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## Incorporate.

New York stalwarts refuse to be magnetized.

There is money to be made in raising good stock.

It is a piece of extravagance to keep a poor dog.

All the towns along the railroad should be incorporated.

Artificial eggs are sold in New York for thirteen cents a dozen.

Cholera has appeared in France. It is pronounced Asiatic cholera.

Jno. A. Stevenson late republican candidate for Governor, died last week.

The Back Bone Land Grant Forfeiture bill was defeated in the house last week.

Henry E. Abbey announces that he has secured Sarah Bernhardt for a season in the United States.

In Sweden there is said to be a law depriving a man of his vote after he has been drunk three times.

Sullivan the slugger was so drunk on Monday night last that he could not spar Mitchell, and was hissed from the stage by the indignant audience.

It is said Capt. Dabney has received instructions to make a survey of the river banks with a view to determining the best place for a permanent crossing.

Gen. Chalmers of Miss., was declared entitled to the seat in Congress he has been contesting so long. He at last occupies it.

The bill removing the La State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College from Baton Rouge to Rapides parish has passed the House by a vote of 55 to 32.

The grand jury returned five indictments against Geo. M. Klein on Saturday last. Mr. Klein gave himself up and was placed under bond of $2,000 on each indictment.

The New York Sun in an editorial on Maud S., speaks of "her noble owner." Now ain't that getting there? When the Vanderbilts are classed as nobility, it is time for angels to weep.

The Dakota Republican wants Col. Jolley of Vermillion Dakota, for Governor of that territory, and they ought to have him, but Gilbert A. Pierce, a writer on the Chicago News has been nominated for that position.

There was an extensive fire in New Orleans last week. The furniture establishments of McCracken & Brewister, F. B. Christenson and W. G. Tebault were destroyed the grocery establishment of Solari, Leef and Fink carpets, and Pico watch maker. The loss is estimated at $300,000.

Two boys living at Beloit, Kan., frightened an uncle, lately from the East, nearly to death by making him believe that a cyclone was coming. They got him into the cave cellar and smashed glass and barrels against the door. When taken out the old man's hair had turned white.

## THE BEACON'S DEFENSE.

The Richland Beacon undertakes to reply to the remarks of the TIMES on the course pursued by Mr. Wells of Richland in the legislature. It is of course a very disagreeable thing to have to defend a wrong course and the Beacon, as might have been expected does not make very good showing. For instance it says: "the TIMES characterizes those who supported the new lottery charter as a combination of bribe-takers and Pharisees." What the TIMES did say was that, "the bribe-takers combine with the Pharisees and go for the Lottery," the existing Lottery, which is a fact. The TIMES then attempted to show how inconsistent it was in Mr. Wells who is so opposed to the existence of the Lottery, to vote to establish another Lottery. Is not that inconsistent? If it is not it is only one possible other thing, and that is idiotcy.

The Beacon says "the TIMES had better look after the dusky *misrepresentatives* of Madison whom it helped elect to the Legislature." This is not the first sneer directed against the colored representatives from Madison, but so far they have an unassailable record, and sneers fall short of the mark in their cases. They have not gone snivelling around on the high moral tack and then stultified themselves by recording a vote directly opposed to their professions, when they do, it is time to raise the hue and cry, but Madison can easily bear a comparison between her representatives actions in the legislature and Richland's figure head.

In this connection it may be stated that, when Mr. Wells wrote a letter to the editor of the TIMES a short time ago he had the truth of the statement he made certified to, by one of those same colored representatives from Madison, which goes to show that he entertained a high opinion of the representative from Madison.

The TIMES is not defending the Lottery, neither is it fighting it. It merely called attention to the ridiculous position of Mr. Wells on that subject, and while the matter is under discussion, it may be as well to add another chapter to the history of Mr. Wells. In the Constitutional convention it is said that Col. Lott of West Carroll was earnestly opposed to the Lottery, and fought it tooth and nail. It is said that Col. Lott looked in vain for assistance from Mr. Wells who sat there like a bump on a log and did nothing. When the Lottery became part of the constitution Col. Lott took the ground that he was not fighting the constitution of the State, and therefore desisted, but, Mr. Wells viewed the matter in a different light. He waited until it was a part of the Constitution and then he went to butting at it. The TIMES was not in existence at that time and can only give this as hearsay, but it comes pretty straight and is doubtless exact.

There was once an old farmer who bought a ram who was celebrated for butting. Of this trick he determined to cure him, so he got a large log and suspended it from the limb of a tree and set it to swinging after which he turned the ram into the enclosure where the swinging log was. The ram saw it at once and promptly charged on it, and was knocked flat of his back, for his pains, nothing daunted he got up and charged again. At sunset he was still butting away. In the morning the farmer went down to see the result of the match and found to his astonishment that the ram had butted until there was nothing left but his hind legs and they were still butting away at the log.

No, but seriously, if Mr. Wells is not called away from the legislature there will be nothing left of him to *pose*. If he had been kept away even this time he might have done for an exhibition figure to be turned around and admired and lectured on, and quoted to coming legislators but alas! that cannot be done now. It is no use to talk about the lion and the lamb, Mr. Beacon. The two animals have never been known to form a combination except when the lamb was practically a part of the lion, namely his dinner. If you don't hurry up and get him away, there will be no legs, even, left to butt.

A. K. McClure, of the Philadelphia Times, says the Republican party is in its "death throes."—Yazoo Sentinel.

And Mr. McClure also says that Randall is the man the Democrats should nominate.—Vicksburg Post.

Yes, and Mr. McClure is a republican sorehead. We don't want advice from his sort as to who we should select for President.

## THE TOWN LEVEE.

About next week will be a good time to fix up the town levee. Several places have been cut in the work done last spring. One place right by the cotton seed house at the railroad was cut presumably for teams to pass through. The same amount of work that it took to cut that gap would nearly if not quite have built an approach each side and teams could have gone over the levee as easily as they now go through it.

That is not the way they do business here however, it was desired that a team should pass and the levee was cut. Any child could have told that something was necessary to be done two months before it became necessary to do something, but nothing was done until it became absolutely necessary, and then the most injurious method was promptly adopted and the levee was cut. There should be some plan adopted by which the levee could be kept intact, and then it should be repaired.

The most feasible plan is to incorporate the town. It would be then the business of some one to prevent the cutting of the levee, as it is, any reckless individual who feels so disposed, can cut a hole in the levee at any time, and at any place he sees fit. Incorporation is a cure for this evil, as well as many others, and it is the only way to keep up the town levee. Incorporate.

## SHREVEPORT VS. VICKSBURG.

This case will be one of the first called at the term of business opening on or about July 12, 1884. The plaintiff will be represented by some of the oldest established houses in Shreveport, while the defendant will in all probability have to have counsel appointed by the court, as the matter stands at present the plaintiff has a decided advantage, the evidence going to show that plaintiff has suffered great pecuniary loss by the failure of the V., S. & P. R. R., to make such connections as would have enabled plaintiff to dispose of certain goods to the citizens of the various parishes along the line of said road; that in consequence of said failure to make said connections, said goods have been lying in stock and have been so lying for 60 days more or less, and that by said failure of said road, plaintiff has, in addition to said pecuniary loss, suffered great agony of mind in knowing that defendant has had ample opportunity to secure beyond any peradventure a permanent and profitable trade along the line of said road, and that plaintiff, supposing that such an opportunity would not be neglected by any place with any pretentions to business, suffered great and exceeding mental torture.

On the other hand the defendant pleads, that, knowing that the said parishes could not attain communication with plaintiff, that defendant did not use any efforts to take advantage of the situation, that on the contrary, defendant discouraged any attempt on the part of said parishes to transact business with defendant by charging high prices for everything furnished said parishes; that only in exceptional cases did defendant solicit the trade of said parishes either by sending out representatives to seek orders in said parishes or by advertising in any of the papers of said parishes, that further, defendant knowing that said parishes were seeking a desirable market where they could buy a three month's supply of goods at such prices as would enable them to avoid mortgaging the plantations in said parishes to pay for said goods, felt the uselessness of trying to secure the trade of said parishes, and conducted business as though said parishes did not exist.

This is the case as it stands and the matter will be argued during the month of July and probably later. The evidence is in favor of plaintiff but defendant may by a proper activity overcome some of the disadvantages it now labors under and make a better showing. Let us hope so.

## THE MAILS.

The Post Office Authorities perked up last week and on Sunday the New Orleans papers were received the day after their issue. We all got two papers on that day. It was only a spurt however, for the next day no New Orleans papers were received through the mails, and things assumed their old habits. There is still no route agent on this route. There was an impalpable rumor floating around that route agents were to be put on, on the first of July but it turned out to be baseless as there is still no route agent.

Now here is a chance for Congressman King to distinguish himself. Tallulah is fortunate enough to be honored with a mail sack, and mail from Vicksburg and Monroe comes here direct, but mail for Tallulah, from any other office on the route has either to go to Vicksburg or Monroe, where it is put in the sack and is returned next day, if it is not overlooked or forgotten. For instance mail from the Mound office or Thomaston to Tallulah if put on the train going west is taken on part Tallulah to Monroe and returned the next day, in the Tallulah pouch. The same course is pursued with mail put in west of here to come to Tallulah, it is taken on to Vicksburg, and brought back next day.

These things ought not to be. It is the result of too much reform, produced directly by the cutting down of the appropriation for the Post Office Department. Reform is a good battle cry, but in practice should be handled very gingerly by those inexperienced in that line. If you turn a wild eyed reformer loose without restraint he is liable to do a great deal more harm than he would do, by letting alone the evil he attempts to correct. Here is a case in point—the mail agents. They are a necessity for a proper handling of the mails, and then, the papers suffer, for the New Orleans papers that have any news of this week's happening are not received until Thursday or Friday. The paper received Thursday has news no later than Monday, and it is the end of the week before you know what happened at the beginning of it. Can't you do something Mr. King?

## CHARTER.

STATE of LOUISIANA.
Parish of Madison.

BE IT KNOWN AND REMEMBERED that on this the 26 day of May A. D. ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FOUR, before me Frank M. Dawson, a Notary Public duly commissioned and sworn in and for said Parish and State, and in 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 works of public improvement and utility, they have united and agreed, and by these 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 "Cotton Lands Company," and its domicile at Tallulah, Madison Parish, State of Louisiana; but said domicile may in the discretion of the Directory 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 these, 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, the same to break or alter at will, to purchase, receive, hold, and convey, as well as lease, mortgage and hypothecate under its corporate name, property, both real and personal, to make, sign, and endorse promissory notes, bonds, drafts, and bills of exchange in the transaction of their business, to borrow such sums of money as may be required in the purchase, cultivation, improvement, reclamation, protection, and development of lands and other property, and all of any kind of improvements, and the promotion of other corporate interests and for this purpose may issue bonds or other obligations, secured by mortgage upon the franchises and all or any part of the property, both real and personal of said Company, with power to sell, pledge or otherwise dispose of said bonds, and to use the same in purchase and payment for 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 and sell land, and with power to mortgage and encumber the same, to construct and maintain works of land reclamation, drainage, and protection, to promote immigration, to cultivate cotton and other products of the soil and generally to foster agricultural, and the raising of stock, to manufacture cotton and woolen yarns and cloths, either or both, to manufacture lumber, and to generally manufacture any and all of the raw products of this State; to contract and maintain Telegraph lines, Telephone lines, Railways, Canals, Plank roads, and covered roads; To improve and navigate the waterways passing through and contiguous to said lands, and to generally develope the resources of the corporate property.

ARTICLE III.

The capital stock is hereby fixed at the sum of five hundred thousand dollars divided into or represented by five 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 its capital, provided the capital shall in no event exceed three million dollars.

ARTICLE IV.

The business and affairs of said Corporation shall be under the superintendence and management of a Board of Directors, composed of six stock holders, 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 consideration of the business of the Company 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 elect. 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 by ballot. Each share of stock 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, Louisiana. The said 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 interests and 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 Directors 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. They shall at regular stated meetings elect out of the Board of Directors to be President of the Corporation and shall also elect a Secretary and Treasurer, who shall give such bonds as the Executive Committee require.

At every election of Directors the Stockholders shall also nominate and elect three of said Directors to serve as an Executive Committee and the Executive Committee shall have power between meetings of the Directory, all the powers of the Directory [illegible] 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 liabilities of said corporation to 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 the holder liable, 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 on 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 Robt 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. Att'y.
5TH DIST. OF LOUISIANA.

Tallulah, La., October 31st 1883.
may 24-16 1ms.

## 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.

## POLITICAL NOTES.

The New York Sun wants Bayard.

The Chicago business men want Cleveland.

You can make your minds easy, Cleveland can never get it.

Cleveland says he is not a candidate. He is coming the old Tilden game.

If California can't get Tilden, she wants Charles A. Dana. Oh!

WHO THE DIFFERENT STATES WANT.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| New York, | wants (mostly) | Cleveland. |
| Missouri, | " | " |
| North Carolina, | " | Bayard. |
| Ohio, | " | Tilden. |
| Indiana, | " | McDonald. |
| Pennsylvania, | " | Randall. |
| Kentucky, | " | Carlisle. |
| Delaware, | " | Bayard. |
| Massachusetts | " | Butler. |
| Louisiana [says she] | wants | Tilden. |
| Mississippi | wants | Tilden. |
| Florida | wants | Cleveland. |
| Arkansas | wants [mostly] | " |
| Colorado | wants [mostly] | " |
| Georgia | wants [mostly] | " |
| Michigan | wants | " |
| Texas | wants | Tilden. |
| California | wants | " |
| Nevada | wants | " |

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