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### STATE OF LOUISIANA, PARISH OF ST. MARY.

Be it known, That on this second day of August, 1915, before me, Paul Kramer, a Notary Public, duly commissioned and qualified within and for the Parish of St. Mary, State of Louisiana, and in the presence of the witnesses hereinafter named and undersigned, personally came and appeared: A. M. Underwood and Adam Short, both residents of the Parish of St. Mary, State of Louisiana, herein appearing in their capacities as President and Secretary-Treasurer, respectively, of the BELLEVUE PLANTATION COMPANY, LTD., a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of Louisiana by an act executed before Charles F. Borah, Notary Public, in and for the Parish of St. Mary, State aforesaid, on the 10th day of July, 1906, and recorded in Book 52 of Mortgages, Folio 410, Entry No. 32330, of the Clerk's Office, St. Mary Parish, Louisiana; who declared that, at a meeting of the stockholders of the Bellevue Plantation Company, Ltd., held at its domicile on Bellevue Plantation, St. Mary Parish, Louisiana, on the 2nd day of August, 1915, for the purpose of considering the amendment of Article V of the Charter of said Corporation, held after due compliance with all of the provisions of law and the requirements of the Charter of said Corporation, Article V of said Charter of said Corporation was amended by the vote of each and every stockholder of said Corporation, constituting the entire capital stock of said Corporation, and the said A. M. Underwood and Adam Short further declared that at said meeting they were authorized and directed to appear before some competent notary public, commissioned and qualified within and for the Parish of St. Mary, Louisiana, to execute the proposed notarial act and declaration of said amendment, required by law, for the purpose of affording authentic evidence and permanent record.

Wherefore, the said appearers declared, in pursuance of the authority thus conferred on them, that, at the said meeting held on 2nd day of August, 1915, Article V of the Charter of the Bellevue Plantation Company, Ltd., was amended so as hereafter to read and be, as follows:

#### ARTICLE V.

All the corporate powers of this corporation shall be vested in a Board of Directors to be presently composed of three (3) stockholders, two of whom shall constitute a quorum, who shall be elected annually on the first Monday in August of each year beginning with the first Monday in August of the year 1907, and shall hold their respective offices until their successors are elected and qualified. All such elections shall be by ballot, and each stockholder shall be entitled to one vote for each share of stock standing in his name on the books of the corporation; which vote shall be cast in person or by proxy, and it shall require a majority of the stock present or represented to elect.

No person shall be a member of the Board of Directors of this company who is not a stockholder in said company.

The Board of Directors, while presently established at three, shall, upon a two-thirds (2-3) vote of the stock of the company, be increased to five should the stockholders of said company be increased to that or a greater number. Should the Directorate be increased to four or five, it shall require three to constitute a quorum.

In all matters relating to the management and general business of said company that may require an action of the Board of Directors, a majority of the Directors shall control; but should it be desired to buy or sell real estate, or mortgage or otherwise hypothecate same, or to pledge or hypothecate the crops grown by said company, or to borrow money or to issue any note or other evidence of indebtedness for or on behalf of said company, it shall require a two-thirds (2-3) vote of the stockholders of said company at a meeting called for that purpose upon the written request of the holder or holders of not less than twenty-five (25) per cent. of the outstanding stock of said corporation after notice duly given in writing by the Secretary to every stockholder in said corporation not less than ten (10) days prior to the date of said proposed meeting, unless such notice be waived by all of the holders of the stock of said corporation.

Thus done and passed at my office, at Franklin, St. Mary Parish, Louisiana, on the day, month and year first above written in the presence of A. G. Reeves and W. P. Dinkins, two competent witnesses, who have hereunto signed their names with said appearers and me, Notary, after due reading of the whole.

(Signed) A. M. UNDERWOOD, President.  
ADAM SHORT, Secretary-Treasurer.

Witnesses:  
A. G. REEVES,  
W. P. DINKINS,  
P. KRAMER,  
Notary Public.

Clerk's office, Franklin, La.  
Received and filed for Recordation at 9:30 a. m. Aug. 3, 1915.  
W. H. KRAMER, Clerk of Court.

Clerk's office, Parish of St. Mary, Louisiana.

I, Wilbur H. Kramer, Clerk of the 23rd Judicial District Court, St. Mary Parish, Louisiana, Ex-Officio Recorder thereof, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the original as on file and of record in my office, recorded in Book 1 of Incorporations, under entry No. 53 of date August 3rd, 1915.

In evidence whereof, witness my official signature and the impress of the seal of my office, this 3rd day of August.  
WILBUR H. KRAMER,  
Clerk Ex-Officio Recorder.

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## Odd Bits of News.

Toledo, O.—Clarence R. Featherstone, 22, went to great pains to serve well a customer named Mrs. Henrietta Johnstone, at the restaurant where he was employed as a waiter. She came every day and he grew attentive. Then they decided to marry. At the marriage license office, the records showed they were mother and son.

Winstead, Conn.—Two months ago Fritz Helmer while working in his garden lost a \$5 bill from his work shirt. Shortly afterward, while eating boiled cabbage from the garden, the bill was found. In the meantime Helmer had sold hundreds of heads of cabbage.

Benton, Ill.—The modern Enoch Arden, returning to his wife, first calls over the telephone. Peter Schessler, after a difficulty with his wife, left Normal Ill., seven years ago. A year later the body of a man killed a train was identified as Schessler. Returning from Liverpool recently, Schessler called his sister at Normal over the phone and learned that his wife was about to marry his brother. Schessler is now in Normal trying to effect a reconciliation.

Pana, Ill.—Eight years ago Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Gootch, of Litchfield, placed their child in an orphan asylum, from which she was adopted by Mr. and Mrs. George Metzger of Pana. Gootch then became wealthy and started to search for his daughter. He found her recently in Mrs. Samuel P. Mooney of Pana.

LaCrosse, Wis.—This section of the country has had winter all this summer. Farmer Wm. Finn got so angry because the snow had spoiled his crops that he picked up a snowball the other day and threw it at a rooster. That day for dinner he ate the first chicken ever killed by a snowball in August in the United States.

Gary, Ind.—Gary jitneys are waging war on fat men. The drivers get near-sighted when a fat man stands waving frantically at them from the sidewalk. Eight jitneys recently passed by Mayor Tom Knotts. "Why should we put in one man who takes up fifteen cents worth of room?" said a driver. A five passenger jitney will carry ten slim steel workers at a nickel each.

Anahuac, Texas—At the time of the gulf storm of the 16th W. F. Mayes was alone at his home on the banks of Trinity river. He occupied a room upstairs. The wind broke out one of the windows and the rain came in. To keep the water from dripping down on the piano in the parlor below he worked until morning mopping up the water. The river in the meantime rose to a depth of five feet in the house and he

found the piano floating around the room.

Greenville, S. C.—Arthur Warren has put to shame the three wise men who went to sea in a bowl by completing a 20-mile cruise on Tar river in a bathtub. He sent his clothes ahead by express and they were waiting for him when he arrived. Warren says Diogenes and his tub has nothing on him.

## Devilled Market Report.

The editor was busy when he was asked: "How are the markets?" The inquiry was referred to the office devil, who looked wise and said: "Young men unsteady; girls lively and in demand; papa firm, but declining; mamas, unsettled, waiting for higher bids; coffee, considerably mixed; fresh fish, active and slippery; eggs, quiet, but expected to open soon; whiskey, still going down; onions, strong; yeast, rising; bread-stuffs, heavy; boots and shoes, those on the market, are sold and constantly going up and down; hats and caps, a little higher than last year, excepting foolscap, which is stationary; tobacco, very low and has a downward tendency; silver, close, but not close enough to get hold of."

## Brain Fag and War.

"Modern man is a top heavy being whose brain is disproportionately superior to his other organs," says the New York Medical Journal, and then goes to prove that the war in Europe is the result of brain fag. The Journal believes that the stress and hard mental work of this age tended inevitably to the reassertion of the primitive impulses. Something had to snap, and when it did the result was the war. Other nations accuse Americans of living too fast. But they do not see that we combine pleasure with work to such a degree that, if we don't let down on the play, we are apt to remain normal human beings. For instance, the tired business man takes a couple of hours from the office and goes to the ball grounds, where he yells like a Comanche Indian, howls like a steam siren, curses the visiting team and throws pop-bottles at the umpire. The women relieve the tension of modern life by dancing, or motoring, or strenuous physical exercise on the golf course or tennis courts. The use of tobacco is man's first aid toward relief of taut nerves. It is said that the sudden stoppage of drugs would result inevitably in a nation-wide irritability that would result in a possible social upheaval. American men work hard and live fast. It is better they should find relief in harmless amusements and stimulants than to go on until something snaps and the result is a war.