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Incorporate. Texas wants Tilden. Incorporation is sadly needed.

The money market is tightening. Slack water navigation is the ticket.

The money troubles are looming up again. The Mobile company carried off the prize at Dubuque.

Sixteen deaths from yellow fever in Havana last week. The wharboat at Vicksburg will soon be moved down to Kleinston.

The subscription price of the TIMES is two dollars a year in advance. The failure of Commodore Garrison was announced in New York last week.

The bill appropriating \$100,000 for the Exposition has passed the legislature. Figaro says Sam Randall is the man for President. It must be a typographical error.

At the presidential election held in Mexico, June 17, Gen. Porfirio Diaz was elected President. You ought to be able to see Shreveport from the end of the last rail on the V. & P.

The richest man in Philadelphia is said to be Isaac V. Williamson; his fortune is estimated at \$20,000,000. Thanks to J. Floyd King for a copy of the Congressional Directory, also for Report on Navigation.

The death of Mr. Ace is announced. Death came along and played the deuce, which being trumps won. The Peayune says that "R. T. Scott, the able and fearless editor of the Madison Journal has suspended publication."

Bathing suits for ladies are now made of costly materials. The suits being worth from \$25 up to \$100, and of pure silk, with lace flourishes. The Emperor William of Germany is getting feeble, and while nominally head of the State, delegates much of the affairs of the State to the Crown Prince.

The Republican State Central Committee met in New Orleans last Saturday. A letter to Dumont signed by Finchback and Merchant, stating that Federal office holders were debarred from membership on the committee, was answered by a resolution to the effect that anyone who thought so, should resign one position or the other, or both.

NOTICE. In future, no warrants for approved bills against the parish will be drawn in favor of, or delivered to, any one but the parties to whom the accounts are due. If the bills are transferred to any one they must be so endorsed.

R. C. WEIGHTMAN, Clerk of Police Jury.

THE PRESIDENCY.

Now that Mr. Tilden has declined it becomes a matter of considerable interest, who will be nominated at Chicago in July. Quite a number of papers affect to believe that Mr. Tilden will serve if nominated, but that is only talk. The papers in the secrets of the party that talk that way do it for a purpose, and the papers not in the secrets follow their lead without knowing just why.

If it had been known positively that Mr. Tilden would accept the nomination the probabilities are that he would have been fiercely opposed. He represents "the great fraud of 1876" and beyond that he has given utterance to nothing that can antagonize anyone. He is accepted by the high tariff and the no tariff men and all the grades of men in between those two extremes.

This unanimous support in itself is suspicious and indicates a possible if not probable stampede at the Chicago Convention to some dark horse. At the Saratoga Convention, Mr. Tilden was not considered as a candidate, Cleveland and Flower were the strong men. Which was the stronger is an open question.

Both gentlemen profess to be satisfied with the result, and one of them must be deceived; which one time will show. If therefore, Mr. Tilden means what he says, (and if he don't he is not a fit candidate,) he may be considered out of the race. It is not possible to form an opinion now as to who is the strongest man, Mr. Randall has a strong following and is thought to be Mr. Tilden's political heir, but Mr. Randall's levee record is not of the kind to arouse much enthusiasm in the Valley States.

Mr. Bayard has a good support, but he has no levee record either. Mr. McDonald is also spoken of, as is Mr. Carlisle, but they are not strong men throughout the country. The two really strong men are Governor Cleveland and Mr. Flower of New York. They are strong men beyond a doubt, but John Kelly is said to be bitterly opposed to Mr. Cleveland. If he is, and Cleveland should get the nomination there will be a lively time in New York. Wait and see.

THE MAIL SERVICE.

On the V., S. & P. R. R. between Vicksburg and Monroe there is no mail agent. The excuse given for this disgraceful state of affairs is that there is no appropriation to cover the salaries of the necessary agents. The mail is therefore chucked into the baggage car, and does the best it can. The conductor of the train is in charge of the mail, but he has about as much to do as generally falls to one man's share, and the additional burden of attending to the mails is rather on the "crowding the mourners" order.

It is the shortcomings of the Post Office Department under consideration however, and not the extra work of the conductors. Congress is now in session, and the matter should be brought to their attention. That this route should be so neglected is simply disgraceful. The New Orleans papers are received here two days after their issue. Letters are miscarried, or carried on and brought back a day or perhaps two days after the day they should have been delivered here. It is a bungling way of doing things and should be remedied.

NEWSPAPERS.

The way the average postmaster and mail agent treats newspaper mail is a source of great annoyance. The country postmaster—and his city brother is in the same boat—appears to think it a matter of very little consequence whether the party to whom the paper is addressed gets it or not. He gauges others by himself, and, from that standard it is very natural to suppose that people don't care to get newspapers. Some action looking towards the more careful handling of newspapers, would be welcomed by publishers of newspapers.

Where is the Fool Killer.

"Grand, perfectly magnificent. It almost makes one shed tears to think such a man has got to leave us. It is the grandest thing I ever read; but it makes me sad to think such an intellect cannot stay with us. But such is the case."

Dan Voorhees imbecile eulogy on Tilden's letter of declination.

Result of the Fall River Strike. The Fall river cotton spinners, whose strike is at an end, lost sixteen weeks work; spent between \$10,000 and \$15,000 of their own and \$15,000 of contributions, main-

ly from operatives out of the city; and many of them have lost their places irrecoverably. Not one of them has gained anything; the manufacturers have long been running their mills by imported help, and the strikers that are allowed to return will do it on their employers' terms. In short the Fall River strike appears to have been a blind tussle with a falling market, but it must be reckoned in its favor that it has been a very orderly and moderate affair; there has been no violence or threats of violence; the "nobsticks," or hands taken on, have occasionally had their fare out of town paid by the strikers, but that seems to have been their most demoralizing proceeding.—Springfield Republican.

State Convention Platform.

The Democracy of the State of Louisiana, in convention assembled, on the eve of a contest in which they expect to be successful, congratulate the party on the brilliant prospects before them, and put themselves in line with their sister States. They resolve:

1. That we reaffirm the principles of the party as handed down to us from our ancestors, as enunciated in numerous national conventions. 2. That we hail with pleasure the evidence of fraternal union as enunciated by Democratic conventions in all the States of our common country.

3. That it is only in the success of the Democratic party that we can hope for that peace and harmony which prevailed in the almost uninterrupted ascendancy of the Democratic party for sixty years, and which was interrupted only by the process of such a sectional party as the father of Democracy dreaded as a fire-bell in the night.

4. That it is the duty of the country to protect all its industries; and to conserve all its industries; hence, we favor a tariff for revenue; limited to the necessities of government economically administered and so adjusted in its application as to prevent unequal burdens, encourage production and industries at home, and to afford a just compensation to labor, but not to create or foster monopolies.

5. That the general government should care for and improve the great water ways of the Republic. 6. That the name of Samuel J. Tilden, as the standard-bearer of the Democratic party in the coming campaign, is not only essential as a rebuke to fraud and misgovernment, but is hereby declared to be the duty of the Democratic party to itself and the country. We declare our reliance upon his love of country and devotion to the party, which he has served with such fidelity in the past, and request the delegates selected by this convention to present and sustain the views herein expressed.—Ex-Delegates.

On the first ballot Messrs. Burke, Jonas, Wickliffe and Gunby were elected delegates at-large. The vote stood as follows: Burke, 429; 3-4 Jonas, 308; Gunby, 277 1-2; Shepherd, 48 2-4; Wickliffe, 103-3-4; Patton, 153; Leche, 45 1-2 McEnery, 185 1-2. Messrs. McEnery, Shepherd, Leche and Strong were elected alternate-at-large by acclamation.

On motion of Judge Seay, J. D. Watkins, of Webster, and M. E. Girardon, of Lafayette, were elected electors-at-large by acclamation. The Congressional Districts nominated their delegates as follows:

First District—John Fitzpatrick and Thos. Duffy, alternates, Zach Bachemin and B. Brewster; elector, Alex. Brewster. Second District—J. D. Houston, Pat Mealey alternates, I. W. Patton and Ed Scannell; elector J. C. Denis.

Third District—Delegates, C. D. Caffrey, and J. A. Ware, alternates, H. McCall and J. A. Smith, elector, J. D. Moore. Fourth District—Delegates, James Jeffries, and W. H. Ware, alternates, J. Fisher Smith and J. F. Taylor, elector, W. H. Jack.

Fifth District—Delegates, G. C. Goldman and C. Newton, alternates, J. N. Kennedy, Fred Hudson, elector, G. L. Gaskins. Sixth District—Delegates, Chas. Parlange and E. T. Louis, alternates, C. J. Barrow and J. N. Thompson; elector, J. H. Stone.

The nominations of the districts were confirmed by the convention. J. H. Stone offered a resolution that the State Central Committee fill the place of any elector who is disqualified to fill the position, which was carried.

A vote of thanks was then tendered the officers of the convention, and it adjourned sine die.

CHARTER.

STATE OF LOUISIANA. Parish of Madison.

BEFORE KNOWN AND REMEMBERED that on this 22d day of May A. D. 1883, THOMAS VICTOR, UNDEDE AND EIGHTY-FOUR, before me Francis M. Dawson, a Notary Public duly commissioned and sworn in and for said Parish and State, and the presence of the witnesses hereinafter named and undersigned, personally came and appeared M. F. Smith, J. H. D. Bowmar, E. C. Carroll, Geo. C. Waddill, E. Martin and A. B. Pittman, the several persons whose names are hereunto subscribed, who declared and said, that availing themselves of the laws of this State, relative to the organization of Corporations for work of public improvement, utility, and all other purposes, and by those presents do unite and agree for themselves and such other persons as may hereafter become associated with them, to form and constitute a corporation for the purpose and objects, and under the stipulations and articles following, to-wit:

ARTICLE I. The name and title of said Corporation shall be "The Moon Inhabited Company," and its domicile at Tallulah, Madison Parish, State of Louisiana; but said domicile may in the discretion of the Directors be changed to any other locality, not inconsistent with the laws of this State.

Said Corporation shall exist and have and enjoy succession under its corporate name for the term and period of twenty-five years commencing on, and to be counted from and after the day and date hereof.

The President, and in his absence, the general Manager, and in the absence of both of those, the Secretary of the Company, are hereby designated as the officers on whom all citations and other legal processes shall be served.

Said Corporation shall have power and authority to contract, sue and be sued under its corporate name, to make and use a corporate seal, to make, break or alter a will, to purchase, receive, hold, and convey, as to lands, tenements, goods, and chattels, to borrow such sums of money as may be required in the purchase, cultivation, improvement, reclamation, protection, and development of lands, and to acquire, hold, and use any kind of improvements, and the promotion of other corporate interests, and for this purpose may issue bonds or other obligations, and may mortgage and hypothecate all or any part of the property, both real and personal of said Company, with power to sell, pledge or otherwise dispose of said lands, or property, and to name and appoint such Managers, Directors and officers, and to make and establish such by-laws, rules, and regulations for the proper management and government of the affairs of said Corporation, as may be necessary and proper, and the same to change, amend, and alter at pleasure.

ARTICLE II. The purposes for which this Corporation is established, are declared to be, to buy, hold, cultivate, improve, sell and lease, and to mortgage, to construct and maintain works of land reclamation, drainage, and protection, to promote immigration, to cultivate cotton and other products of the soil generally to foster agricultural ure, and the raising of stock, to manufacture cotton and woolen yarns and cloths, either or both, to manufacture lumber, and generally to manufacture any and all of the raw products of this State; to construct and maintain Telegraph lines, Telephone lines, Railways, Canals, Flash roads, and covered roads; to improve and pay for the waterways passing through and contiguous to said lands, and to generally develop the resources of the corporate property.

ARTICLE III. The capital stock is hereby fixed at the sum of one hundred thousand dollars, divided into one hundred shares of one thousand shares of the sum of one hundred dollars each. But the stock-holders of said company may from time to time by a majority vote, increase the capital of said company in any amount not exceeding three million dollars.

ARTICLE IV. The business and affairs of said Corporation shall be under the superintendence and management of a Board of Directors, consisting of six stockholders, each of whom shall own in his own name at least one share of the Capital Stock of said Company. The stockholders shall meet annually, for the election of a Board of Directors, and the election of a Board of Directors. Said Board of Directors shall be elected for the term of one year and a majority of the votes cast shall be held by each share of stock. In the event of a failure to elect Directors at the time stated the old Directors shall continue to serve until their successors are duly elected. All such elections shall be held by ballot, and each elector shall be entitled to one vote either in person or by proxy; and thirty days prior notice of such election shall be given by publication in a newspaper published in the Parish of Madison, La. The Board of Directors shall have full power and authority to appoint such officers, clerks or agents as they may deem necessary for the business of said Company; and to make and establish as well as alter and amend any and all by-laws, rules and regulations as they may deem necessary for the protection, support and management of the affairs of the said business of said Company and said by-laws shall also fix the place and time for annual meetings and define and restrict the duties and powers of all officers of the Company. Three of the stockholders shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business and any vacancy which may occur in any Board from death or resignation shall be filled by the Executive Committee. The Board of Directors shall meet on the first day of each month, and shall elect one of its members to be President of the Corporation and shall also elect a Secretary and Treasurer who shall also be the Executive Committee. At every election of Directors the stockholders shall at the same meeting elect three directors to serve as an Executive Committee, and the Executive Committee shall exercise between the meetings of the Board all the powers of the Board and shall also elect a Secretary and Treasurer who shall also be the Executive Committee. All officers of the Corporation shall hold their offices until their successors are duly elected and qualified.

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

ARTICLE VI. No stock, bonds, notes, contracts and similar obligations of this company shall be binding and of force and effect against the company unless signed by the President, countersigned by the Secretary, and stamped with the seal of the company.

ARTICLE VII. This act of incorporation may be changed, modified, or altered, or said company may be dissolved with the assent of two-thirds, in amount, of the capital stock thereof, at any general meeting convened for such purpose, after three months notice given in the principal or official newspaper published in the parish of Madison, Louisiana.

ARTICLE VIII. Books of subscription shall be opened by some one of the said Incorporators, within ninety days from the date hereof, at the domicile of the company, and said Corporation shall be authorized to commence business when so much as Fifty Thousand Dollars shall have been subscribed, and ten per centum thereof paid in, and said Corporation shall have the right to receive in payment for such subscription to its Capital Stock, Real or Personal property, or Work done.

ARTICLE IX. Whenever this Company shall be dissolved either by limitation or from any other cause, its affairs shall be liquidated under the superintendence of two Stockholders, to be appointed

by the board of Stockholders, for that purpose to be governed by such rules and regulations as said Board of Stockholders shall impose at the time of their selection and appointment.

ARTICLE X.

Murray F. Smith; Geo. C. Waddill, J. H. D. Bowmar, Albert C. Gibson, Geo. A. Waddill and Alf. B. Pittman have been selected and named as the first Board of Directors of said Company and shall serve as such until the fifteenth day of July A. D. 1884 or until their successors shall have been elected.

This done and passed at Tallulah, in the Parish of Madison, State of Louisiana, in presence of John C. Ragan and Rob't T. Scott competent witnesses who sign with said parties and me said Notary on the day and date first herein written after due reading hereof.

MURRAY F. SMITH, J. H. D. BOWMAR, E. C. CARROLL, GEO. C. WADDILL, EUG. MARTIN, ALF. B. PITTMAN, F. M. DAWSON, NOTARY PUBLIC.

Attest. J. C. RAGAN, R. T. SCOTT, State of Louisiana Parish of Madison.

I have carefully examined the foregoing act of Incorporation and find that the purposes and object of the Corporation as expressed in said act are legal and that none of the provisions therein contained are contrary to law.

JNO. B. STONE, DIST. ATTY. 8TH DIST. OF LOUISIANA, Tallulah, La., October 31st 1883. may 24-46 4ms.

THE MOON INHABITED.

Towns, Villages and Cultivated Fields Can Be Seen—An Important Discovery.

At the astronomical observatory of Berlin, says a translation from Nya Pressen Helsingfor, a discovery has lately been made which, without doubt, will cause the greatest sensation, not only among the adepts in science, but even among the most learned. Prof. Blendmann, in that city, has found, beyond a doubt, that our old friend, the moon, is not a mere lantern which furnishes light for the loving youth and gas companies of our planet, but the abode of living, intelligent beings, for which he is prepared to furnish proofs most convincing.

This question has agitated humanity from time immemorial, and has been the object of the greatest interest. But the opinions have always differed very widely, and no two minds held one and the same. Already in ancient times the belief prevailed, that the moon was inhabited with some higher organized, intelligent beings, somewhat resembling man, and in order to communicate with them the early enthusiasts planted rows of trees several miles in length so as to form the figure of the Pythagorean theorem. The celebrated astronomer Schroder, in the beginning of the present century, fancied that he could detect places on the surface of the moon which periodically grew

LIGHTER AND DARKER, and from this fact he derived the conclusion that the phenomenon was a proof of existing vegetation. During the last few decades, however, the idea of life on the moon has been held up to ridicule, and totally scorned by men of learning. But, nevertheless, it has been proved to be correct.

By accident Dr. Blendmann found that the observations of the moon gave but very unsatisfactory results, owing to the intensity of the light power of the moon's atmosphere, which is that strong that it effects the correctness of the observations in a very high degree. He then conceived the idea to make the object glass of the refractor less sensitive to the rays of light, and for that purpose he darkened it with the smoke of camphor. It took months of experimenting before he succeeded in finding the right degree of obscurity of the glass, and when finally found he then, with the refractor, took a very accurate photo of the moon's surface. This he placed in a sun microscope, which gave the picture a diameter of fifty-five and a half feet.

The revelation was most startling. It perfectly overturned all hitherto entertained ideas of the moon's surface. Those level plains which formerly were held to be oceans of water proved to be verdant fields, and what formerly were considered mountains turned out as deserts of sands and oceans of waters. Towns and habitations of all kinds were plainly discernible, as well as signs of industry. Study and observations of old Luna will be repeated every full moon when the sky is clear, and we venture to predict that the time is not far off when we shall know more about the man in the moon than as being an agent in English politics.—Joe Mulhattan.

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