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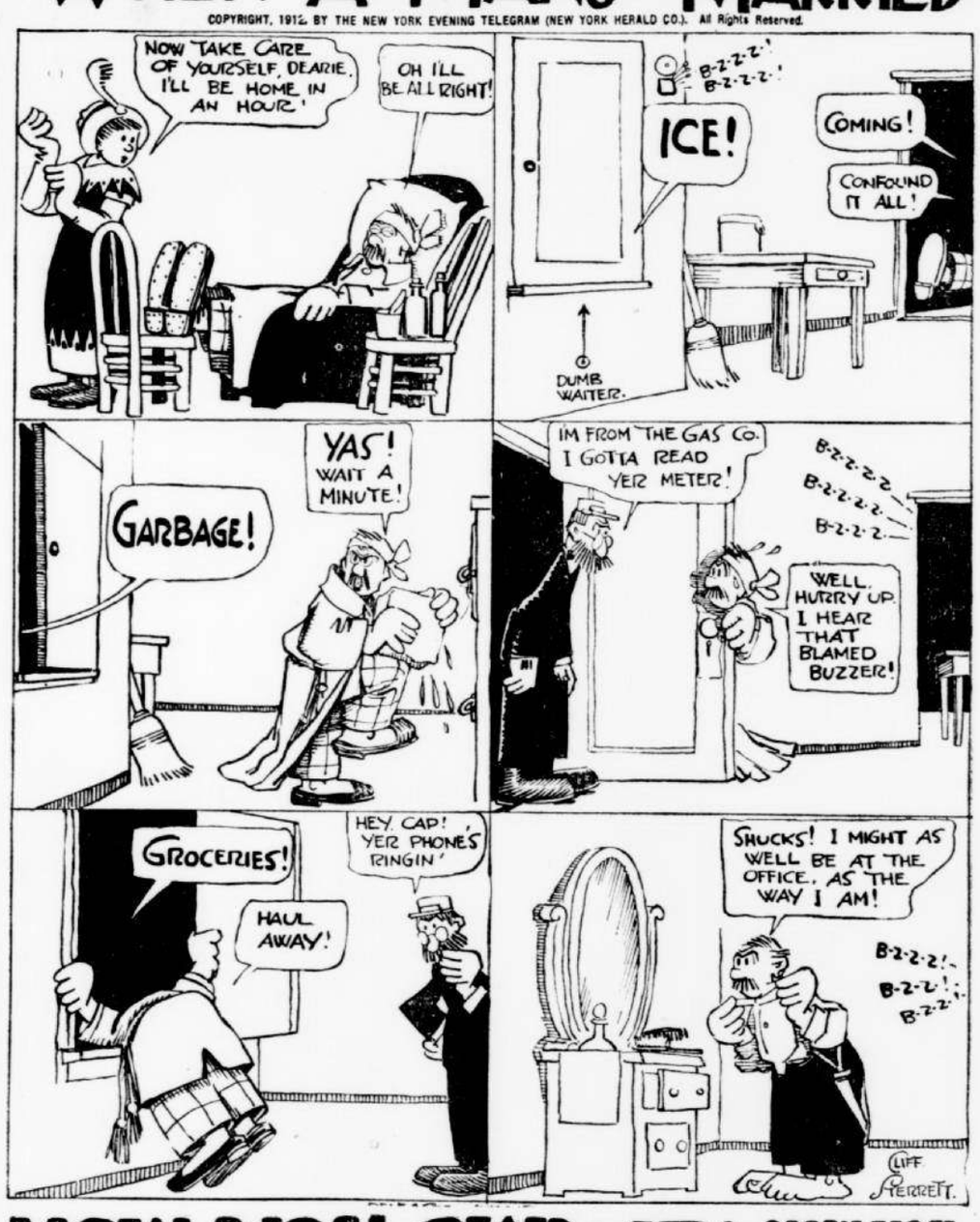

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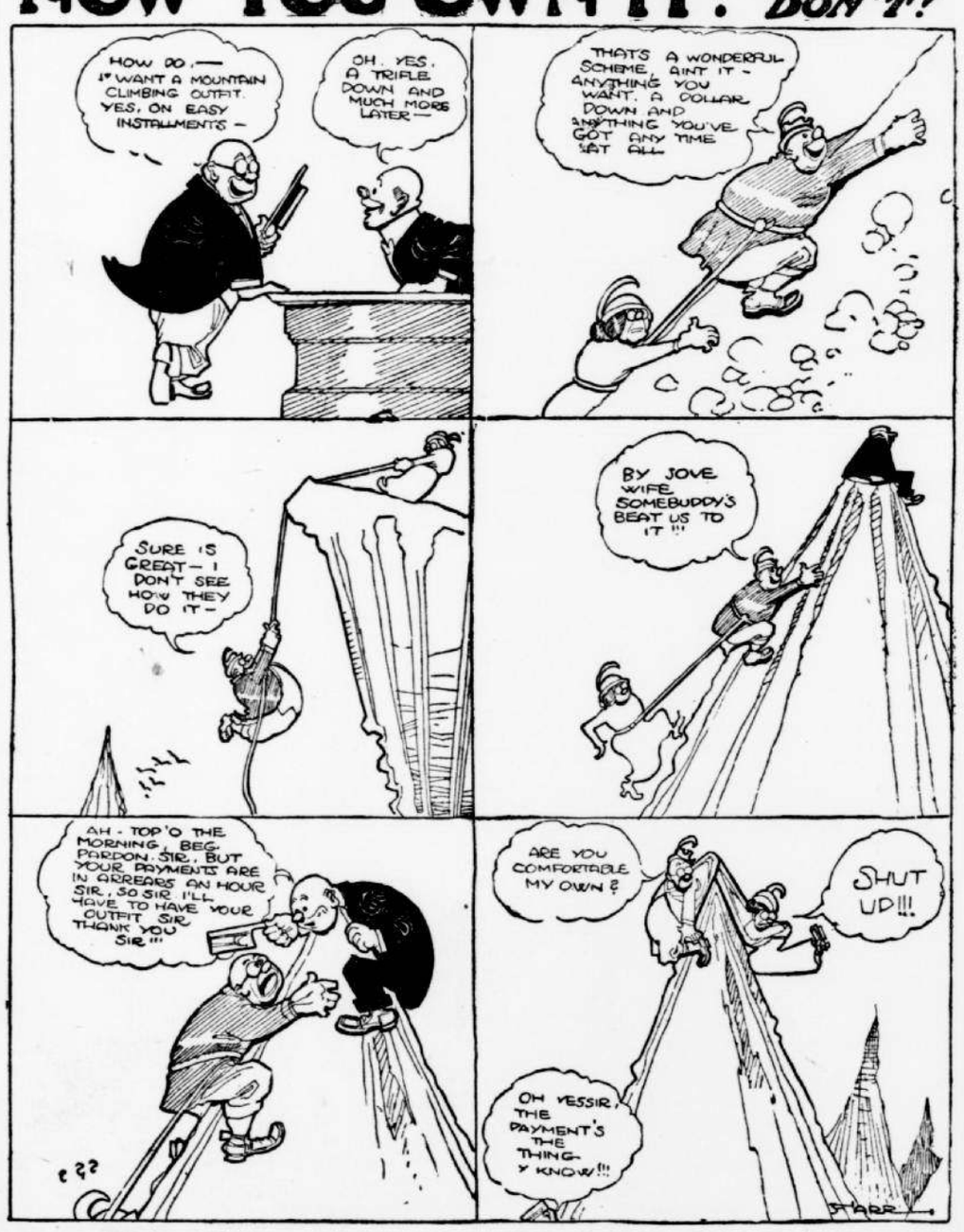

CHARTER

OF THE SEARS FEED MILLING COMPANY.

United States of America, State of Louisiana, City of New Orleans, Parish of Orleans.

Be it known, that on this thirtieth day of the month of April, in the year one thousand nine hundred and thirteen, before me, Robert Legier, a notary public, duly commissioned and qualified in and for the parish of Orleans, state of Louisiana, aforesaid, therein residing, 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 provisions of the laws of this state, in such cases made and provided, they have covenanted and agreed, and do, by these presents, covenant, agree, bind, form and constitute themselves, as well as such other persons as may hereafter join or become associated with them, into a corporation and body politic in law for the objects and purposes and under the agreements and stipulations following, to-wit:

Article I.—The name and style of this corporation shall be "The Sears Feed Milling Company," and under that name it shall have and enjoy all the rights, advantages and privileges granted by law, to corporations; it shall exist for a period of ninety-nine years from the date hereof; it shall have power and authority to contract, sue and be sued in its corporate name; to make and use a corporate seal, and the same to break or alter at pleasure; to hold, receive, purchase, convey, mortgage, hypothecate or pledge property, real, personal or mixed; to issue bonds, notes and other obligations; to have and employ such managers, directors, officers, agents and other employees as the interest and convenience of said corporation may require or demand; to make and establish such by-laws, rules and regulations for the corporate management and control of the affairs of the said corporation as may be deemed necessary or expedient.

Article II.—The domicile of said corporation shall be in the city of New Orleans, state of Louisiana, but it may establish offices and agencies throughout the United States of America or foreign countries. All citations and other legal process shall be served on the president and in his absence on the vice-president. In the absence of both of said officers then said process shall be served on the secretary-treasurer.

Article III.—The objects and purposes for which this corporation is organized and the nature of the business to be carried on by it are hereby declared to be: to deal in, buy and sell for its own account or for the account of others, all kinds of grain, feed, molasses or other commodities; to manufacture said grain, feed, molasses and other commodities; to extract oil and other substances from any products; to buy and sell any and all products necessary for the manufacture thereof; to own, purchase, sell, lease, operate, construct or contract for the construction and operation of mills, refineries and distilleries for the production and manufacture of said feed, grain, molasses or commodities; to construct and erect, or contract for the construction and erection of workshops, mechanical plants, tank cars, tugs, barges, water craft or any vessel, whether propelled by steam or otherwise, for the transportation of freight or passengers; to act as broker or agent for individuals, firms or corporations; to carry on a general and bonded public warehouse and tank storage business; to issue and grant negotiable warehouse or storage receipts or certificates in connection and for the purposes of said warehouse business; to advance and lend money on merchandise to be sold by said corporation on commission, brokerage or otherwise and generally, to do and engage in any business, undertaking or enterprise connected with, growing out of, germane or incidental to any of the objects and purposes hereinabove set forth or contemplated by this charter.

Article IV.—The capital stock of this corporation is hereby fixed at the sum of two hundred thousand ($200,000.00) dollars, divided into two thousand (2,000) shares of the par value of one hundred ($100.00) dollars, each, one hundred thousand ($100,000) dollars or one thousand (1,000) shares of which shall be preferred stock with a guaranteed annual dividend of seven per cent (7%) cumulative, and one hundred thousand ($100,000.00) dollars, or one thousand (1,000) shares of which shall be common stock. The preferred stock of this corporation shall be non-voting and shall be redeemable at any dividend paying period after five years from the date hereof, by the payment of one hundred and five ($105.00) dollars, plus whatever dividends may be due theeron, for each and every share thereof redeemed. The manner and form of redeeming said preferred stock shall be determined by the board of directors of this corporation.

All shares of stock shall be paid for in cash, or may be issued by the board of directors of this corporation at not less than par for property purchased by or services actually rendered to said corporation. All shares of stock shall be full paid and non-assessable. No transfer of stock shall be binding upon the corporation unless made upon its books and all certificates of stock shall be signed by such officers as may be designated by the board of directors.

Article V.—All the corporate powers of this company shall be vested in, and the management and control of its business and affairs shall be exercised by a board of directors to be composed of three stockholders, which number may be increased to no more than nine, at the discretion of the board of directors. A majority of the directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of all business. The directors shall be elected annually on the fifteenth day of the month of July of each year, unless a legal holiday or Sunday, and in that event on the next succeeding day not a legal holiday or Sunday, by ballot of the owners of record of the common stock of this corporation, and a majority of the votes cast shall elect. Each owner of common stock shall be entitled in person or by written proxy to one vote for each share of common stock owned by him and standing in his name on the books of this corporation. All elections shall be held under such rules and regulations as may be determined by the board of directors, but after at least ten days notice of such election shall have been given to each owner of common stock by mail sent to his last known address, or by publication in one of the English newspapers published daily in the city of New Orleans for at least ten days preceding such election. The directors thus elected shall continue in office for one year or until their successors shall have been elected and duly qualified. No failure to hold an election shall be regarded as a forfeiture of this charter. Any vacancy occurring on the said board of directors shall be filled by the remaining directors for the unexpired term. The said board of directors shall likewise elect the additional members in case they should determine to increase the number of the board, as above provided. Said board of directors at its first meeting elect from among its number a president, a vice-president, a secretary and a treasurer. It may combine the two last mentioned offices into one and may even elect a secretary who need not be a stockholder. Said board of directors shall also have the right to appoint and dismiss such clerks, managers and other employees of the corporation, including the secretary who is not a stockholder or director, as conditions may justify or the business of the corporation may require. The tenure of office of all the employees of this corporation shall be during the pleasure of the board of directors.

Article VI.—No stockholder shall ever be held liable or responsible for the contracts, faults or debts of this corporation, nor shall any mere informality in its organization have the effect of rendering this charter null or of exposing a stockholder to any liability beyond the unpad balance due on the shares of stock owned by him.

Article VII.—The act of incorporation may be changed, modified or altered, or this corporation may be dissolved with the assent of the stockholders owning a majority of the common stock of the corporation at a general meeting convened for that purpose after notice shall have been given to each holder of common stock in the manner and form prescribed in section V of this act of incorporation. In case of the dissolution of this corporation by the expiration of its charter or otherwise, the stockholders shall elect from among their number, three liquidators, who shall have full power and authority to liquidate and settle the business and affairs of the company. In the event of the death or inability of any of said commissioners or liquidators, the survivor or survivors shall appoint a successor or successors to him or them.

Article VIII.—In the event of the liquidation of this corporation, by the expiration of its charter or otherwise, the preferred stock, then outstanding, shall be first paid in full, at par, together with all accrued dividends, and any balance, if any, then remainng shall be applied to the payment of the outstanding common stock.

Article IX.—Until the election to be held in July 1914, the following named stockholders shall constitute the first board of directors, viz: George E. Sears, W. J. Castell and Adolphe d'Aquin, with the said George E. Sears, as president, W. J. Castell, as vice-president and Adolphe d'Aquin, as secretary-treasurer.

The corporation shall become a going concern as soon as three thousand ($3000.00) dollars of its capital stock shall have been subscribed for.

Thus done and passed at my office in the city of New Orleans, on the day, month and year herein first above written, in the presence of Theodore A. Beck and John P. Cazale, both of this city, competent witnesses, who have hereunto signed their names with the said appearers and me, notary, after due reading of the whole.

Original signed: Geo. E. Sears, 20 shares; Adolphe D'Aquin, 5 shares; R. J. Cousin, 5 shares; Wm. J. Castell, ten shares. T. A. Beck, John P. Cazale.

ROBERT LEGIER, 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 Sears Feed Milling Company" was this day duly recorded in my office, in book 1088, folio —. New Orleans, La., April 30, 1913.

EMILE LEONARD, Deputy Recorder.

A true copy from the original act.

ROBERT LEGIER, Not. Pub.

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CHARTER OF STERNS AUCTION EXCHANGE.

STATE OF LOUISIANA, PARISH OF ORLEANS, CITY OF NEW ORLEANS.

Be it known, that on this 16th day of the month of May, 1913, before me, Scott E. Beer, a notary public in and for the parish of Orleans, state of Louisiana, therein residing, duly sworn, commissioned and qualified, and in the presence of the witnesses hereinafter named and undersigned, personally came and appeared: the several parties whose names are hereunto subscribed as such, severally declared that availing themselves of the laws of the State of Louisiana in such cases made and provided, they have contracted and agreed and do, by these presents, convenant, agree and bind themselves, as well as all such persons as shall hereafter become associated with them, to form a corporation for the objects and purposes and under the articles and stipulations following, to-wit:—

ARTICLE I.—The name of this corporation shall be STERNS AUCTION EXCHANGE, by which name the said company shall have and enjoy corporate existence and succession for the term of ninety-nine years from and after the date hereof, unless sooner dissolved. Its domicile shall be in the City of New Orleans, La. It shall have power to sue and be sued, to contract, to make and use a corporate seal, and the same to break or alter at pleasure; to hold, receive, lease, purchase, sell and convey, as well as to mortgage and hypothecate, under its corporate name, property, real, personal or mixed; to borrow and lend money, and to give and receive securities therefor, and to make and appoint such managers, directors, and officers and agents and employees as the business, interests and convenience of said corporation may require; to make, and establish such by-laws, rules and regulations for the said corporation as may be necessary and proper, and the same to alter and amend at pleasure.

ARTICLE II.—All citations and other legal process shall be served on the president and in case of his absence, on the secretary and treasurer of this corporation.

ARTICLE III.—The purpose for which this corporation is established and the nature of the business to be carrieed on by it are hereby declared to be to sell, at its place of business or elsewhere, at public auction, through a duly licensed auctioneer, and at private sale, through any of its officers, agents or employees, property owner or to be owned by this corporation or any one else, of every kind, nature or character whatsoever, movable, immovable or mixed, and to carry on the business of a private warehouseman and to do all things and acts necessary and proper to accomplish the objects herein set forth.

ARTICLE IV.—The capital stock of this corporation is fixed at the sum of ten thousand dollars ($10,000) to be represented by one hundred shares of the par value of one hundred dollars each. Stock shall be issued only for cash or its equivalent, and for not less than par.

This charter shall be in full force and this company shall be a going concern as soon as three thousand dollars ($3,000) of its capital stock shall have been subscribed for.

Any stockholder of this corporation may sell or assign or transfer his stock provided ten clear days' prior notice in writing of such intention to sell, assign or transfer same be given by him to this company. The company and the shareholders thereof shall have the first privilege of purchasing same, after which said ten days' notice, the holder of the said stock may sell the same as he sees fit, provided no stockholder has exercised the said privilege herein given him. Transfers of stock shall be made only on the books of this company, subject to the regulations as the board of directors may prescribe.

ARTICLE V.—All the corporate powers of the corporation shall be vested in a board of directors to be composed of three stockholders of this corporation, any two of whom shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of the business and affairs of this company. The board of directors shall be elected annually on the first Monday of June. The first board of directors shall be elected at a meeting of stockholders to be held immediately after the signing and recording of this charter. The board of directors shall elect from its number, a president, a vice-president and a secretary and treasurer. All directors shall hold office until their successors are elected and qualified, and all elections shall be by ballot at the office of this corporation under the supervision of three commissioners appointed by the said board of directors. Such election shall not be held without a notice of ten days in writing, to each stockholder, at his last known address. Each stockholder shall be entitled to one vote for each and every share of stock standing in his name on the books of the corporation, to be cast in person or by proxy in writing, and a majority of votes cast shall elect. The directors shall fill any vacancy in their number by election by the remaining directors. Each director must own at least one share of stock. Each director shall have power to appoint in writing a proxy to represent him on the said board of directors, said proxy to be a stockholder in this corporation. All powers vested in this corporation are to be exercised by the said board of directors.

ARTICLE VI.—Whenever this corporation shall be dissolved, either by limitation or otherwise, its affairs shall be liquidated by three commissioners to be appointed by the stockholders convened in general meeting, of which said meeting, said stockholders shall be given notice as provided in section VII of this charter, and a majority in amount of the capital stock represented at the said meeting shall be requisite to elect and determine. Said commissioners shall remain in office until the affairs of the corporation shall have been fully liquidated.

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 a general meeting of the stockholders convened for that purpose, and after notice shall have been given to each and every stockholder by a written notice to him addressed to his last known address, mailed to the said address at least ten days prior to the date of said general meeting.

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

The list of subscribers annexed hereto shall serve as the original subscription list.

Thus done and passed in this city, in my office, on the day and date aforesaid, in the presence of Messrs. E. M. Robbert and E. Blanchard, competent witnesses who have hereunto signed their names with me, said notary, and the said appearers, after a due reading of the whole.

(Signed): Jac. H. Stern, and others.
(Witnesses): E. Blanchard, E. M. Robbert.
(Seal) SCOTT E. BEER, *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 Sterns Auction Exchange was this day duly recorded in my office in book 1088, folio 440.

New Orleans, La., May 16, 1913.

(Signed) EMILE J. LEONARD, D. R.

This is to certify that the above is a true and correct copy of the original charter of record in my current documents, with the certificate of the recorder of mortgages in and for the parish of Orleans; all with the exception of the names of the subscribers.

In faith whereof I hereunto sign my name and affix my seal, this 16th day of May, 1913.

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SOCIETIES.

Where and When They Meet and Addresses of Their Officers.

Masonic.

Sts. John Lodge No. 153

St. John Lodge, No. 153, F. and A. M., meets every Tuesday evening in Masonic Hall, corner Olivier street and Pelican avenue at 7:30 o'clock.

Louis Acker, W. M., 721 Patterson; Edward Dosier, S. W.; H. S. Manson, J. W.; George Hebert, Jr., treasurer; L. J. Peterson, secretary, 518 Venet street; W. Senat, tyler; Thomas H. Regan, S. D.; Selig Davis, J. D.; W. H. Lahusen M. of C.; C. A. Sutherland, chaplain; J. M. Couget and B. H. Borne, stewards; George Herbert, Jr., organist.

Pythian.

Crescent Lodge No. 3.

Crescent Lodge No. 3, K. of P., meets every Friday night in Pythian Hall at 7:30 o'clock.

R. Chestnut, chancellor commander; H. L. Kirkpatric, vice-chancellor; J. B. Babin, prelate; A. S. Covell, master of work; A. C. Heron, master-at-arms; E. E. Babin, keeper of records and seal; George Lecourt, master of finance; L. J. Peterson, master of exchequer; C. Miller, inner guard; Louis Martin, outer guard; J. B. Babin, grand representative; Geo. W. Pollock, alternate; C. Miller, janitor; E. E. Babin, organist; E. J. Mothe and J. B. Babin, general relief committee; R. Chestnut, J. B. Babin and A. C. Heron, committee of nine; Louis Peterson, Dr. C. V. Kraft, and L. J. Burton, trustees; Dr. J. E. Pollock and Dr. Chas. Gelbke, physicians; E. J. Mothe, undertaker; L. J. Peterson, delegate to Anti-Tuberculosis League.

Virginia Lodge No. 136.

Virginia Lodge No. 136, K. of P., meets on the second and fourth Mondays of each month in Pythian Hall at 7:30 p. m.

A. Stecklin, chancellor commander; Louis Fist, vice chancellor; Walter Wright, prelate; Jno. Pendas, master of work; Wm. Owens, master-at-arms; C. Krogh, master of finance; A. F. Kaufman, master of exchequer; L. F. Gisch, keeper of records and seals; Walter Goodwin, inner guard; J. E. Thorning, outer guard; S. G. Smith, Grand Lodge representative; Wm. B. Owens, alternate; S. G. Smtih and L. F. Gisch, general relief committee; S. G. Smith and Wm. Owens, trustees; Jno. A. Barrett, undertaker; Dr. J. E. Pollock, physician.

Order of Eastern Star—St. John Chapter No. 35.

St. John Chapter No. 35—Meets on the second and fourth Mondays of each month in Masonic Hall, at 7:30 o'clock.

Mrs. N. Reynolds, worthy matron; E. W. Burgis, worthy patron; Mrs. E. W. Burgis, secretary; Mrs. C. A. Sutherland, treasurer; Mrs. A. J. Amuedo, associate matron; Mrs. L. Goodlet, conductress; Miss Olga Nelson, associate conductress; Mrs. S. G. Smith, Ada; Mrs. Bialas, Ruth; Miss Maude Tufts, Esther; Mrs. G. W. Pollock, Martha; Mrs. C. Nelson, Electa; Mrs. G. Frisch, warden; Wm. Lucas, sentinel; Mrs. C. A. Borden, chaplain; Mrs. A. Vanderlinden, marshal, and Mrs. C. Corbett, organist.

Woodmen Circle.

Orange Grove No. 9.

Orange Grove No. 9—Meets on the first and third Thursday of each month in Pythian Hall, 7:30 p. m.

Amelia Smith, guardian, 625 Belleville street; Lizzie Borden, clerk, 549 Vallette street; M. Stalcup, assistant clerk; Anna Vanderlinden, past guardian; Mary Jacobs, advisor; Hattie Tufts, banker; Shade G. Smith, attendant; Julia Erickson, chaplain; Dr. J. Ernest Pollock, physician; Josephine Mock, inner sentinel; Mrs. J. Matchett, outer sentinel; Grace Pruitt, Emma Short and Ida Hymel, managers; Gertrude Back, organist; Jno. A. Barrett; E. J. Mothe, undertaker.

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