CHARTER
OF THE GOOD ROADS GRAVEL COMPANY, INCORPORATED.

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

Be it known that on this the twenty-second day of the month of April, in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and fifteen, and of the independence of the United States of America, the one hundred and thirty-ninth, before me, George M. Barnett, 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 the several persons whose names are hereunto subscribed, who severally declared that, availing themselves of the benefits and provisions of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana and of the act of the said state relative to the organization of corporations, and particularly of the provisions of Act No. 267 of the Acts of the General Assembly of the State of Louisiana for the year 1914, they have united and do by these presents form and organize themselves, as well as all such other persons who may hereafter join or become associated with them or their successors, into a stock corporation for the objects and purposes and under the covenants, conditions and agreements following, to-wit:

Article I.—The name and title of this corporation shall be "Good Roads Gravel Company, Incorporated," and under and by said title, unless sooner dissolved in accordance with law and this charter, it shall exist and continue, and shall have and enjoy corporate existence and succession for a period of ninety-nine (99) years from and after the date of this act. It may have, hold, receive, borrow, loan, exchange, acquire by grant, gift or purchase, devise or bequest, sell, alienate, dispose of, convey, lease, pledge, pawn, hypothecate, encumber or mortgage property of any kind, whether real, personal or mixed, corporeal or incorporeal, movable or immovable, and subject to such limitations as may be prescribed by law. It may make, issue and endorse bonds or notes and other evidences of debt. It may accept mortgages, pledges or other forms of security for money loaned or other debts. It may contract, sue and be sued, plead or be impleaded by its corporate name in any court of competent jurisdiction. It may make, adopt and use a common seal and may alter the same at pleasure. It may hold stock in other corporations, and its capital stock may be issued for capital stock in other corporations. It may name, appoint and employ such managers, directors, officers, agents and other employes as its business and convenience may require, and may fix their compensation, having due regard to the nature, character and value of their services. It may make and establish by-laws, rules and regulations not inconsistent with this charter or any existing law, fixing or altering the management of its property, the regulation and government of its affairs, and the manner of the certification of registration of its stock. It may wind up and dissolve itself, or be wound up and dissolved in the manner prescribed by law. It may conduct business in this State, other states, the Federal Districts, the Territories and possessions of the United States, and in all foreign countries. It generally shall possess all the powers, rights, privileges and immunities which corporations are and may hereafter be authorized to possess under the Constitution and laws of this State, and particularly under Act No. 267 of the Acts of the General Assembly of the State of Louisiana for the year 1914. And it shall have the power to invest its board of directors with all of its corporate powers, subject to such restrictions as may be named in this charter.

Article II.—The domicile of this corporation shall be at the City of New Orleans, Parish of Orleans, State of Louisiana, and all citations or other legal process shall be served upon its President, or in the event of his absence upon its Vice-president, or in the event of the absence of both of said officers upon its Secretary-treasurer.

Article III.—The purpose or purposes for which this corporation is formed and the nature of the business to be carried on by it are hereby declared to be:

Section 1. To plant, grow and cultivate all kinds of fruits, plants and vegetables. To raise, buy, sell and deal in horses, mules, cattle, live stock and poultry of all kinds; and generally, to engage in the business of farming and planting. To prospect, bore, drill for, mine, quarry and produce gravel, oil, gas or any mineral or metal. To cut and sell timber, and to deal in timber and timber. To build, buy, establish, maintain, operate and conduct hotels, stores, canning factories, packing houses, warehouses, depots and storage plants, ice factories, compresses, foundries, concrete or clay factories or works, distilleries, sugarhouses and refineries; and to buy, sell, import, export and generally deal and trade in, store, carry, transport and manufacture the products of any or all of the above operations and any and all kinds of stock, wares, merchandise, machinery, tools, implements and supplies.

Section 2. To conduct the business of a real estate agent, and to deal in, buy, sell, accept, lease, sublet or farm for its own account or for the account of others, real estate, lands and tenements, and to survey, subdivide, and plat such lands for the purpose of sale and to improve and develop the same by the erection of houses or buildings thereon, and to do such other lawful acts as may be needful or desirable in and about the said improvement or development hereof for any purpose; and generally to purchase, own, hold, lease, convey, mortgage, pledge, transfer or otherwise acquire and dispose of lands, water rights, mills, factories, buildings and other structures, and all other property both real and personal of every class and description or any interest therein necessary or desirable for the carrying on of the aforesaid business or either of them.

Section 3. To purchase, acquire, hold, own, pledge, sell, lease and dispose of, and generally deal in, the stocks, bonds and other securities or evidences of indebtedness, property, rights, business, good will, franchises and assets of every kind of any firm, association, individual or corporation, foreign, federal or municipal, or of any State, parish, county, ward, road district, drainage or subsidence district, or any political subdivision in the State of Louisiana or elsewhere. And to pay for any property, rights, business, good will, franchises and assets acquired in the stock, bonds, or other securities of this corporation or otherwise.

Section 4. To carry on a general contracting and construction business and operations, including of entering into and executing contracts with persons, firms and public or private corporations, and particularly to make all contracts and do all things incidental to the construction under contract of railroads, bridges, holdings, pipe lines, roads, highways and turnpikes. To drain, reclaim and improve submerged, swampy or other lands. To dig, construct, make, dredge, straighten, widen, deepen or otherwise work upon natural or other water courses, canals, drains, levees, ditches and dikes, under contract, or under the direction of public officers or courts; and to do and carry on a general dredging and contracting business, and for that purpose to own and operate construction, dredging and draining plants, consisting of machinery, tools, implements, dredge boats, ditching machinery, scows, lighters, derricks, vessels, engines, and appliances and property of every class and description convenient or necessary thereto.

Section 5. To construct, purchase, lease or otherwise acquire and own, maintain and operate steamboats, sailing vessels, barges and other water craft, piers, docks or wharves, and such lines of the tramway or railway within the State of Louisiana or elsewhere as may be convenient, necessary or incidental to any business or any enterprise of the corporation, with all necessary cars, locomotives, cars, depots, roundhouses and every equipment necessary to the operation of said piers, docks, wharves, tramways or railways and the traffic thereon, provided that this corporation shall not without an amendment of this charter be a public service corporation or have the right to exercise the power of eminent domain.

Section 6. To carry on any other business not under the law it may be entitled to carry on which may seem to the corporators to be calculated, directly or indirectly, to enhance the aforesaid objects or either of them, or to facilitate it in the transaction of the aforesaid business or businesses, or any part thereof, or in the transaction of any other lawful business that may be calculated, directly or indirectly to enhance the value of or to render profitable any of the company's properties and rights; and generally to hold and exercise all such incidental powers and privileges as relate to the objects and purposes hereinbefore set forth and as may be necessary, useful or convenient in effecting said objects and purposes.

IV.—The authorized capital stock of the corporation is hereby declared to be Two hundred and fifty thousand dollars ($250,000.00), which capital stock may be increased in the manner provided by law to the sum of five hundred thousand dollars ($500,000.00). The presently authorized capital stock of this corporation is to be divided into two classes, one thereof to be known as preferred stock and the other as common stock, and shall be represented by Two thousand (2000) shares of preferred stock of the par value of ten dollars ($10.00) each and Two thousand (2000) shares of common stock of the par value of ten dollars ($10.00) each. The said capital stock shall be fully paid and non-assessable when issued, and shall be represented by certificates. There is no preferred property. No transfer of capital stock shall be binding on the corporation unless made in accordance with the charter and by-laws and on the books thereof.

The preferred stock of this corporation shall have no voting power or authority, but shall be entitled to preferred dividends from the earnings of the corporation before any dividend shall be paid on the common stock

thereof to cumulative dividends of seven per centum (7 per cent) per annum, payable out of the net profits of each year. The right to dissolve this corporation or to have a receiver therefor shall not be vested in the holders of the preferred stock, on account of the failure or inability of this corporation to pay such dividend in each and every year, and the holders of such preferred stock individually or collectively shall be absolutely barred and prohibited from any such proceeding, and shall have no cause or right of action to institute or prosecute any suit or action whatever against this corporation on account of such failure or inability.. In the advent of the dissolution of this corporation for any reason whatever, the preferred stock shall be redeemed at par with accrued dividends of seven per cent. (7 per cent) per annum before the common stock shall be entitled to participate in the distribution of the assets of the corporation. The common stock shall then be redeemed at par, and any remaining assets of the corporation shall then be distributed prorata to all of the outstanding stock.

Article VI.—The capital stock of this corporation shall be paid for in cash at such times and in such amounts and after such notices to the subscribers as may be fixed by the board of directors, except that in payment for the subscription to two thousand, five hundred (2500) shares of the preferred stock of this corporation and five thousand, one hundred (5100) shares of the common stock of this corporation, this corporation may receive and take title to the following described property:

A certain portion of land, together with all the live stock or improvements theron contained, situated in the Fourth Ward of the Parish of West Feliciana, State of Louisiana, lying west of Laurel Hill Station on the Yazoo & Mississippi Valley Railroad, containing four thousand, one hundred and thirty-four (4134) acres, and being partly in Township 1 South Range 2 West, and partly in Township 1 South, Range 3 West of Helena Meridian, which portion of land is composed of the folowing named tracts: The Haile tract, Draughan tract, Locust Hill tract, Fox Field tract, Estis tract, Wicker tract and part of the Rose Mound tract, and is bounded as follows: North by lands of Morris Rothschild and Mrs. H. B. Perkins, known as the Fairview plantation, East by Woodville and Bayou Sara Public road, a part of the Rose Mound plantation, Mrs. L. E. Argue and Evans, South by Hamilton estate, David Taylor and estate of J. F. Roberts, Sr., and West by Big Bayou Sara creek and Cheerful valley land of Morris Rothschild. Said portion of land being shown and included within the red ink lines on the attached blueprint of a map of said property made by W. B. Smith, Civil Engineer, under date of April 16, 1913 and paraphed "NeVarietur" by me, notary for identification, which porperty has been appraised by the parties hereinafter named as the first board of dirctors of this corporation as having a value of one hundred and seventy-six thousand ($176,000.00) dollars and for which property this corporation is to pay in addition to the twenty-five thousand dollars ($25,000.00) of preferred stock and fifty-one thousand dollars ($51,000.00) of common stock hereabove mentioned, the sum of fifty thousand dollars ($50,000.00) in cash and fifty thousand dollars ($50,000.00) par value of the bonds of this corporation secured by first mortgage upon its property.

The above described property contains 10,000,000 cubic yards of gravel valued at 5c per cubic yard; 5,000,000 cubic yards of brick clay valued at 5c per cubic yard; 30,000,000 feet of mixed hardwoods valued at $2.00 per thousand; 1200 acres of land in cultivation valued at $30.00 per acre; 2,800 acres of land uncultivated, valued at $10.00 per acre; 100 head of Devon cattle valued at $20.00 per head; 45 cabins and outhouses valued at $100.00 each and 12 horses valued at $100.00 each; all of which is to be transferred to this company for the consideration of one hundred and seventy-six thousand dollars ($176,000.00) as above set forth.

ARTICLE VII—The business of this corporation shall be managed, and all the corporate powers thereof, except as hereinafter stated, shall be vested in and exercised by a board of not less than three (3) nor more than seven (7) directors, to be elected from among its stockholders; and a majority of the directors at any time in office either present in person or represented by proxy shall constitute a quorum. The first board of directors of this corporation shall be composed of William F. Williams, whose postoffice address is 319 Hibernia Bank Building, New Orleans, La.; John Edwin Hart, whose postoffice address is 338 S. Clark Street, New Orleans, La., and Dr. Armand Mary, whose postoffice address is 155 Baronne Street, New Orleans, La., with William F. Williams as President, Dr. Armand Mary as Vice-President, and John Edwin Hart as Secretary-Treasurer. Said board of directors shall serve until the first annual meeting of stockholders for the election of directors or until their successors are elected and qualified; and said board of directors shall have the power to increase the membership of said board at any time to a number not exceeding seven (7) and shall have the right to elect from the stockholders of this corporation said additional directors.

ARTICLE—VIII—On the second Monday in April, 1916, and annually thereafter on the second Monday in April in each year, a meeting of the stockholders of this corporation shall be held at its domicile for the purpose of electing directors for the ensuing year, and at such meetings the stockholders shall have the right of cumulative voting in the election of directors and shall have the right of electing the number of directors then in office, and if there be not as many as seven directors then in office, shall have the right of electing additional directors so long as the full number of directors elected does not exceed seven. A failure from any cause whatsoever to hold the annual meeting of stockholders, or the failure to elect directors thereat, shall not dissolve this corporation, but the directors and officers then in office shall remain in office until their successors shall have been respectively duly chosen, elected, qualfied and installed.

ARTICLE IX—The board of directors shall have the power to name an executive committee with such membership as it may determine, which executive committee shall, in the interim between the meetings of the board of directors exercise all the powers vested in and exercised by said board of directors.

ARTICLE X—This charter may be amended, and the capital stock of this corporation may be increased or decreased, or this corporation may be dissolved in the method and manner provided by law.

ARTICLE XI—No stockholder of this corporation shall ever be held liable or responsible for the contracts or faults of this corporation in any further sum than the unpaid balance on the stock for which he has subscribed, nor shall any mere informality in organization have the effect of rendering this charter null or exposing a stockholder to any liability other than as above provided.

Thus done and passed in my office at the City of New Orleans, Louisiana, on the day, month and year herein first above written, in the presence of Irving R. Saal, and Cheri A. Miranne, Jr., competent witnesses, who hereunto sign their names with said appearers and me, notary, after due reading of the whole. (Original signed) W. F. Williams, 319 Hibernia, ($25,000) twenty-five hundred preferred, ($53,000) fifty-three hundred common; Dr. Armand Mary, 155 Baronne, ($1,000) one hundred shares, common; J. E. Hart, 338 S. Clark, ($1,000) one hundred common; W. D. Williams, (by W. F. Williams,) Donaldsonville, La., ($1,000) one hundred common. Witnesses: I. R. Saal and C. A. Miranne, Jr. George M. Barnett, Notary Public.

I, the undersigned Deputy 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 Good Roads Gravel Company, incorporated, was this day duly recorded in my office in book 1157, folio ——, New Orleans, La., April 22nd, 1915. (Signed) Emile J. Leonard, Deputy Recorder of Mortgages.

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of the original act of incorporation of the Good Roads Gravel Company, incorporated, and of the certificate of the deputy recorder of mortgages thereto attached, which originals are on file in my notarial offiice. New Orleans, La., April 22, 1915. (Signed) George M. Barnett, Notary Public.

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CHARTER
OF BEACH TERRACE COMPANY, INC.

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

Be it known that on this twenty-1rst day of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and fifteen, before me, Purnell Mitchell Milner, a notary public, in and for the State of Louisiana, Parish of Orleans, aforesaid, duly commissioned and qualified, 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 to me, notary, in the presence of the undersigned witnesses that, availing themselves of the provisions of the laws of the State of Louisiana, and particularly Act 267 of the General Assembly of the State of Louisiana for the year 1914, they have mutually agreed and contracted, and by these presents do agree and contract, and bind and obligate themselves, their heirs and assigns, and all persons who may hereafter become associated with them herein, to form a corporation under the name and for the objects and purposes, and under the terms, stipulations and provisions contained in the following articles, to-wit:

(a) The name of this corporation shall be the "Beach Terrace Company, Inc."

(b) The objects and purpose for which this corporation is established and the nature of the business to be carried on by it are declared to be, as follows, to-wit: Buying, selling and developing lands, making improvements thereon, and generally to deal in real estate in this and other States.

(c) The capital stock of this corporation shall be fifteen thousand dollars, ($15,000.00))

(d) The capital stock of this corporation may be increased to twenty-five thousand dollars, ($25,000.00).

(e) The capital stock as presently constituted, shall consist of one hundred fifty shares (150) of the par value of one hundred dollars, ($100.00) a share.

(f) The domicile of this corporation shall be in the City of New Orleans, State of Louisiana, where all meetings of the stockholders and directors must be held, provided that with the written consent of all directors, valid meetings of directors may be held outside of the State or within the State elsewhere than at its domicile.

Service of all legal process shall be made upon the President of this corporation, or, in his absence, on the Secretary-Treasurer.

(g) This corporation shall exist and enjoy succession for the full term and period of ninety-nine years from the date hereof.

(h) The business and affairs and corporate powers of this corporation shall be conducted by five (5) directors elected by and from the stockholders annually, on the third Monday of April of each year, unless such day be a holiday, in which event, said election shall take place on the next succeeding day which is not a holiday. All such elections shall take place by ballot, and each stockholder shall be entitled to one vote in person or by proxy, for each share of stock standing in his name. The majority of the vote cast shall be sufficient to elect.

Notices of all meetings of stockholders shall be given by the secreatry by written notice 15 days before the date of the meeting sent to each stockholder, or as otherwise provided by law.

The board of directors shall elect from among themselves at their first meeting, a President, Vice-President, Secretary-Treasurer, but the first board of directors shall be composed of the following named persons, who shall serve until the third Monday of April, 1915, or until their successors are elected: A. Aschaffenburg, 4900 St. Charles Avenue; Dr. G. A. MacDiarmid, 1422 Jackson Avenue; Joseph Oury, 429 Julia Street; John G. O'Kelley, 1535 Octavia Street, and Dr. Paul Reiss, 520 Macheca Building, with A. Aschaffenburg, 4900 St. Charles Avenue as President, Dr. G. A. McDiarmid, 1422 Jackson Avenue, as Vice-President, and Joseph Oury, 429 Julia Street as Secretary-Treasurer.

(i) This article of incorporation bears the names and postoffice addresses of the subscribers to same, and a statement of the number of shares of stock which each agrees to take.

(j) This corporation shall have all the powers enumerated in Section 7 of Act 267 of the General Assembly of the State of Louisiana for the year 1914. All subscribers hereto are to pay cash for the amount of stock subscribed.

(k) This act of incorporation may be amended, and the corporation dissolved, and its affairs liquidated, as provided for in Act 267 of the General Assembly of the State of Louisiana for the year 1914.

Thus done and passed, in my office, at New Orleans, Louisiana, on the date, and in the month and year, herein first above written, in the presence of E. J. Trepagnier and Leo G. Aschaffenburg, competent witnesses, residing in this city, who have hereunto signed their names with appearers and me, notary, after reading of the whole. (Original Signed.) J. Oury, 429 Julia Street, ten (10) shares; Albert Aschaffenburg, 4900 St. Charles Avenue, thirty (30) shares; Harry S. Kaufman, 325 Baronne street, ten (10) shares, per Albert Aschaffenburg; Albert Aschaffenburg, 4900 St. Charles Avenue, ten (10) shares; George A. Wiegand, 525 Poydras street, ten, (10) shares; Charles Levy, 307 Tchoupitoulas, ten, (10) shares; Irving L. Stern, 4900 St. Charles Avenue, ten, (10) shares; H. Goodman, 400 Poydras Street, ten, (10) shares; John G. O'Kelley, 1535 Octavia Street, ten, (10) shares; G. A. MacDiarmid, 1422 Jackson Avenue, ten, (10) shares; John T. Pender, 1531 N. Miro Street, ten, (10) shares; C. B. Fox, 1302 State Street, ten, (10) shares; Dr. Paul L. Riess, 1515 Peters Avenue, ten, (10) shares; Purnell M. Milner, Notary Public. Witnesses: E. J. Trepnagier, Leo. G. Aschaffenburg. Purnell M. Milner, Notary Public.

I, the undersigned Deputy 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 "Beach Terrace Company, Inc., was this day duly recorded in my office in book 1157, folio 186, New Orleans, La., April 22, 1915. (Signed) Emile J. Leonard, Deputy Recorder of Mortgages.

State of Louisiana, Parish of Orleans.

I, Purnell M. Milner, a Notary Public, duly commissioned and qualified, in and for the Parish of Orleans, State of Louisiana, therein residing, certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the act of incorporation of the "Beach Terrace Company, Inc., and also of the certificate of the Recorder of Mortgages for the Parish of Orleans, thereto appended, on file and of record in my notarial office. In faith whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal at New Orleans, La., this twenty-second day of April, A. D., 1915. (Signed.) Purnell M. Milner, Notary Public.

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ACT OF INCORPORATION
OF
LEBOURGEOIS & BUSH INC.

State of Louisiana, Parish of Orleans, City of New Orleans.

Be it known that on this, the 27th day of the month of April in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and fifteen and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred and thirty-ninth, before me, Charles F. Fletchinger, a Notary Public duly commissioned and qualified in and for the City, Parish and State aforesaid, and in the presence of the witnesses hereinafter named and undersigned, personally came and appeared the several persons whose names are hereunto subscribed, who declared that, availing themselves of the provisions of the laws of this State relative to the formation and organization of corporations, they have covenanted and agreed and do, by these presents, covenant, agree and bind themselves, as well as those who may hereafter become associated with them, to form themselves into a corporation for the objects and purposes, with the name and under the stipulations following, towit:

Article I—The name and style of this corporation shall be "LeBourgeois & Bush, Inc." and by said corporate name it shall have succession and enjoy existence for a period of ninety-nine (99) years from this date unless sooner dissolved in the manner provided by law and the Articles of this charter; and under said corporate name it shall have power and authority to contract, sue and be sued, to make and use a corporate seal, 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 formed are declared to be to conduct the business of Sugar and Rice Brokers in the City of New Orleans and at such other places as the Board of Directors may from time to time determine; to purchase, lease or otherwise acquire real estate and to hold, improve, mortgage or dispose of the same; to purchase, produce, refine and sell rice, sugar cane, syrups and molasses and all the by-products thereof, and to import and export the same; to acquire, lease, construct and operate sugar mills, refineries and factories; to acquire, lease and operate plantations of all kind; to make advances; to borrow money on crops growing or to be grown; to loan money and negotiate mortgages; to build factories, warehouses, and to construct and operate railways, tramways, switch tracks and barge lines in connection therewith; to do business as a public warehouseman; to operate barges and barge lines; to buy and sell foods or other products germane to the business of this company for its own account or on a commission basis; to acquire stock in other corporations and to vote the same; and, generally, to do and perform all acts incidental or germane to the accomplishment of the objects and purposes above specified.

Article IV—The authorized capital stock of this corporation is hereby fixed at forty-five thousand ($45,000) dollars, divided into four hundred and fifty (450) shares of the par value of one hundred ($100) dollars each, all of which shall be common stock, and the same may be issued for cash money, or in payment of property or services actually received by or rendered to said corporation.

This corporation shall commence business and become a going concern as soon as forty-five thousand dollars of its capital stock shall have been subscribed and paid for; said stock shall be fully paid at the time of its issuance and thereafter non-assessable.

The parties hereto declare that each subscribed for the number of shares of said capital stock set opposite their respective signatures hereto, aggregating Forty-five Thousand ($45,000) Dollars, the same to be paid for in cash or in property or other choses in action or notes of the value satisfactory to the holders. The Board of Directors hereinafter created is specially authorized to dispose of the stock for any and all of the purposes above stated, as in its judgment may seem fair and proper.

The capital stock of this corporation may be increased or decreased, from time to time, to any amount not exceeding One Hundred Thousand Dollars, in accordance with the provision of the law appertaining thereto.

Article V.—All of the powers of this corporation shall be vested in and be exercised by a board of directors composed of not less than three nor more than five stockholders, as the board of directors may from time to time determine, to be elected each year by the stockholders at the annual meeting; each director shall be a bona fide stockholder, and the first Board of Directors who shall serve until the election to be held on the first Tuesday in February, 1916, and until their successors are elected and qualified, with their postoffice addresses, are as follows:

J. C. LeBourgeois, Hibernia Bank Bldg., New Orleans, La., who shall be President.

Reuben G. Bush, Jr., Hibernia Bank Bldg., New Orleans, La., who shall be Vice-President.

P. J. Stouse, Hibernia Bank Bldg., New Orleans, La., who shall be Secretary-Treasurer.

Joe S. Chaffe, Weis Bldg., New Orleans, La., director.

Herbert Wadsworth, Avon, N. Y., director.

On the first Tuesday in February, 1916, and annually thereafter, except when such day shall fall on a legal holiday, then upon the next following layday, the stockholders shall elect 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 select from their own number the officers of the corporation, who shall be a President, a Vice-president, and shall also elect a Secretary and a Treasurer, who may be members of the Board or not, as the directors may see fit, and both of said officers may be held by one and the same person as Secretary-Treasurer, as may be determined by the Board.

The election of directors shall be by ballot, and the persons 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 vote. 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 and by-laws, with power to fill any vacancy occurring in their number or any vacancy occurring among the officers of the corporation. 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-laws and which, when so adopted, shall become valid corporate acts.

Article VI—Notice of all meetings of stockholders for electing directors or for any other purpose, except as may be hereinafter directed, shall be given in writing by the Secretary, to be deposited in the mails at least fifteen 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 modified, added to, changed or amended or this corporation may be dissolved by and with the assent of the holders of two-thirds in amount of its then entire outstanding stock, given at a general meeting of the stockholders to be convened after fifteen 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 of the stockholders, as provided in Article VI of its charter; and such changes as may be made in reference to the increase or decrease of the capital stock shall be preceded by such notice, delays and formalities as are by law required.

In event of the dissolution of said corporation, either by limitation of its charter or otherwise, its affairs shall be liquidated by three commissioners, to be appointed and elected at a special meeting called for that purpose, as above provided, and he 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 survivors or survivor shall continue to act.

Article VIII—No stockholder shall be held liable or responsible for the 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 a stockholder to liability beyond the amount of his unpaid stock, if any.

Thus done and signed at my office, in the City of New Orleans, on the day, month and year first hereinbefore written, in the presence of Charles Harris and Frances Eisler, competent witnesses, who hereunto sign their names, together with said appears and me, Notary, after due reading of the whole.

(Names of Subscribers Omitted).

Witnesses: Charles Harris, Francis Eisler. Chas. F. Fletchinger, Not. Pub.

I, the undersigned, Recorder of Mortgages in and for the Parish of Orleans, State of Louisiana, hereby certify that the above and foregoing act of incorporation of "LeBourgeois & Bush, Inc.," was this day duly recorded in my office in Book 1157, folio —, New Orleans, La., April 28, 1915. (Signed) Emile J. Leonard, D. R.

A true copy. Chas. F. Fletchinger, Not. Pub.

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A Human Life Net.

"There is some soul of goodness in things evil would men observingly distill it out." How much evil marked the daily lives of the actors in the following episode is a matter of conjecture, but they were, says a New York newspaper, denizens of what is called the "underworld."

A lodging house in one of the crowded tenement districts in New York caught fire. The lives of the inmates were endangered, and seven of them, all women, were cut off by the flames. They rushed to the windows and shrieked for help.

Then, to quote the newspaper account, "a crowd of Park row human flotsam and jetsam and boys of the neighborhood bunched themselves together to break the force of the women's fall and called to them to jump The jump was more than thirty feet but all the women made it safely.

"Only one of them needed attention, but some of the men walked away with heads cut by flying heels and backs strained by the shock of the falling bodies. When the reporter spoke to them most of those who made up this human life net said gruffly that they had no names. When they were asked where they lived they would only say, 'Oh, round here.'"

How to Live One Hundred Years.

Lo and behold, a physician comes forward with the announcement that it is as easy as falling off a log to live to be a hundred years old. He says all you have to do is to avoid alcoholic or malt liquors, don't smoke, go to bed at 10 p. m. and get up at 6 a. m., sleep soundly, don't worry about making money (we don't—we worry about not making it), do nothing to excess (don't marry to excess, of course—Mark Twain said that), the simple life all the time, don't get excited (we don't over anything except elections or prizefights), eat only when you feel inclined (or have the price—this has no reference to newspaper men, who never eat a regular meal). With the exception of the parentheses this is really serious advice, and you would do well to heed it if you wish to make the century mark in life's little Marathon. However, as for us, we wouldn't swap one hour of a golden, glittering time on pay day in joyous Jacksonville for a whole century of such a simple and uneventful existence anywhere else.—Phil H. Armstrong in Florida Times-Union.

Napier's One Word Dispatch.

Very few commanders have revealed any sense of humor in their campaigning exploits, and it was reserved for the witty Sir Charles Napier to become pre-eminent in this rare accomplishment. His crowning achievement in the realms of humor was coincident with his most brilliant feat of arms.

He was deputed to essay the conquest of Scinde, and, after a series of fine exploits in the face of innumerable difficulties, he accomplished his mission But the authorities at home waited anxiously for his dispatch announcing this momentous event. The days passed, and it added to the tension. At last the long expected missive arrived and it contained one word, "Peccavi!" A man who knew Latin was sought and he translated it, "I have sinned (Scinde)!"—London Mail.

How He Changed His Mind

By EDITH V. ROSS

Miss Luella Denton, an American girl sojourning in England, joined in the work of sending comforts to the soldiers fighting in France and Belgium. Miss Denton on looking over some books she owned selected several novels and took them to the rooms where supplies were being packed. They were sent to France and distributed with other things among the soldiers at the front.

Miss Denton had not noticed that her name was in one of the books. The novel was given to the Foreign legion, composed of all nationalities, except French, and fell into the hands of Private Joseph Wilkins, an American youth who happened to be in Paris at the breaking out of the war and had enlisted in that corps.

One day when Private Wilkins was some seven or eight feet underground, getting tired of listening to shells screeching over his head, he saw a book lying on the bottom of the trench and took it up. Listlessly opening it, on a flyleaf he read written in pencil "Luella Denton."

If peace had been declared Wilkins could not have been more astonished. A year before in Miss Denton's home in America he had proposed to her. She had considered his proposition for three days, then turned him down.

The young soldier was not interested in the novel further than that it had come from Miss Denton. Indeed, he did not read a word of it. He was expecting at any minute to be killed, and one in such condition is not apt to give his attention to reading. Nevertheless he formed a resolution to write to Miss Denton a letter from an unknown grateful soldier. Might he not still win her by correspondence?

Fortunately for his plan Miss Denton had left a card between the leaves which she had used as a bookmark, with a London address on it. It was possible that this address was that of Mrs. Denton. At any rate, when Wilkins found the means to write and send a letter he used the address on the card. He took care to disguise his handwriting and sign an assumed name.

One morning Miss Denton received an epistle from a soldier in the trenches thanking her for the great relief afforded him by the novel she had sent. He assured her that it was just the thing needed to divert his mind from death, which continually stared him in the face. Would she not write him a letter? Whenever the danger was most appalling he would read it, and he was sure it would draw his thoughts from a constant presence of death.

Now, Miss Denton was a romantic young woman and had refused Wilkins on the ground that she could not love one so matter of fact. She was well pleased to have given comfort to a soldier who was constantly exposed to death. She wrote a long letter to the poor man, mainly composed of such items as were to be found in the newspapers, addressing it to his corps in France. It reached his company, and he had notified the mail distributer that the name it bore had been assumed by him.

Wilkins was delighted. He wrote again, dwelling on the comfort her letter had given him. Whenever a shell burst over his head, he said, or a comrade was killed beside him he felt that he would go insane from the continuance of such horrors. At such times he read her letter, and it always brought back his nerve. To preserve it he had placed it in a tin cigarette box and kept it in his left pocket. A fragment of a shell had struck him over the heart and had been turned aside by the metal. Her letter had saved his life.

Wilkins had no opportunity to receive or write another letter, for in a bayonet charge he was wounded and as soon as possible sent across the channel. He was finally removed to London and not long after arriving there wrote Miss Denton, informing her of his condition and asking if she would not further add to his comfort by coming to see him at the hospital where he lay.

Luella collected a large basket full of delicacies and betook herself to the hospital. Joe had given his assumed name to a nurse, requesting that if any one asked for that person he was the one wanted. Then came Luella with her basket on her arm and her romantic heart beating wildly at the prospect of meeting her unknown soldier. When she was taken up to Joe's bed so pale and thin was he that she failed to recognize him.

"Luella!" he said in a choked voice.

The sound of her name, spoken in a familiar voice, caused her to look more intently in his face, and she recognized in the poor soldier the man she had refused.

"Oh, Joe!" she exclaimed, and, kneeling beside his cot, she took his hand in hers.

Joe told her that when he saw her name in the book she had sent he did not feel justified in writing her direct after her refusal of him, but, desiring the comfort she might give a stranger, had written her incognito. Naturally she took pity on him, for he had been badly wounded and was the shadow of his former self. So she nursed him back to comparative health. But the surgeons agreed that it would require a long time to make him fit for the field again, and he was discharged.

He and Luella were married in London and returned to America.

What He Had Better Do.

Macpherson in talking to his minister told the reverend gentleman that he was going to take a trip to the holy land.

"And whiles I'm there," he said enthusiastically, "I'll read the Ten Commandments aiood frae the top of Mount Sinai."

"Nae, Macpherson," said the minister gravely, "tak' my advice. Dinna read them aiood. Bide at hame and keep them."

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MEMORIAL DAY.

Orange Camp No. 8, Woodmen of the World, will observe Sunday, June 6, which is memorial day of the order, with an unveiling ceremony in the McDonoghville Cemetery, where the camp has a handsome shaft. The ceremonies will take place at 4 o'clock, and will be preceded by a parade of the members of the camp and invited guests, with the uniform rank of Orange Camp and other camps. The parade will form at Pythian Hall at 3 o'clock. Members of J. C. Root Camp, No. 597, and other camps of the city and vicinity are invited.

SOUTHERN PACIFIC TO BEGIN IMPROVEMENTS.

At a conference Friday morning between Mayor Behrman, Commissioner Thompson and W. B. Scott, president of the Morgan, Louisiana and Texas, and Guy Hopkins, superintendent of this division of that road, the railroad officials agreed to repair the Patterson street viaduct, and will reduce the grade as much as possible, making it practically the same grade as the Newton street viaduct.

This, it is understood, will permit the general use of the Patterson street structure. The railroad corporation also agreed to keep Patterson street open to the public.

President Scott and Mr. Hopkins further agreed to build an overhead foot bridge at a point in the center between the Newton and Patterson street viaducts, thus affording the people easy access to and from the lower section. The company is to build the foot bridge without cost to the city, though, in accordance with the agreement, the city is to maintain the bridge. The structure will be built along the most modern lines and will be of material service to the people living here as well as those living in the lower section.

A further announcement followed Friday's conference is the statement that the Southern Pacific will begin on July 1 the erection of modern shops on their property. This will be a material improvement and will mean the employment of a large number of skilled laborers.

Officials of the railroad corporation told Mayor Behrman and Commissioner Thompson the company would have given the various items above mentioned serious consideration before this, but for the fact that the ordinance in question was adopted during August of last year, at a time when the company could not make an appropriation for the work, in view of the fact that the fiscal year begins in July. The 1915-16 fiscal year will begin on July 1, and at that time the company will provide a sufficient sum to defray the expenses of the improvements.

VOLKSFEST.

Chairman Geo. G. Brunssann has given much of his time and attention to the details of the festival, his object being to make this the most successful event.

It is almost certain there will be a record attendance which means a jolly good crowd to witness the races for girls, boys, men and women. The chairman, Mr. Guendich, will see that every one in these races will receive a prize. The amusement committee has arranged a most elaborate program for the old time Germans. Some songs will be sung and the old style German dance will be witnessed with interest. John Teuteberg, Max Hantel, Gus Weber, Chas. McMahon, W.