

Amendment to Charter A. C. Skiles Lumber Co., Ltd.

State of Louisiana,
Parish of St. Landry.

Be it known, that on this twenty-ninth (29th) day of the month of January, A. D. 1921, before me, W. R. Lacombe, a notary public, duly commissioned, qualified and sworn, in and for the parish and State first above-written, and in the presence of the witnesses hereinafter named and undesignated, personally came and appeared:

Andrew Morel and A. C. Skiles, of full age and majority and residents of the city of Opelousas, St. Landry parish, Louisiana, the said Andrew Morel here setting in the capacity of president, and the said A. C. Skiles here setting in the capacity of secretary of the A. C. Skiles Lumber Company, Limited, a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Louisiana, domiciled in the city of Opelousas, St. Landry parish, Louisiana, and instituted by act passed before L. Austin Fontenot, a notary public on April 23, 1912, and recorded in the Clerk's office of the parish of St. Landry in miscellaneous Book No. 14, at page 247-58, and by virtue of a resolution adopted at a general meeting of the stockholders of said corporation held at its office in Opelousas, La., on this day, a certified extract of the said meeting is hereto annexed and made part hereof.

And the said appeared declared that at said meeting of the stockholders of said corporation the charter of the A. C. Skiles Lumber Company, Limited, and that portion of it designated on Section 4 was amended by increasing the capital stock of said corporation from the sum of fifteen thousand dollars, (\$15,000.00) to the sum of thirty thousand dollars, (\$30,000.00), and appeared were duly authorized and empowered to cause said amendment to the charter of said corporation to be publicly declared and placed in authentic form.

Now, therefore, in accordance with the said resolution, they the said appeared, acting in their aforesaid capacities having appeared before me, notary, for the purpose of passing said amendment to the charter of the said A. C. Skiles Lumber Company, Limited, in authentic form by notarial act, do now declare that Article 4 of the said corporation be and the same is hereby changed and amended so as hereafter to be known and read as follows, to-wit:

"The capital stock of this corporation is hereby fixed at Thirty Thousand Dollars, (\$30,000.00), divided into 300 shares of the par value of \$100.00 each. Of this number the organizers of this corporation shall not dispose of more than one hundred shares and the balance shall remain unsold until the Board of Directors may so direct. The amount of each share shall be paid for in cash or its equivalent, and this corporation shall become a going concern when six thousand dollars worth of stock shall have been subscribed and paid for, to-wit: at the execution of these presents, and which stock is hereby declared to be non-assessable. No transfer of stock shall be binding on this corporation unless same appears

on the books thereof." Said appeared further declared that they do hereby authorize said amendment to be duly incorporated in notarial form, to be recorded and published according to law, the Secretary of State furnished certificates hereof and to the end that the same may be operative and binding on all persons whomsoever.

Thus done, passed and signed on this 29th day of January, A. D. 1921, at my office in the city of Opelousas, Louisiana, in the presence of Jno. W. Lewis and M. V. Boagni, competent witnesses of lawful age and residing in this city, who hereunto subscribe their names, together with the parties and me, notary, after reading the whole.

JNO. W. LEWIS,
M. V. BOAGNI,
ANDREW MOREL,
A. C. SKILES,
W. R. LACOMBE,
Notary Public.

State of Louisiana,
Parish of St. Landry.

I hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of original act No. 2788 on file and of record in my office in Charter Book No. 1 of date February 4, 1921.

Witness my hand and seal of office this 4th day of February, A. D. 1921.
A. J. T. LITTELL,
Deputy Clerk.

Opelousas, Jan. 29th, 1921.
Minutes of the Stockholders' Meeting of the A. C. Skiles Lumber Company, Limited, held on the above date at the office of the said company in the City of Opelousas, Louisiana.

Upon roll call the following stockholders were shown to be present: A. C. Skiles, Mrs. Pauline Skiles, Andrew Morel, Remi Morhinvege and J. A. Perkins. Absent: Andrepoint and Leduc, J. E. Andrepoint, Theogene Bertrand and J. M. Boagni.

It being thus ascertained that more than two-thirds of the stockholders voting by shares were present at the meeting, said present stockholders owning and voting 77 shares of the capital stock out of a total issued of 81 shares of the capital stock.

It being further shown that all of the stockholders had been duly notified of this meeting by mailed notices and by publication as provided for by Section 9 of said original charter.

The meeting was regularly called to order by Andrew Morel, president, with A. C. Skiles as secretary. Whereupon A. C. Skiles offered the following resolution:

Whereas, 10 days previous notice has been given of this meeting by publication in the St. Landry Clarion of Opelousas, La., and by written notices mailed to the stockholders through the United States mail, such notices setting forth the objects and purposes for which said meeting was called; and

Whereas, it is manifestly to the interest and advantage of this company that section 4 of the charter of this corporation should be amended so as to increase the capital stock of the same from \$15,000 to \$30,000.00, divided into 300 shares of the par value of \$100.00 each.

Now, therefore, be it resolved that section 4 of the charter of this corporation be amended and changed as to read as follows:

The capital stock of this corporation is hereby fixed at Thirty Thousand Dollars, (\$30,000.00), divided into 300 shares of the par value of \$100.00 each. Of this number the organizers of this corporation shall not dispose of more than one hundred shares and the balance shall remain unsold until the Board of Directors may so direct. The amount of each share shall be paid for in cash or its equivalent, and this corporation shall become a going concern when six thousand dollars worth of stock shall have been subscribed and paid for, to-wit: at the execution of these presents, and which stock is hereby declared to be non-assessable. No transfer of stock shall be binding on this corporation unless same appears on the books thereof.

And which resolution upon being duly seconded and put to a vote was unanimously carried.

Upon motion duly made, seconded and carried the president and secretary were authorized and directed to appear before a notary public in and for the parish and state and make public declaration in authentic act of such changed charter and to do all things necessary or needful in the premises to carry out the objects and purposes of the above and foregoing resolution, so as to increase the capital stock of said corporation from \$15,000.00 to \$30,000.00.

We hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the meeting of the stockholders of the A. C. Skiles Lumber Company, Ltd., held at its office on the 29th day of January, 1921.

ANDREW MOREL,
President.
A. C. SKILES,
Secretary.

—CHARTER OF—

OPELOUSAS OIL COMPANY, INC.

State of Louisiana.

Parish of St. Landry.

Be it known, that on the first (1st) day of the month of February, A. D. 1921, before me, W. R. Lacombe, a notary public, in and for the parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana, duly commissioned and qualified, and in the presence of the witnesses hereinafter named and undesignated personally came and appeared the persons whose names are hereunto subscribed, who severally declared that, availing themselves of the laws of the state of Louisiana, in such cases made and provided, they covenanted and agreed and do by these presents covenant, agree and bind themselves, as well as all such persons as may 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 the OPELOUSAS OIL COMPANY, INCORPORATED, and under its said corporate name it shall have power and authority to have and enjoy corporate existence and succession for the full term and period of ninety (99) years from and after the date hereof, to contract, sue and be sued; to make and use a corporate seal and the same to alter and break at pleasure; to hold, receive, lease, purchase and convey, as well as mortgage and hypothecate property, real, personal, and mixed, corporeal and incorporeal; to name and appoint such managers, agents, directors and officers as its business, interest and convenience may require; and to make and establish, as well as alter and amend, from time to time, such by-laws, rules and regulations as may be necessary for the proper government of the affairs of said corporation as may be necessary and proper.

Article II.
The domicile of this corporation to be in the City of Opelousas, parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana, and all citations or other legal process shall be served upon the President of said corporation, or in the event of his absence, upon the Vice-President, and in the absence of both of said officers, upon the Secretary of this corporation.

Article III.
To prospect, for oil and gas, to locate, acquire by discovery, lease, license, option, purchase, franchise, grant, gift, devise, or otherwise hold, possess, enjoy, develop, work, mine, bore for, operate and exploit mines, lands and claims, mining rights, metalliferous lands and rights.

To locate, purchase, lease or otherwise acquire lands, mines, mineral claims, water rights, and franchise, mill sites, lands and particularly lands containing, or believed to contain petroleum and other oil springs, or deposits; to carry on the business of searching for prospecting, preparing, refining, piping, storing, transporting, supplying, buying, selling manufacturing and distributing petroleum, and other oils and their products and by-products. To construct, build, operate and maintain oil wells, refineries, buildings, machinery, plants, stores and warehouses. To handle, store, transport and prepare for market oil and oil products and by-products, and to erect, maintain, and operate refineries, mills, works, laboratories, work shops, and dwelling houses for workmen and others.

To purchase, construct, lease or otherwise acquire, operate, lease, maintain electric lighting and power plants, buildings, machinery, appliances and equipment appertaining thereto for the use and purposes of its business. To purchase, construct, lease or otherwise acquire, operate and maintain telegraph and telephone lines for the transmission of messages and sound by electricity for the use and purposes of its own business.

To construct, own and operate pipe lines with appropriate stations and storage tanks for the transportation, distribution and storage of petroleum, or gas, but not as a common carrier, to store petroleum for hire; to charter, or to own, or operate ships, tugs, barges and other vessels for the transportation of petroleum, and to lease or to own and operate wharves and docks for the use of such water transportation; to lease, or to own, hold and operate, tanks, tank cars and other works, and power appliances that may be incidental or auxiliary to such business; to lease or to own and operate trams, tramways or railways, for the transportation of petroleum, but not as a common carrier.

And generally to hold and exercise all such incidental powers and privi-

leges as relate to the objects and purposes hereinabove set forth.

Article IV.

The capital stock of this corporation is hereby fixed at the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars, (\$20,000.00), divided into 200 shares of the par value of \$100.00 each. Of this number the organizers of this corporation shall not dispose of more than one hundred shares and the balance shall remain unsold until the Board of Directors may so direct. The amount of each share shall be paid for in cash, or at not less than par for labor done, or Twenty-five dollars, (\$25.00) each, or property actually received by the corporation.

The board of directors of this corporation shall have the right to determine when and how stock shall be issued. The stock shall be evidenced by certificates issued and signed by the President and Secretary, and shall be transferable only on the books of the company. No transfer of stock shall be valid and binding against the company unless and until the same shall have been entered on the books of the company.

A list of the original subscribers to the capital stock of this corporation showing the number of shares and the amount by each subscribed is recorded with this act of incorporation, and this corporation shall commence business upon the capital shown to be subscribed in said list.

Article V.

All the corporate powers of this corporation shall be vested in and exercised by a board of directors to be composed of not less than seven, nor more than fifteen stockholders, five of whom shall constitute a quorum. The said board of directors shall be chosen at the annual meeting of the stockholders of this corporation, which annual meeting shall be held on the first day of February, of each year beginning on the 1st day of February, 1922.

Until said first annual meeting to be held on the 1st day of February, 1922, the board of directors of this corporation shall be:

John W. Lewis, John Deblieux, Remi Morhinvege, J. A. Perkins, John Thierthwaite, H. J. Weil, L. J. Larcade, J. P. Barnett, H. F. Richard, A. Velin and E. V. Boagni, of St. Landry parish, La., and James Barry and B. H. Schroeder and H. H. Wilmes, of St. Louis, Mo., and Anthony Spataro of New Orleans, La., with John W. Lewis as president, John Deblieux, Vice-president, John A. Haas, as treasurer, and H. F. Richard as secretary, with J. A. Devo, as assistant secretary, who shall hold said office until their successors shall have been elected and accepted.

Notice of the annual meeting shall be given by the secretary to each stockholder by written notice, and sent by mail, addressed to the stockholder at his last place of residence as shown by the company's books at least ten days previous to the date of the meeting. At all elections of this corporation a majority of the votes shall elect, each stockholder or shall be entitled to cast, in person, or by proxy one vote for each share of stock standing in his name on the books of the company, but shall not vote on any share of stock transferred to him within twenty days prior to an election. All directors, both those appointed in this charter, and those hereafter elected, either by the stockholders, or by the board of directors, as hereinafter provided, shall continue in office until their successors shall have been elected and accepted.

Any vacancy occurring among the board of directors, by death, resignation, or otherwise, shall be filled by election for the remainder of the term by the remaining directors.

Article VI.

The board of directors shall elect from among their number a president and a vice-president. They shall also elect a secretary and a treasurer, or one person who shall be both, either of whom may, or may not be members of the board (or stockholders). They may, from time to time, name and appoint all such other officers and agents as may be deemed necessary for the purposes and business of the corporation. They also shall have the power to fix and define the duties of every officer and employee, and all officers and employees shall hold office and employment at the pleasure of the board. The board may make and establish, as well as alter and amend any and all by-laws, rules and regulations necessary and proper in its judgment for the conduct, support and management of the business and affairs of this corporation.

The board shall have full power and authority to sell, lease or otherwise dispose of the property of this corporation, to borrow money to execute mortgages to issue bonds, notes and other obligations, and generally to do all things reasonable, convenient and necessary for the proper carrying on of the business of the corporation.

Special meetings of the stockholders may be called at any time by the president, or a majority of the directors, to be held at the office of the company upon giving reasonable notice to each stockholder in person, or by mail, addressed to the stockholder at his last place of residence, as shown by the company's books.

Article VII.
Whenever this corporation is dissolved, either by limitation or for any other cause, the affairs of the corporation shall be liquidated and the debts and liabilities paid, and the balance of its funds, if any, shall be divided pro rata among the stockholders under the charge and superintendence of three commissioners, to be appointed for that purpose, and a notice shall have been given in a newspaper published in the city of Opelousas, Louisiana. Said commissioners shall remain in office until the affairs of the corporation shall have been fully liquidated; and in case of the death of one or more of said commissioners, or other vacancy occurring in their number, those who remain shall continue to act. Such vacancies may be filled at a general meeting for that purpose after notice as hereinabove provided.

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

Article IX.

The provisions of this charter, or any of them, may be changed, modified, or altered, or said corporation may be dissolved with the assent of two-thirds in amount of the capital stock represented at a meeting of the stockholders called for such purpose upon reasonable notice given to the stockholders by mail, or after thirty days notice of such meeting by advertisement in a newspaper published in the city of Opelousas, Louisiana, such

change as may be made in reference to an increase of its capital stock shall require thirty days prior notice by mail to each stockholder in addition to such advertisement.

Thus done and passed at my office in Opelousas, La., in the presence of R. D. Hudspeth and S. B. Wolff, competent witnesses, both of this city, who hereunto sign their names with said parties and me notary, on the day, month and year aforesaid.

JOHN W. LEWIS,
JNO. W. LEWIS,
J. A. PERKINS,
R. MORHINVEGE,
J. A. DEVO,
H. J. WEIL,
J. P. BARNETT,
L. J. LARCADE,
M. V. BOAGNI,
R. MORHINVEGE,
JOHN DEBLIEUX,
MARTIN BORDOLON,
NOLAN LA. ANDREPOINT,
MRS. J. G. LAWLER,
MRS. JOSIE CLYDE LAWLER,
DUDLEY L. GUILBEAU,
H. F. RICHARD,
L. F. RICHARD,
L. O. BARRY,
S. B. BERTHEAUD,
THE CLARION CO., LTD.

Witnesses:
ROBERT D. HUDSPETH, D. D. S.
S. B. WOLFF,
W. R. LACOMBE,
Notary Public.

STATE OF LOUISIANA,
PARISH OF ST. LANDRY.

I hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of original Act No. 28100 on file and of record in my office in Charter Book No. 1, of date Feb. 15, 1921.

Witness my hand and seal of office this 15th day of February, A. D. 1921.
A. J. T. LITTELL,
Deputy Clerk.

Celebrate Silk Discovery

In celebration of the four thousand five hundred and sixty-first anniversary of the discovery of silk by the Chinese empress, Si-ling-chi, in 2640 B. C., national silk week is inaugurated here today. Local merchants, from department store proprietors to the owners of the smaller individual shops that handle merchandise in which silk is used in production, will feature silk and silk products for the entire week. Not only here but throughout the entire country this idea will be carried out. In China, at a specified time each year, the Chinese commemorate the memory of Si-ling-chi who is known as the "Goddess of the Silkworm." The ceremonies are extremely picturesque and quaint in China but in the practical United States the form assumes a distinctly commercial aspect which is however enlivened by the delight of women—a style show.

Many of the latest American style creations shown at the recent international silk exposition in New York will be shown here in replica either as window displays or upon the forms of beautiful girl models. It will be the first public showing of these styles outside of New York and gives national silk week much the aspect of a spring salon.

Local merchants anticipate that this silk week will give a remarkable impetus to the spring and summer buying season and have laid their plans accordingly to afford their customers the best possible opportunity to see all that is new in everything into the manufacture of which silk enters, which means a very wide range of articles for men as well as for women. One big department store in New York found that silk had to be featured in forty of its divisions because of the varied uses to which the fabric and its products are put.

From the time when in Rome silk sold for its actual weight in gold and was worn only by royalty, today when it is within the reach of the average person as to price and is universally worn, is a long jump but has been accomplished through the ingenuity of American manufacturers who have succeeded in so perfecting processes of production that silk is now an economy instead of an extravagance as it was first considered.

The United States leads the world in the manufacture of silk with an annual output of approximately \$715,000,000 buying 70 per cent of the raw silk produced in the Orient and Italy and producing every conceivable article in which silk can be advantageously used.

It is doubtful if there has ever been in this city a better rounded display of merchandise that appeals to women than has been prepared locally for this week. From silk or satin slippers, lingerie, hosiery, to dresses, wraps, hats and gloves with scores of other accessories in between, the assortments are strikingly complete. Colors and designs are novel and beautiful but not bizarre and the lines of the newest costumes are gracefully artistic and lack the somewhat startling semi-cubist effects of past seasons. Both arbiters and critics of styles have unanimously agreed that this is to be distinctly a silk season and the retail merchandisers are apparently taking full advantage of that decision.

Income Tax Information

The following statement is issued by collector of internal revenue, Rufus W. Fontenot.

With the approach of March 15 taxpayers are advised not to delay in the preparation and filing of their income tax returns for the year 1920. To avoid penalties, the returns must be in the hands of a collector or a deputy collector of internal revenue on or before midnight of that date.

Revenue officers have been assigned to the different sections of the state to assist taxpayers in correctly making out their returns. This service is offered without cost to the pub-

lic. Any information as to the dates on which an officer will be in your locality can be had from your postmaster.

On page 1 of the income tax forms is the following: "If you need assistance go to a deputy collector or to the collector's office, but first read instructions and fill out this sheet (face and back) in pencil as well as you can." Much time can be saved both the government officers and the taxpayer will follow this injunction. For example, blank spaces are provided for answers to the following questions: "Are you a citizen of the United States?" "If not, are you a resident of the United States?" "Did you file a return for 1919?" "If so, what address was given on that return?" "Were you married and living with wife or husband on the last day of your taxable period?" "How many dependent persons under 18 (or over 18, incapable of self-support because mentally or physically defective) were receiving their chief support from you on the last day of your taxable period?"

Questions such as these should not await inquiry from revenue officers assisting in making out the forms.

Returns are required of every married couple whose net income and that of dependent children for the year was two thousand dollars or more and from every single person or married person not living with wife or husband whose net income was one thousand dollars or more.

The exemptions are two thousand dollars for married persons and heads of families and one thousand dollars for single persons or married persons not living with wife or husband and are determined by the taxpayer's status on the last day of the taxable year, December 31, 1920. Husband and wife may make a combined return of their joint net income if less than five thousand dollars. If the income of either exceeded five thousand dollars, separate returns should be filed for the purpose of computing correctly the surtax which applies only to incomes in excess of that amount.

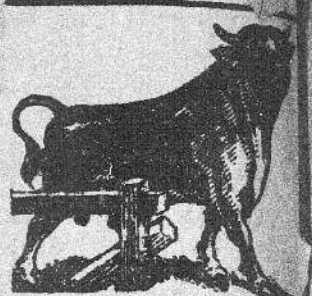
The tax may be paid in full at the time of filing the return, or in four equal installments due on or before March 15, June 15, September 15, and December 15. Taxpayers are advised not to send cash through the mail. Checks and money orders should be drawn to the order of "Collector of Internal Revenue, New Orleans, Louisiana."

PARISH AGENTS

REPORT BUSY WEEK

Effects of the Farm Bureau movement are already beginning to be felt, reports Geo. W. Bohne, agent in Allen parish. Inquiries have been received during the week for 1,000 tons of rice straw, 10,000 sweet potatoes and several carloads of cheap rice for feeding. Satisfactory organization meetings were held at Oakdale and Kinder.

Work during the week consisted largely of marketing seed corn for growers, writes A. B. Curet, agent in



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Pointe Coupee. Cotton acreage will be materially reduced and the land planted to cane, corn, hay crops and some truck.

Six carloads of corn have been ordered co-operatively for farmers, reports E. M. Sledge, agent in West Carroll parish. A number of farmers have agreed to plant one-half an acre each to sweet potatoes.

Held farmers' short courses in different parts of the parish, on organization, diversification, poultry and livestock raising, writes T. H. Chas. owa, agent in Vermilion parish. There is every evidence that farmers, as a rule, are getting away from the crop idea.

A carload of corn was bought co-operatively by 40 different farmers, reports T. H. Miliken, agent in Morehouse parish. The agent is working to organize a co-operative buying and selling association.

Greatly increased acreage will be put to corn, peas, beans and other feed crops, writes T. I. Watson, agent in Madison parish. A great deal of spring oats will be planted also. The agent gave 23 demonstrations in spraying and pruning fruit trees during January.

Farmers have done more work in date this year than any previous year, since the agent has been in the parish, writes W. H. Humble, agent in Rapides. One farmer's club received this week a car of certified Irish potatoes. Soy beans sufficient to plant 320 acres have been ordered through the agent.

A car of cottonseed meal was ordered for farmers, at a saving of \$1 a hundred, writes E. E. Elliott, agent in Beauregard parish. Arrangements meetings in interest of the cotton reduction campaign. Watermelons will have been made to hold seven public be planted for an early cash crop.

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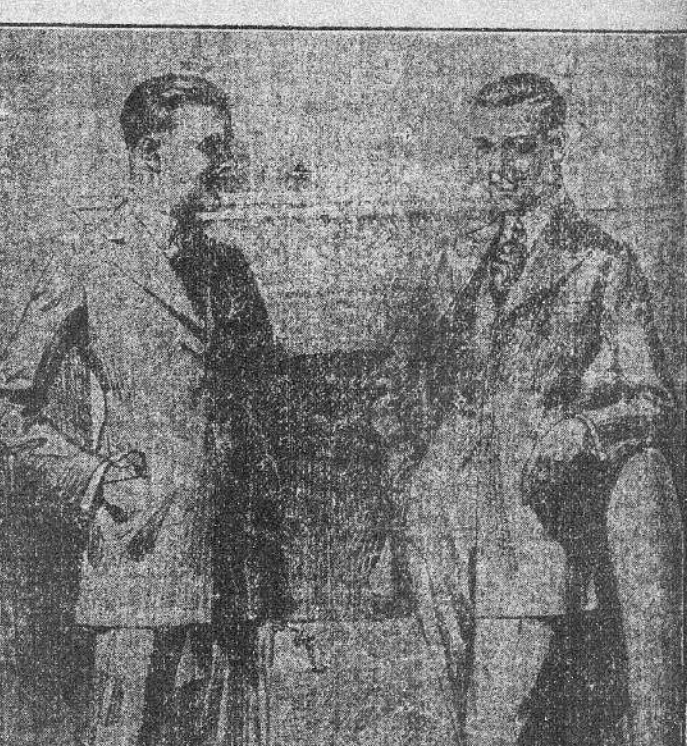
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