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CYCLONE OR WHIRLWIND?

Besides the Damage It Did, It Started a Big Row. We were waiting for a train at a Georgia railroad station when a funnel shaped cloud appeared in the southwest, and it was remarked that a thunder shower was probable. A native stepped forward after awhile and took a long squint at the cloud and then drawingly said: "That's one o' them cyclones, that is, and everybody what don't want to be blown away had better get into a ditch."

The station agent took a look and agreed that it would be prudent to go into hiding. There were 11 of us, and we went up the track a few rods and took cover in the deep ditch. We hadn't been there over five minutes when a cyclone came sweeping up the valley with a wild shriek, and if we hadn't hung on to each other all would have been blown out of the ditch. It was over in 15 seconds, but it took the station house, fences and trees along, and the big pine forest to the north and a swath 40 rods wide cut through its center. Half a mile above us was a cabin and another a mile or two or four of us set out to the rescue of the people. The forest trees had been uprooted and dashed about until we felt sure that the people of the house had met instant death. After a hard journey we reached the place. The house was gone, and every tree around it leveled, and we were moving about in search of the victims when we heard a woman call: "Hey, Sam, is that you over there?"

"No," responded a man's voice in the opposite direction. We soon came upon both. They were plumed down by the branches of the trees, but neither one was much hurt. As soon as the woman had been released she walked over to the man without a word to us and said: "So, smarty, what did I tell you?" "Nathin," snukily replied the man. "Yes, I told. I said it was going to be one o' them cyclones."

"And I said it was a whirlwind, and so it was." "It was a cyclone." "This seems to be a queer time for disputing about trifles," said the colonel, as we pried the man loose. "Your house, fences and everything else has been blown away, and both of you have escaped death only by a miracle." The pair limped along with us to the remnants of the house and sat down ten feet apart, and as we were ready to go the man said: "Thankee, strangers. A rippin old whirlwind, wasn't it?" "And I'm also much obliged, and it was a regular cyclone," added the wife.

"It was a whirlwind!" "It was a cyclone!" "As we made our way through the tangle we heard a yell from the man, followed by a scuffle. The wife had him by the hair, and we felt that she must soon bring him over to the cyclone side.—Philadelphia Press.

Embarrassing. Mr. Peet, a very diffident man, was unable to prevent himself being introduced on an evening to a fascinating young lady, who, misunderstanding his name, constantly addressed him as Mr. Peters, much to the gentleman's distress. Finally summoning up courage, he earnestly remonstrated, "Oh, don't call me Peters—call me Peet."

"Ah, but I don't know you well enough, Mr. Peters," said the young lady, blushing, as she withdrew behind her fan.—London Telegraph.

Sign of Victory. "I don't see," said the disinterested foreigner, "exactly how you make it out that you have won a great victory." "Why, that's easy," answered the Spaniard. "That's plain to you that we have compelled the Yankee pigs to feed our army in eastern Cuba?" Still he admitted that he was uncertain whether it should be called a triumph of diplomacy or a feat of arms.—Chicago Post.

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HE WAS PATRIOTIC.

AND EXPECTED HIS LOYALTY WOULD BE RECOGNIZED.

It was a Big Mistake, However, For the Cold Hearted Railroad Conductor Put Business Before Liberty and Love of Country and Demanded His Ticket.

The Burlington train had just pulled out of Hastings and the conductor was working his way up the car punching tickets and tearing off coupons. He had got half through the smoker when he came to an inebriated man wearing a wide slouch hat and brown overalls. The man had all sorts of patriotic ornamentation attached to his person. The grip which he had stowed into the seat beside him was painted red, white and blue and half a yard of bunting was wound around his sombrero. Three Dewey buttons were in his coat and a small soiled flag hung from a button-hole.

"Tickets!" said the conductor. "Remember the Maine!" the passenger promptly responded.

"What's that?" the official inquired, not exactly understanding.

"Cuby libber an' prosperity," the man in the seat returned.

"Give me your ticket, please," the conductor said, ignoring the florid remarks of the other.

The passenger looked surprised. "Tickets?" he repeated after the conductor. "What do I want of a ticket? I expect this here old road to recognize patriotism an' love of country. I'm goin' in to Grand Island. Pass on, mister. Hurry for old Bill Eshafter!"

"You'll have to give me a ticket or pay your fare," the conductor coldly informed him.

"Pay fare? Thunder and hailstorms! Ain't you got no patriotism? In this here hour of our great rejoicin at the triumph of the American flag ain't you got no idy beyond your blamed tickets an' fares? I tell you I ain't got no ticket. I don't need none. We had twins at our house last week, an' we named one Cuby an' the other Hobson. Look at that there gripsack an' look at these here decorations. Go on away. These is war-time, an' we must all be prepared to sacrifice a little."

"You can prepare yourself to sacrifice \$1.89 or you can prepare to get off this train."

"What? Git off? In spite of Cuby an' Hobson?" "Exactly."

"You don't recognize the flag of your country—Dewey—the Maine—Sunnyside?"

"One-thirty-nine, please."

The sombrero passenger looked about him. "An do you men hear that?" he inquired wonderingly. "Do you hear your country gittin insulted? Hear the blood of heroes dyin in trenches gittin stamped on an treated with disgust? Who is fer declarin martial law an teachin this old railroad a thing or two about freedom an liberty an humanity?"

"Nobody stirred to help him. The conductor reached for the bell rope. At that moment the patriot weakened. He pulled a pocketbook into view and began counting. "Fifty cents—a dollar—never heard of such slavery—dollar a quarter, 30—no regard for loyalty an patriotism at all—five, six an three-nine—there's yer money, oppressor. I'll change the names of them twins soon I git back from Grand Island."—Chicago Record.

Cold in His Back. Mrs. O'Leary—An how's all yer family? Mrs. McCoy—Will, Moikel hos cold in thor ragion av his back. Mrs. O'Leary—Indade Oi'm sorry to hear it. Mrs. McCoy—Yes, he droives an oice coat.—Up to Date.

A Nugget of Wisdom. "That fortune teller said if I paid her \$5 she would reveal to me why I don't get rich." "Did you give it to her?" "Yes, and she told me I had a great weakness for fooling away money."—Chicago Record.

Hateful Thing. Laura—Harry has written from the camp expressing his gratitude for the box of cake I sent him. Flora—No doubt he wrote the letter before he ate the cake.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

The Ruling Passion in Havana. Aid—The dove of peace is flying this way, general. Blanco (savagely)—Maledicto! If he flies low enough, we will kill and eat him.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Indelible Impressions. "Why don't you wear a button reading, 'Remember the Maine?'" "I don't need to. My wife gave me a blowing up that same day."—Chicago Record.

So Say We All. Browne—Do you think much of the mosquito fleet? Towne—Well, I'd think more of him if he wasn't so fleet.—New York Journal.

His Name Is Legion. He—Tell me the name of the villain that kissed you before I did. She—What's the use? He'd be too many for you.—New York World.

Close to It. Mrs. Hay—What is meant by an army mobilizing, Hiram? Mr. Hay—Why, it means it assembles down in Mobile.—Up to Date.

CHARTER.

STATE OF LOUISIANA, PARISH OF NATCHITOCHES. Personally came and appeared the parties whose names are hereunto subscribed, all of full age, who declared that availing themselves of the provisions of the laws of this State relative to corporations, and especially of Act No. 36 of 1888 of the General Assembly of Louisiana, they have covenanted and agreed, and by these presents covenant and 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 politic in law for the purpose and objects and under the stipulations, articles and conditions following, to wit:

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ARTICLE I. The name and title of the said corporation shall be The Natchitoches Telephone and Electric Light Company, Limited, a corporation to be hereafter established in Natchitoches, Natchitoches Parish, State of Louisiana; and under its said corporate name said corporation shall have power and authority to contract, sue and be sued; to make and use a corporate seal, and the same to break and alter at pleasure; to hold, receive, have purchase, improve, alienate, convey, sell, borrow, pledge, mortgage and hypothecate under its said corporate name, property real, personal and mixed, to name and appoint such officers, directors, agents and managers or employees as the interests or convenience of said corporation may require to make and establish by-laws, rules and regulations for the proper management and regulation of its affairs, as may be deemed necessary and proper, and the same to change and alter at pleasure; and to do all other acts and things permitted by law, or as shall or may be necessary and proper to carry out the objects and purposes of said corporation.

Said corporation unless sooner dissolved in accordance with its charter, shall exist and continue for the period of ninety-nine years from and after the date hereof. The president, or in his absence the vice-president, shall be the proper person upon whom citation or other legal process shall be served.

ARTICLE II. The objects and purposes for which this corporation is organized and the nature of the business to be carried on by it are declared to be the following, to-wit: Establish, maintain, carry out and a telephone system for the city of Natchitoches and such foreign connections as may be made, and to establish, maintain and operate an electric light plant for the city of Natchitoches, one or both, as may be determined.

ARTICLE III. The capital stock of said corporation shall be Twenty Thousand divided into and represented by Two Hundred shares of the sum of One Hundred dollars each, which said stock shall be paid for in cash at the time of subscription or the same may be issued at not less than par. In payment or exchange for property or rights actually received or purchased by said corporation, or the same may be issued, full paid, for money advanced, and for other valuable considerations or services as the board of directors of said corporation may determine; provided, that no stock shall be called for until the consideration therefor has been received by the said corporation.

Any stockholder may sell, assign or transfer his stock in this corporation, provided thirty (30) days prior notice of such intention to sell or assign, or transfer the same, shall be given to the company, and the other stockholders thereof shall have the first privilege of purchasing same, after which thirty days' notice the said stock may be sold in open market.

The stock of said corporation may be transferred under the above conditions, provided such transfer thereon be made on the books of said company at its office in Natchitoches, La., and on surrender of the certificate therefor. No transfer of any fractional part of a share shall be made.

This corporation shall commence doing business as soon as five per cent of the capital stock shall have been subscribed for and paid in.

The board of directors shall have the right to determine how much stock shall be issued.

ARTICLE IV. Corporate powers of this company shall be vested in and exercised by a board of five directors and president and secretary, who shall also be treasurer of said corporation, and who shall be elected from among the stockholders. Three of said board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, and their decisions shall be valid corporate acts. The following persons shall constitute the first board of directors: M. H. Carver, R. B. Cook, John B. Atkins, T. L. Atkins and D. C. Scarborough.

No person shall be eligible as director or an officer who is not a stockholder of this company. During the absence of the president the vice-president shall act and preside. Said board shall continue in office until the first day of January 1900, on which date and thereafter annually a board of directors shall be elected on the 1st day in January of each year, unless the same should be a legal holiday, when the election shall be held on the next legal day thereafter.

Notice of such election shall be given by at least ten (10) days continuous publication immediately preceding each election in one of the daily English newspapers of this city; and the board of directors shall appoint one or more stockholders to preside at such election as commissioner to attend, the president shall by appointment fill the vacancy. Any failure from any cause whatever to elect directors on the day named for that purpose shall not dissolve the corporation but the directors then in office as well as the officers of said company shall hold over until their successors are chosen. In such event the president shall cause another election to be held and shall give notice thereof as hereinbefore provided.

At every election and meeting each stockholder shall be entitled to vote for each share of stock registered in his name, and may vote by proxy. The election of directors shall be by ballot and the majority in amount of votes cast, each share of stock voted upon to be counted for one vote, shall elect the person or persons for whom they have been cast.

After each election the board of directors shall elect from their own number the officers of said company.

ARTICLE V. The board of directors shall have full power to fill vacancies in their number caused by death, resignation or otherwise from among the stockholders of the corporation. The said board shall have full control of the property of this company and shall so conduct, manage and use the same as in their discretion they deem fit, and that is consistent with the objects of this company or the welfare of the same.

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 as it may deem necessary for the conducting and management thereof; provided the same shall not conflict with this charter or with the laws of the



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State or of the United States. The said board shall elect or appoint secretaries and such other officers, employees, agents, servants and clerks as it may deem necessary for the conducting of the business of the corporation; fix their compensation, term of service, with the right to dismiss them at said board's pleasure; and said board shall have the right to fix and determine the salaries of the several officers herein provided for.

ARTICLE VI. This charter may be changed, modified or amended, the capital stock increased or decreased, or this corporation may be dissolved at a general meeting of the stockholders convened for the purpose, with the assent of three-fourths of the entire capital stock, whether present or represented at such meeting.

Ten days prior notice of such meeting shall be given in any daily English newspaper published in the city. In case of dissolution or termination of this corporation either by limitation of its charter from any cause, the liquidation of its affairs shall be conducted by three commissioners selected from the stockholders with like assent, and at a meeting called for that purpose as above set forth in this article. Said commissioners shall remain in office until the affairs of said corporation shall have been fully liquidated. In case of the death of one or more of said commissioners, the survivors or survivor shall continue to act.

ARTICLE VII. No stockholder of this corporation shall ever be held liable or responsible for the contracts or debts thereof in any further sum than the unpaid balance due the company on the shares of stock subscribed for or owned by him, nor shall any insolvency in organization have the effect of rendering this charter null or of exposing a stockholder to any liability beyond the unpaid balance, if any, of his stock.

This done and passed at my notarial office in the city of Natchitoches on the 5th day of August, 1898, in the presence of Harry Percy and J. M. Harper, competent witnesses of lawful age and residents of this city, who herewith sign their names, together with said parties and me notary, after reading of the whole.

JOHN B. ATKINS, 1 share of stock \$100. Per D. C. Scarborough. T. L. ATKINS, 1 share of stock \$100. Per D. C. Scarborough. M. H. CARVER, 1 share of stock \$100. R. B. COOK, 1 share of stock \$100. D. C. SCARBOROUGH, 6 shares of stock \$600.

ATTEST: HARRY PERCY, J. M. HARPER, ANGUS FLEMING, Notary Public. Having examined the foregoing charter and finding nothing therein contrary to law I do hereby approve same. Done and signed at Natchitoches, La., this 5th day of August, 1898. PHANOR BREAZEALE, Dist. Atty. 10th D. C. La.

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