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Much Row, Same Result.

Thursday afternoon the Orleans levee board, in the presence of President Hudson, of the dock board, formally pledged itself to levy the necessary additional millage to float the \$7,500,000 bonds needed to complete the great industrial canal.

Whereupon Mr. Hudson announced that there would be no suspension of work and that all energy would be used in pushing the job to completion.

Does it occur to you that this is precisely what would have happened if the governor had not taken his sensational course in dismissing the Thompson board?

Well, it is. We have had a remarkable exhibition of executive tyranny, we have had public-spirited citizens doing a great public work without compensation and with magnificent efficiency summarily kicked out of office, we have had threats of the abandonment of the most important undertaking credited to New Orleans since she voted for modern sewerage, drainage and water—and in the end it turns out that we have just been going around in a circle.

For the governor's new board has had to do what the governor says he dismissed the old board for preparing to do—it has had to commit itself irrevocably to the finishing of the canal, it had to acknowledge that the enterprise represents the most enlightened public work of any city in the country, it has had to go to the very sources the governor spurned for help in extricating it from a sad dilemma and it has had to pledge itself to issue and sell the bonds for contemplating which Mr. Pleasant has the egregious nerve to say he asked the resignations of Mr. Thompson and his associates.

In other words, we have had much fuss and feathers to attain the result which might have been achieved with no noise or confusion; and we have had this public excitement not in the interest of the community, but only to let Mr. Pleasant make a plaything out of a great public utility as a part of his campaign to force the people of Louisiana to accept his nomination of a man to be his successor in the gubernatorial office.

The chapter written by the levee board and the dock board yesterday supplies any gap there might be in the evidence that Mr. Pleasant removed the dock board for no reason on earth but to seize its patronage to bribe men into supporting his candidate for governor.—New Orleans States.

President Wilson, on Armistice day, sat up in a wheel chair for the first time since his illness began, more than a month ago. Dr. Cary T. Grayson, his physician, said the president would be permitted to sit up each day for a brief period unless it was found that the exertion was to great a task on his strength. No evidence of weariness was apparent after the first short period that the president was propped in the wheel chair.

Householders in the United Kingdom are barred from entertaining their mothers-in-law or other guests longer than four weeks by an order from the ministry of food. This edict, which is part of the food conservation program, limits the stay of a visitor in a private house to one month.

CHARTER OF ARCADIA OIL CORPORATION

United States of America, State of Louisiana, Parish of Bienville.

BE IT KNOWN, that on this the 14th day of October, in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and nineteen, before me, the undersigned Notary Public, duly appointed, commissioned and qualified, in and for Bienville parish, Louisiana, and in the presence of the witnesses herein named and undersigned, personally came and appeared the several persons whose names are hereto subscribed, who severally declared that, availing themselves of the provision of the law of this state relative to corporations, and particularly Act 207 of the general assembly of Louisiana for the year 1914, they have formed and organized, and by these presents do form and organize themselves into a corporate and body politic in law, for the objects and purposes herein set forth, and to that end they hereby formulate and adopt the following articles of incorporation, to-wit:

ARTICLE I.
The name and title of this corporation hereby formed shall be "ARCADIA OIL CORPORATION" and its domicile shall be and is hereby fixed at Arcadia, Bienville parish, State of Louisiana.

ARTICLE II.
The purposes and objects for which this corporation is organized are hereby declared to be: Buy, to sell and lease lands; to acquire, hold and dispose of mineral rights; to drill, mine and explore for oil, gas and other minerals, and to develop, store, transport, sell and dispose of same; to acquire, construct, maintain and operate pipe lines and refineries, and to do all things necessary and incidental to the conducting of a general oil and gas business.

ARTICLE III.
All citations or other legal process shall be served upon the president of the corporation, or in the event of his absence upon the vice-president, or in the absence of both of them upon the secretary or treasurer.

ARTICLE IV.
The period of the existence or duration of this corporation is hereby fixed at ninety-nine (99) years from the date of this act, unless sooner dissolved under the provisions of law.

ARTICLE V.
This corporation shall have power to contract, sue and be sued; to make and use a corporate seal and the same to alter at pleasure; to hold, receive, purchase, lease, sell and convey, as well as hypothecate and mortgage, in its corporate name, any property which it may own; to appoint such officers as the business of this corporation shall require; to make such by-laws, rules and regulations for the government of this corporation, as may be necessary, and the same to alter or change at will.

ARTICLE VI.
The authorized capital stock of this corporation is hereby fixed at five hundred thousand (\$500,000) dollars, divided into five hundred thousand shares of the par value of one (\$1.00) dollar each, and the authorized capital stock of this corporation may be increased to one million (\$1,000,000) dollars, by complying with the law in such cases made and provided. All shares of stock shall be paid for in money or in property conveyed to this corporation, or in labor performed in behalf of this corporation. This corporation shall be authorized to commence business when fifty (50) per cent of its authorized capital stock has been subscribed and fully paid for.

ARTICLE VII.
The business affairs of this corporation shall be under the management and control of a board of directors to be composed of five stockholders, a majority of which shall constitute a quorum, which board of directors shall

be invested with all the corporate powers of this corporation, subject however, to any restrictions which may be stipulated in this charter.

The Board of Directors shall elect a president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer (the last two to be held by one and the same party), and such other officers as may be necessary for the management of the affairs of this corporation; they shall have the power to fill all vacancies occurring by death, resignation or otherwise. The office of secretary and treasurer to be combined and held by one and the same person.

The following stockholders shall constitute and compose the first board of directors, viz: George W. Sager, Abner Siegal, Arthur Collman, L. L. Lieber and C. H. Godwin, the first two of Arcadia, and the last three of Monroe, State of Louisiana, with George W. Sager, president, C. H. Godwin, vice-president, and Abner Siegal, secretary-treasurer. The first board of directors shall hold office until the third Tuesday of October, 1920, at which time and annually thereafter a new board of directors shall be elected by a majority of the stockholders being entitled to cast, either in person or by proxy, one vote for each share of stock owned by him. Nothing in this charter to be construed as preventing the reelection of the first board of directors, if the majority of stockholders being entitled to cast, either in person or by proxy, one vote for each share of stock owned by him, so rule.

Notice of the holding of the annual stockholders meeting shall be given according to law.

The failure or omission to hold the annual election of officers of this corporation in the manner and at the time and place specified in this charter shall in no manner suspend or affect the business of this corporation, but the corporate officers then in charge shall hold office until their places are filled by a new election to be provided for by the board of directors.

ARTICLE VIII.
No transfer of stock shall be binding upon this corporation unless the same shall have been made upon the application of the owner or his authorized agent, and is duly entered up on the books of the corporation.

ARTICLE IX.
This charter may be amended and its capital stock increased or decreased by complying with the provisions of law in such cases made and provided.

Whenever this corporation is dissolved by liquidation or otherwise its affairs shall be liquidated or settled by one or more liquidators elected or appointed by the stockholders at a meeting called for that purpose, and such liquidators shall have such powers, perform such duties, and give such bonds as the stockholders require.

ARTICLE X.
There shall be no preferred stock, but all stock shall be of the same class equal in all respects, including its voting power. The corporation may in case its Board of Directors authorize it, hold as much as 250,000 shares of its stock as Treasury Stock, provided at least 250,000 shares shall always be outstanding and not retired or held as treasury stock.

ARTICLE XI.
It is hereby declared that each member of the Board of Directors hereinabove named is the owner in his own name and rightly paid for an unincumbered, of at least one share of the capital stock of this corporation, and hereafter each director shall possess a like qualification.

ARTICLE XII.
The subscribers to these articles of incorporation, their respective post-offices and addresses, and the statement of the number of shares which each agrees to take in this corporation, are as follows: George W. Sager, Arcadia, La., 62,500 shares; Abner Siegal, Arcadia, La., 62,500 shares; Arthur Coll-

man, Monroe La., 41,667 shares; L. L. Lieber, Monroe, La., 41,667 shares, and C. H. Godwin, Monroe, La., 41,667 shares.

ARTICLE XIII.
No stockholder in this corporation 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 issued to and owned by him except in such cases where the law makes them liable for violating certain provisions thereof.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, the parties have signed this instrument, in the presence of witnesses and me Notary Public, on the day and date first above written as the date hereof:
G. W. SAGER,
ABNER SIEGAL,
L. L. LIEBER,
C. H. GODWIN,
A. COLLMAN.

Witnesses:
S. K. SAGER,
EFFIE A. PRICE,
BERTRAM F. BARNETTE,
Notary Public,
State of Louisiana, Parish of Bienville, ss:

I hereby CERTIFY that the above and foregoing CHARTER is a true and correct copy of the original filed for record in my office on the 23rd day of October, 1919, which said act bears register No. 1742.

This the 23rd day of October, 1919.

J. N. SMELLEY,
By, Clerk and Ex-Officio Recorder.

TAKEN UP

At my place 6 miles south of Arcadia on Arcadia and Bienville road, one dark jersey heifer yearling, two years old, end of nose and tail white. This heifer was taken up by me on the 27th of October, 1919, and the owner is hereby notified to come forward and approve property and pay keeper's cost and the cost of this notice and take same away or said heifer will be sold during legal sale hours on
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November 12, 1919.

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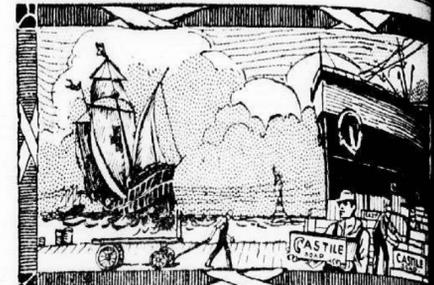
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