder of a certificate being entitled to one vote, either in person or written proxy, the first election to be held on the first Monday of April, 1916, and every five years thereafter. The board of directors shall hold bi-monthly meetings and shall from among their number chose annually a president, a vice-president and a secretary, and such other officers as the said board of directors may elect.

Until the first election the following named persons shall constitute the first board of directors: Fred. A. Earhart, John R. Sheehan, Robert Halles, John S. Hayman and F. J. Wetta, and they shall hold office until their successors shall have been duly elected and qualified, with the said Fred. A. Earhart, as president, the said John R. Sheehan, as vice-president and the said Robert Halles, as secretary. Any vacancy occuring in the board shall be filled by the remaining members of the board at their bi-monthly meeting.

ARTICLE V.

This Act of Incorporation may be changed, modified or altered, or this corporation may be dissolved at a general meeting of the holders of policies or benefit certificates convened for that purpose, with the consent of two-thirds of those present, in person or by proxy, at such meeting, and in the event of dissolution the affairs of this corporation shall be liquidated by two commissioners to be elected at the meeting which decides to liquidate, by a vote of the policy holders or benefit certificate holders. All meetings of the members of this association shall be held at the domicile of the association, after ten days notice by publication in one of the daily newspapers published in the English language in