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THE PASSING OF THE CYPRESS.

The great cypress trees with lofty tops that have been whispering to each other for ages, are doomed. Valuable swamps that in the past have contributed little to the material wealth of Louisiana, and but a few years ago were regarded as idle and useless, and scarcely worth the taxes due on them, are now being eagerly sought after by the lumbermen, with the supply falling short of the demand.

It took ages to produce the mammoth cypress trees that cover thousands of acres of our swamp lands; but at the recent rate of increase in the number and capacity of the saw-mills, it will require only a decade or so to convert the grand and time-worn monarchs of the woods into building material.

The saddest feature connected with the inevitable destruction of the cypress swamps, is that the destruction, in spite of all that has been said to the contrary, will be complete, permanent and final. The great trees will leave no offsprings, that, in the natural order of things can develop as they have done. The conditions so necessary for the growth and development of great forests of cypress trees, will never exist again.

The annual overflow of the Mississippi, and the rich deposit of tree-wood that these overflows conveyed to roots of the cypress can be regarded as a factor no longer in the production of these trees. The young cypress is doomed to perish of hunger before it reaches maturity; but should it escape starvation it must die from thirst, for the different systems of drainage reach a more perfect stage of completion the swamps will dry up, and the water so essential to the production of cypress swamps will be lacking.

While witnessing the gradual reclaiming of prairie, swamp lands and bogs, in other sections of this country, and in other countries, can any of us question the prediction that, within the next one hundred years, corn fields will be waving over the great section now being guarded by the stately old sentinels of the seashore wilderness?

Although we may deplore the fact, we are utterly powerless to prevent it. Our forests occupy one corner of the store-house that nature has given to man to draw from. As master of the earthy situation, man seems to possess the authority to utilize the things that add to his material benefit in the evolution through which he is passing. In his search for a better and higher state of existence.

Cypress forests are nice things for the eye to regard; they are picturesque, poetic and majestic; they no doubt have served and are still serving a good purpose in dissipating the force of an occasional cyclone or a West Indian hurricane; but it appears that they have a more important mission to fulfill. Man must have shelter. It is essential that houses be supplied him for his bodily comfort, and as a protection against the heat of summer and cold of winter, and who is there to say that these great trees will not serve him and protect him better when the lumberman gets through with them, than they did before.

Then again the crowding process will soon begin. We are fruitful and are multiplying, and need and must have more elbow room. The rich soil that the great trees have monopolized for centuries will have to be called upon to contribute to the food supply of the future millions of unborn inhabitants of the mundane sphere.

Flourishes are already being sharpened to rip open the bosom of the soil that has produced these great forests, and man's hand will soon be itching to tickle the soil.

What must be, will be. Like the American Indian, annihilation, utter and complete, is the fate of the proud and partly cypress. Both seem connecting links with the pre-historic past, whispering voices that have come to us from the distant shores of ages gone by. And both are doomed.

CHARTER
—OF—
"The Gibson School Association, Limited."

STATE OF LOUISIANA,
 PARISH OF TERREBONNE.
 BEFORE ME, EDWIN CLARENCE WAZLWORTH, Chief Deputy Clerk of the 20th Judicial Court, ex-Officio Recorder and Notary Public, duly commissioned and qualified in and for the Parish of Terrebonne, State aforesaid, and in the presence of Messrs. Alexander Vogel and John Walther, competent witnesses residing in said parish.

Personally came and appeared, the parties whose names are hereto subscribed, and declared that, availing themselves of the Statute of the State of Louisiana relative to the organization of corporations, they had deliberated and agreed and do hereby covenant and agree to bind themselves as well as all others who may hereafter become members of this organization, to form and constitute a corporation and body politic in law, for the objects and purposes and under the conditions and stipulations following, to-wit:

ARTICLE I.
 The name and title of this corporation shall be "THE GIBSON SCHOOL ASSOCIATION, LIMITED," and under its said corporate name it shall have power to contract, sue and be sued; to make and use a corporate seal and the same to break or alter at pleasure; to hold, receive, lease, purchase, convey, pledge and mortgage under its corporate name property, both real and personal, to lend or borrow on security; to name and appoint such officers and agents as it may deem proper; to make and establish such By-Laws, rules and regulations for the proper management and regulation of the affairs of said corporation as may be necessary and proper to carry out the objects and purposes of said corporation; and said corporation unless sooner dissolved under the provisions of this charter, shall exist for the period of twenty-five years.

ARTICLE II.
 The domicile of this corporation shall be at Gibson in the Parish of Terrebonne, La., and all citations and other legal processes, shall be served upon the President of said corporation, or, in his absence upon the Vice-President, or in his absence both of these officers, upon the Secretary.

ARTICLE III.
 The object and purposes for which this corporation is formed are declared to be the establishment and maintenance at Gibson, or near vicinity, of a school for the education of the white children between 6 and 18 years of age; to obtain by subscription, donation, appropriation, taxation or otherwise, the funds necessary to erect requisite buildings and meet the legitimate expenses of conducting said school; to make the management and conduct of said school strictly non-sectarian both in theory and practice; to turn said school and property over to the parish or town, whenever, in the judgment of this association, the material interests of the neighborhood and community will be subserved thereby.

ARTICLE IV.
 The capital stock of this corporation is hereby fixed at the sum of Twenty-five Hundred Dollars, represented by twenty-five hundred shares of the par value of One Dollar each, payable in full at the time of subscription. The Board of Directors shall have the right to issue shares of stock for cash, services, merchandise, property or other valuable considerations, as they may see fit. The corporation shall begin business as soon as the sum of Three Hundred Dollars is subscribed and paid.

Should the capital stock of this corporation be increased by the persons holding stock at the time of such increase shall have the right to take shares of the additional increased stock proportionate to the number of shares then owned by them respectively.

ARTICLE V.
 The corporate powers of this corporation shall be vested in and exercised by a Board of Directors, composed of five share holders; the President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer shall be selected by the Board of Directors from its own members. The office of Secretary and Treasurer may be filled by one and the same person. Three members of said Board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business and their actions shall be valid, corporate acts. The first Board of directors shall be and is hereby composed of Messrs. Benjamin M. Talbot, Lionel J. Fleury, Henry Walther, William E. Mount and Edward F. Morgan; Benjamin M. Talbot is hereby declared to be President, E. F. Morgan, Vice-President, Lionel J. Fleury, Secretary, Henry Walther, Treasurer. Said Board of Directors and officers shall continue in office until the fifteenth day of March, 1904, on which date, as well as annually thereafter, after a Board of Directors shall be elected. The election for Directors shall be by ballot and the majority in amount of stockholders voting, whether present or by proxy, shall elect the person or persons for whom they may be cast. Each share of stock voted upon to be counted for one vote, and the majority shall elect. After each election the Board shall elect from their own number the officers aforesaid. All officers filling the above offices shall serve without compensation.

The Board of Directors shall give at least ten days notice by mail of the election of Directors, and shall appoint one or more stockholders to preside at such election as commissioners.

Any failure from any cause whatever to elect Directors on the day named for that purpose shall not dissolve the corporation, but the Directors and officers then in office shall hold over until their successors are chosen.

In such event another election shall be held within thirty days, and notice thereof shall be given as hereinbefore provided; at every election and meeting each stockholder shall be entitled to one vote for each share of stock registered in his name and may vote by proxy. All elections and meetings shall be held and take place in Gibson, Louisiana. The Board of Directors shall have full power and authority to fill vacancies in their number, caused by death, resignation, or otherwise, from among the stockholders of the company. The said Board is further authorized to frame and adopt such by-laws, rules and regulations as the affairs and business of the corporation may require and it may deem necessary for the

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Personally Came and Appeared:—the several persons whose names are hereto subscribed, who severally declared, that availing themselves of the provisions of the laws of this state relative to the organization of corporations, they have contracted and agreed, and do by this presents agree and bind themselves, as well as such other persons as may hereafter become associated with them, to form and constitute a corporation and body corporate in law, for the objects and purposes and under the conditions and stipulations hereinafter set forth and expressed.

ARTICLE I.
 The name and title of said corporation shall be "H. G. BUSH PETROLEUM COMPANY," and under this name said corporation shall have power and authority to exist and enjoy succession for the full term and period of ninety-nine years after the day and date hereof; to contract, sue and be sued in its corporate name; to make and use a corporate seal; to acquire, receive, purchase, lease, hold, sell, convey and alienate, property of any kind, real, personal and mixed by any title whatsoever, whether gratuitous or onerous; as well as to mortgage and hypothecate and pledge any property to which it may acquire title; to acquire and dispose of rights, options, leases and franchises of any nature or kind whatsoever; to name and appoint such managers, directors, officers, agents and employees as the said corporation may require; and to make and establish such rules, regulations and by-laws for the proper management and regulation of the affairs of said corporation as may be necessary and proper, and the same to change, alter or amend at pleasure; and generally to do and perform any and all acts and things requisite and necessary or convenient in order to carry out the objects and purposes of said corporation.

ARTICLE II.
 The domicile of said corporation shall be in the town of Houma, Parish of Terrebonne, State of Louisiana. The President, or in his absence the Vice-President, or in his absence the Secretary, shall be the officer upon whom citation and all judicial process shall be served.

ARTICLE III.
 The objects and purposes for which this corporation is organized and established and the nature of the business to be carried on by it are hereby declared to be to find, buy and lease mines and shafts, to prospect, develop, lease and mine for oil, gas, minerals of any kind, or any valuable natural deposits; to own and operate any mines, oil wells, gas wells, refineries, manufacturing, warehouses, railroads, steam and sail vessels, barges, wharves, pipe lines, pumping stations, telegraph and telephone lines; and generally to do and perform all such acts as may be necessary or convenient to successfully carry out the objects and purposes of this corporation.

ARTICLE IV.
 The Capital Stock of this corporation is hereby fixed at Seven Thousand Dollars, to be represented by twenty-eight shares of the par value of Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars each. The said stock to be issued by the Board of Directors of this corporation at such time and in such amount as they may see fit and proper, and to be paid for in labor done or money, or property actually received; provided that Five Thousand Dollars of the Capital Stock shall be subscribed for before this company shall commence business.

All shares of stock, when issued, shall be signed by the President and the Secretary of the corporation. No share of capital stock shall be transferred upon the books of the corporation until the certificate of the shares to be transferred shall have been delivered to the corporation (or satisfactory proof made of its loss or destruction, according to law) and duly canceled. All shares of stock of this corporation held by any stockholder shall be non-assessable as to the holders thereof. Any owner of stock in this corporation desiring to dispose of same shall first offer his said stock for sale to the other shareholders of the corporation, by notifying the Secretary of the corporation of his desire to sell; and the shareholders of this corporation shall have the first option of purchasing any share of stock issued subsequently to the first issue.

ARTICLE V.
 All the corporate powers of said corporation shall be vested in and exercised by a Board of Directors to be composed of seven stockholders only, who shall be elected annually on the first Monday of April of each year, the first election to be held in 1903. All such elections shall be by ballot and held at the office of the company and under the supervision of two commissioners to be appointed for that purpose by the President and Board of Directors of which election ten days prior notice shall be given, in writing, and addressed to the stockholders at their places of residences. Each share of stock shall be entitled to one vote to be cast by its owner either in person or by written proxy, and a majority of votes cast shall elect. A failure to elect officers on the date above specified shall not dissolve the corporation, but the incumbent directors shall then cause another election to be held within thirty days thereafter; ten days prior notice shall be given in writing addressed to the place of residence of the stockholders, and failing that to elect the directors then in office shall continue to act until the date fixed for the next regular annual election. Vacancies occurring in said Board shall be filled by the remaining directors; and these directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of any and all business.

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SHERIFF'S SALE.

THE STATE OF LOUISIANA,
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 Claiborne Pontifex vs. No. 6195, Ivie Marange.
 BY Virtue of and in obedience to a writ of Seizure and Sale, emanating from the above named court in the above entitled and numbered suit, and to me directed, same being of date, March 29th, 1903, I have seized and taken into my possession and will offer for sale at public auction to the last and highest bidder in front of the Court House, in the town of Houma, La., on

SATURDAY, THE 2nd, DAY OF MAY, A. D. 1903,
 between the hours of 11 o'clock a. m., and 4 o'clock p. m., the following described property, to-wit:

"A certain lot of ground situated in the Parish of Terrebonne, near the left bank descending the Little Bayou Black and lying immediately East of the right of way of the Branch Railroad from the running from Schriever to the town of Houma, having a front of one acre and extending back from the line of said road by a depth of four acres; bounded on the South, or lower side, by the "Belle Grove" plantation of James E. McBride, North, or upper side, by Michel LeBlanc, East, or front, by the right of way of said railroad, preserving to vendor a right of way for the term of his natural life, fifteen feet in width along the boundary line of said lot of ground and the said "Belle Grove" plantation and extending to the rear thereof to the moss landing of said vendor, which is located within the Southeast corner of the within sold lot and is one-fourth of an acre in length along said right of way at said Southeast corner with a depth of thirtyfeet and the use of which said moss landing is likewise retained by the vendor and granted by the vendor for the term of the natural life of the said vendor."

"Also a perpetual right of way to the said vendor, which said right of way is fifteen feet in width and is located on the boundary line of said vendor and the aforementioned "Belle Grove" plantation, and extends from the Southwest corner of the Lot above described at and from the railroad crossing at that point, southwesterly and completely to the public road in front of vendor's place on the left bank of Bayou Black."

Being the same property acquired by Ivie Marange from Claiborne Pontifex, May 24th, 1900, by Act before E. B. Butler, Notary Public; of record in the Clerk's Office in Conveyance Book U. U., folio 6 et seq., and in Mortgage Book L. L., folio 77 et seq.

Terms—Cash in U. S. Currency.
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