

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA - STATE OF LOUISIANA, PARISH OF PLAQUEMINES.

Dr. It Knows. That on this 12th day of the month of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eight and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred and thirty-third (133rd), before me, Ernest Albert, Deputy Clerk of Court of the 29th Judicial District of the State of Louisiana, for the Parish of Plaquemines, and ex-officio Notary Public, and in the presence of the witnesses hereinafter named and undersigned, personally came and appeared the several persons whose names are hereunto subscribed, who declared that, availing themselves of the laws of the State of Louisiana and of the constitution thereof relative to the organization of corporations, they have agreed and by these presents do agree and bind themselves, as well as such persons as may hereafter become associated with them, to form and constitute a corporation and body politic in law for the objects and purposes and under the clauses, conditions, stipulations and articles hereinafter set forth and expressed, which they hereby adopt as their charter, to-wit:

ARTICLE I. The name and title of this corporation shall be THE LOWER COAST GAZETTE CO. and its domicile shall be at Pointe a la Hache, in the Parish of Plaquemines, State of Louisiana. Under this corporate name said corporation shall have the power and authority to exist and enjoy a succession for the full term and period of ninety-nine years from the date hereof. It shall have the power and authority to sue and be sued; to make and use a corporate seal and the same to break or alter at pleasure; to name and appoint such managers, directors, officers and employees as the interests and convenience of this corporation may require; to make and establish, as well as alter and amend, from time to time, such by-laws, rules and regulations for the proper management, conduct and regulation of the affairs of said corporation as may be deemed necessary and proper; to own, hold, receive, lease, purchase and convey, as well as mortgage and hypothecate property, real, personal and mixed; to consolidate or merge with another corporation, or own and hold stock therein.

ARTICLE II. All citations and other legal processes shall be served upon the president of said corporation, or, in the event of his absence or disability, on the vice-president, and in the case of the absence of both the president and vice-president, upon the secretary of said corporation.

ARTICLE III. The objects and purposes for which this corporation is established and the nature of the business to be carried on by it are declared to be the printing and publishing of a newspaper, devoted to the agricultural and other interests of the Lower Coast and of the State of Louisiana; to conduct and carry on a general newspaper business, with all things connected therewith, and by the sale of such newspapers and other printed matter published by said Company, to disseminate news and all matters of general information.

ARTICLE IV. The capital stock of said corporation has been and is hereby fixed at the sum of Twenty-five Thousand (\$25,000.00) Dollars, to be divided into or represented by twenty-five hundred shares of ten dollars each; said stock shall be paid for in cash as it may be called for by the Board of Directors, and the calls for said cash payment shall not exceed fifty per cent. for the first year and not exceed fifty per cent. during the second year. Said calls for said cash payments shall not exceed five per cent. per month during the first year and not exceed five per cent. per month during subsequent years until the whole subscription shall have been paid.

ARTICLE V. All the corporate powers of said corporation shall be vested in and exercised by a Board of Directors to be composed of nine stockholders. Said Board of Directors shall be elected annually on the first Monday in May, beginning in the year 1910. All such elections shall be by ballot and shall be conducted at the office of said corporation, under the superintendence of two commissioners to be appointed by the Board of Directors, and of which election ten days previous notice shall be given in a newspaper published in the Parish of Plaquemines. Each share of stock shall be entitled to one vote, to be cast by its owner, either in person or by proxy, and a majority in the amount of the outstanding stock of said corporation shall be requisite to elect. A failure to elect directors on the day above specified shall not dissolve the corporation, but the then directors shall cause another election to be held within thirty days, of which ten days previous notice shall be given in a newspaper published in said Parish of Plaquemines. Vacancies occurring in said Board shall be filled by the remaining directors, and any director of the said Board who may be absent from the State at the time of meeting of said Board of Directors shall have the right to appoint another person in his stead, and such person shall have all the powers and authority of a director.

ARTICLE VI. Whenever this corporation may be dissolved, either by limitation or from any other cause, its affairs shall be liquidated by three stockholders, to be appointed at a general meeting of the stockholders to be convened for such purpose, after thirty days' previous notice shall have been given by advertisement in a newspaper published in the Parish of Plaquemines and a majority in amount of the outstanding capital stock of said corporation shall be requisite to elect. Said commission shall remain in office until the affairs of said corporation shall have been fully settled and liquidated and in case of the death of one or more of said commissioners, the vacancies shall be filled by election by the surviving commissioners.

ARTICLE VII. This Act of Incorporation may be modified, changed or altered, or said corporation may be dissolved with the assent of three-fourths of the stockholders convened for such purpose, after thirty days' previous notice shall have been given in a newspaper published in said Parish of Plaquemines. Such changes as may be made in reference to the capital stock of said corporation shall be in accordance with the laws of the State upon this subject.

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

ARTICLE IX. Until the first election to be held under this charter on the first Saturday in May, 1910, the following named persons, or stockholders, shall constitute the first Board of Directors, with all the powers hereinafore enumerated, and shall continue in office until their successors shall have been elected, viz: F. C. Meyers, S. Leopold, Ben Michel, John Dymond, J. Joseph Cosse, Marc Cognevich, Joseph Savoie, Dr. V. O. Schayot and Joseph Hingle with the aforesaid F. C. Meyers, as president and Simon Leopold as vice-president.

Thus done and passed, in my office at Pointe-a-la-Hache, on the day and in the month and year herein written, in the presence of Messieurs L. T. Fontenelle and Gustave Favret, competent witnesses, who hereunto sign their names, together with the said appellants and me, Notary, after due reading of the whole, the said appellants declaring they placed after their signatures the number of shares of stock subscribed for by them and they likewise adopt this as their stock subscription list.

F. C. MEYERS AND OTHERS. L. T. Fontenelle, Gustave Favret. ERNEST ALBERT, Dy. Clerk of Court and Dy. Ex-Officio, Not. Pub. A true copy of the original on file and of record in my office and recorded in Book 2, Folio 409 of Mortgage of this Parish on December 12, 1908. ERNEST ALBERT, Dy. Clerk and Dy. Ex-Officio Recorder.

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Corn Is King.

The are valuable and entertaining statistics to be found in the annual report to the secretary of agriculture, which go to show that the farmer is the real money maker in this country. In one place it says. The total value of all the farm products of 1908, reached \$7,778,000,000 the most most extraordinary total in the datations history. The mines, gold, silver, copper, lead, zinc, coal and iron, precious stones and marble, with the oil wells thrown in, reached a figure only about one-fourth as imposing. Of the raw materials used by the manufacturers who employ agricultural products 87 percent was contributed by the farmers of the United States. Further more in this year of financial and industrial depression the farmer people produced values \$200,000,000 in excess of those they turned out in 1907. During the last ten years the wealth production on the farms of this country have exceeded the fabulous sum of \$60,000,000,000.

The production of all cereals was 4,329,000,000 bushels, which has been distanced three times in the past, but the value of this harvest was \$2,694,000,000, eclipses the record of all former years. It is two per cent better in production than the average for the past five years, and 32 per cent better in value.

Corn was king in 1908. It was worth \$1,615,000,000. This wealth grown out of the soil in four months of rain, sunshine, and drouth, is enough to cancel the interest bearing debt of the United States and to pay for the Panama canal and fifty battleships. The crop is worth this year nearly as much as such as the great crops of cotton, hay and wheat combined.

The five-year average in wheat was distanced one and a half per cent in number of bushels and was 23 per cent better in value. The department estimates the yield at 660,000,000 bu., worth \$66,000,000 more to the farmers than any other crop ever garnered.

For the first time this year, the value of all farm crops equals \$5,000,000,000, and of this total the value of the corn crop is about one-third; wheat, hay, and cotton combined make more than another third; and the smaller crops the remainder, or nearly one-third. Never before has the hay crop been so large in quantity, nor the rice crop nor the sugar beet crop, nor the beet and cane sugar production. The production of barley has been exceeded in only one former year, and cotton by only two years at the most.

The highest crop values in comparison with former years are held by corn, wheat, rice, all cereals, potatoes, sugar beets, possibly tobacco, by sugar and by beet and cane sugar combined. Next to the highest value was reached by hay, barley, oats, sugar cane and cane sugar, and perhaps by cotton. - Newark Tribune.

Our New Congressman.

THE LOWER COAST GAZETTE has had the pleasure of greeting our new Congressman, now representing the First Congressional District, General Albert Estopinal. The General came down from Washington, availing of the Christmas holidays and while here was called in to the sad duty of assisting at the funeral ceremonies and burial of Hon. Robert C. Davey, the congressional member from the Second Congressional District of the State. General Estopinal returns to his post of duty in Washington next week and in his ability and long experience in public affairs and long association with the people of this section, he is a most valuable representative of the Lower Coast.

NEW ORLEANS RAILROAD Time Schedule. Depart LOUISVILLE and NASHVILLE. 8:00 p. m. N. Y. and N. O. Limited 7:55 p. m. 9:50 p. m. Cin. and Florida Express 7:15 a. m. 9:25 a. m. Cincinnati, Chicago and New York Express 8:35 p. m. 6:00 a. m. Montgomery Accommodation Gulf Coast Limited. Daily Except Sunday 8:30 a. m. 5:15 p. m. N. O. Mobile Accommodation Sunday Excursion 11:50 a. m. 7:20 a. m. QUEEN and CRESCENT ROUTE Terminal Station, Canal Street. 7:20 a. m. Cin. and New York 9:05 a. m. 9:20 a. m. Cincinnati 9:35 p. m. St. Louis 4:50 p. m. Merid. and In. Pts. Daily Meridian Local Daily Hattiesburg Local Daily Sunday Excursion. 7:30 p. m. Lumberton In. Pts. ILLINOIS CENTRAL. 9:15 a. m. "The Limited." Chicago, St. Louis, Louisville, and Cincinnati 8:15 a. m. 7:10 p. m. Fast Mail, Chicago St. Louis and Louisville and Cincinnati 10:55 a. m. 6:00 p. m. Local Mail Northern Express 8:30 a. m. 2:00 p. m. McComb Accommodation 9:10 a. m. YAZOO and MISSISSIPPI VALLEY. 7:00 a. m. Vicksburg Express Baton Rouge Express Northern Express SOUTHERN PACIFIC. 6:30 a. m. Houston Local Sunset Express for La. Texas and California. 6:45 p. m. 3:00 p. m. Lafayette Local Texas Express TEXAS and PACIFIC. 8:55 a. m. El Paso and Cal. Express New Roads Local Ft. Worth and Hot Spgs. 8:50 a. m. NEW ORLEANS SOUTHERN RAILWAY CO. (Formerly N. O., Fort Jackson and G. I. R. P.) Sunday Only Daily, Except Sunday Daily, Ex. Sat. and Sun. Saturday and Sunday LOUISIANA SOUTHERN. 5:30 p. m. Sunday 8:00 a. m. 8:45 a. m. Sunday 6:30 p. m. 9:30 a. m. GULF and SHIP ISLAND. 4:30 a. m. Jackson Jackson Jackson Hattiesburg Hattiesburg Hattiesburg Gulfport Gulfport Gulfport NEW ORLEANS GREAT NORTHERN RAIL ROAD COMPANY. Terminal Station Canal Street. 6:55 a. m. Columbia Jet., Boca Lusa, Franklinton. 6:30 p. m. 4:30 p. m. 5:5 a. m. Mandeville, Abita Springs, Folsom, Covington. Daily, Except Sunday. 6:25 p. m. Mandeville, Abita Springs, Folsom, Covington. Sunday Excursion. 8:05 a. m. Covington, Abita Springs, Mandeville. LOUISIANA RAILWAY and NAVIGATION COMPANY. (Carrollton Avenue Station.) 7:00 a. m. 9:10 p. m.

enacted in regard to hunting. An inquiry having been made of Attorney General Guion as to the requirements under the new law, we can hardly give more information about the matter than is conveyed in his answer thereto and hence we give below Gen. Guion's answer to an inquiry propounded by Mr. Bankston of Hammond. His answer is as follows: NEW ORLEANS, La. Sept. 21, 1908. Mr. W. W. Bankston, Hammond, La.

Dear Sir:- Since writing to you in reply to your letter of recent date, I have examined more fully Act No. 277 of the session of the General Assembly of 1908 and I find that section 13 provides that nothing in the act shall be construed to give the holder of hunting license permission to hunt upon the lands of any other person, unless he has the written consent of the owner of the property, and provided that in order to protect the property of a land owner, he should post conspicuous notices, warning persons against hunting on his premises, and shall besides give notice in three consecutive issues of the newspaper published nearest to said property. "I have thought it proper for me to advise you of the wording of the act, so that you might be able to comply with it an thereby prevent trespassing upon your property. "Yours very truly, "WALTER GUION."

Burrwood.

The Bowers Dredging Co., has completed their contract with the U. S. government and Southwest Pass is now open to navigation.

The work on the part of the Bowers Dredging Co., was quite a feat, as many obstacles in the way of old wreck presented themselves, but the powerful cutters on the end of the suction proved their strength, and readily shredded the unseen foe into atoms, and the cutter continued on the even tenore of its way.

The largest of their fleet the No. 9, was sent to Beaufort, N. C., by way of sea, where the Co., has a large contract.

No. 6, was sent to Scranton, Miss., and the Sealay which had her upper deck damaged by fire lately will be sent to New Orleans for general repairs.

Capt. J. B. Lindhe, Jr. engineer in charge of the government's affairs at Burrwood spent Xmas with Mrs. Lindhe in New Orleans.

The mammoth steel shed contracted for by the Penn Bridge Co., is completed and is quite an adjunct to the government's improvements.

A contract for the building of twenty-four cottages has been let by the government. The cottages will be occupied by employees at this point.

The Great Dalrymple Farm.

Although five men were associated with Mr. Dalrymple in the acquirement of the land he alone was manager in the practical development of his idea, which has resulted in shifting the center of wheat growing from the Middle West to the Northwest. For five years he broke and plowed 6,000 acres a year, and when at last word went out that 30,000 acres of land, lying hundreds of miles farther north than the wheat line was supposed to extend, and within the boundaries of what had for generations been known as the "Great American Desert," had been successfully cropped, the world began to realize that a wonderful new era in agriculture had arrived. The partnership between the six men lasted until the nineties when the final division was made, and Oliver Dalrymple's personal holdings were left at 20,000 acres.

In working out the problem of bonanza farming Mr. Dalrymple very quickly saw that farming on such a large scale could not be successfully carried out under the supervision of one man. When the whole 75,000 acres were under his supervision they were divided into farms of 2,500 acres each, with a foreman and crew each, answering to a superintendent who had charge of six divisions, and who, in turn, was directly responsible to Mr. Dalrymple. These divisions were connected by a telephone system. The magnitude of the operations of the "Bonanza Farm" in its original state, can be judged from the fact that in spite of the land in the valley being so level that much less machinery and power are required to operate it than the ordinary farm, there were 150 gang plows 70 gang drills, 150 self binders 12 extra large steam outfits, each capable of turning out 2,500 to 3,000 bushels of wheat per day. In the busy season from 500 to 600 men were employed and 600 horses were owned on the farm. Throughout the thrashing season two thousands of wheat were shipped every day from the Dalrymple farms and a boat load every other day at Duluth. The farm has, in addition its own elevators. - Northwestern Miller.

No Hunting Allowed.

There has been some inquiry and some doubt expressed about the requirements of the law in the matter of hunting on posted premises, or whereon hunting has been forbidden. About the best authority that we would ordinarily have in regard to this matter would be the opinion of the Attorney General of the State, and upon the requirements of the law recently

Personsals. There will be a session of the District Court on January 5. There will be a regular meeting of the School Board to-day. The Police Jury meets in quarterly session next Wednesday. Frank C. Meyers, Jr. spent the Christmas holidays at the home of his parents. Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Favret, Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Favret and W. A. Meyers and family were the guests of Mrs. S. Favret during the Christmas holidays. The heaviest rain that has fallen on our Terra Firma for several months fell here on Monday doing great benefit to our Truck farmers. THE LOWER COAST GAZETTE learns with pleasure that after the first of the year Mr. Irving Lothrop will once more resume his residence in Plaquemines parish. THE LOWER COAST GAZETTE is very glad to learn that Judge Albert Estopinal, Jr. is rapidly convalescing and in fact has nearly recovered from his recent attack of the La Grippe, which kept him housed for some days. Mrs. Simon Leopold and daughters, Misses Edith and May, are spending the holidays at their home in St. Sophie. Both the Misses Leopold are attractive spirits in Newcomb College life, one as senior and the other as a freshman. Miss Gesina Allkman, the progressive and efficient teacher of Belair school entertained her school children the Wednesday evening before Christmas with a very pretty Christmas tree, which was decorated with tinsel and ornaments and very prettily lighted. Each child was remembered with appropriate gifts and enjoyed the occasion thoroughly. On Monday Dec. 8, at St. Augustine's church at 2 p. m. Mr. Leon Hingle, one of our popular and energetic young planters, was quietly married to Miss Augusta Ragas. After the marriage ceremony the couple returned to the groom's home at Pointe-a-la-Hache. THE GAZETTE wishes them a happy and prosperous married life. Geo. Howard, a young white man from Grand Prairie, was committed to the parish jail, by Judge Clovis Hingle of the Tenth Justice Court, as being hopelessly insane. THE LOWER COAST GAZETTE heartily congratulates Mrs. N. B. Cannon on her speedy recovery from her recent illness in the New Orleans Sanitarium and is glad to chronicle her return to her home at Happy Jack. Hon. Simon Leopold, while enroute to inspect the work going on, on the lower Bohemia Levee, paid us an agreeable call on Thursday. Mr. Eddie Dobson, one of St. Sophie's popular young men, was in our town on town on Thursday. Miss Mernance Favret one of our charming and accomplished young teachers was a visitor to our town on Sunday. Attorney O. S. Livaudais was a caller at our office on Tuesday. Many a man hung his head in sorrow yesterday, as he strolled into the saloons where he often sat, enjoying a cool drink or a game of cards. THE GAZETTE wishes all its friends a happy and prosperous New Year. Registrar Appointed. The State Board composed of Gov. Sanders, Attorney General Guion, Secretary of State John T. Michel has appointed Joseph Cognevich, Registrar of Voters of this parish. Mr. Cognevich's appointment comes as an honor and a compliment to him, his name being unopposed as a candidate, as far as we know. The registrar elect is the oldest son of the Hon. Marc Cognevich, our popular Assessor, and resides with his family at Nairn, Tenth ward. Through his unassuming sincere and honest traits of character, Mr. Cognevich has made a host of friends to whom this bit of news will be a source of much pleasure. THE GAZETTE extends its heartiest congratulations. Notice. The public is hereby notified not to hunt on the Union plantation and on all lands or water in the rear thereof. MRS. BERNARD SAVOIE.

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Figs on the Lower Coast. The culture of figs comes next to the culture of apples, if we have faith in the Admic legend that refers to the apple culture in the Garden of Eden and to the subsequent use made by Adam and Eve of fig leaves as clothing. Any way, the fig is frequently mentioned in the oldest literature in the world's possession and it has been a staple article of food in Asia for thousands of years. In Afganistan the fig grows wild and from that distant center its easy culture seems to have progressed in every direction and now employs thousands of people in the gathering, drying, packing and transportation of them. On the lower coast the fig is a prolific grower, it being practically only necessary to cut off a branch and stick it in the ground to soon have a tree, and it is properly considered one of the most luscious table fruits that we have. Why it is not more generally grown and made a commercial crop is scarcely explicable. It is commonly stated, however, that while figs are in demand throughout the world, the facilities for their distribution from Louisiana do not exist. A very moderate supply glutts the local market and then figs become practically worthless and are left to rot on the trees. It might be well for our own State Experiment Stations to take up the matter and endeavor to find how the fig can be best utilized in Louisiana. The actual producing season during which figs from the trees may be eaten can probably be made to bridge over more than sixty days of the calendar, by choosing varieties that mature at earlier and later dates. The figs would be a healthful food for thousands of our people if their consumption could be formulated to correspond with the fig season. We now buy oats grown in Missouri, far beyond St. Louis, which are brought to St. Louis, and then sifted, cleaned up and mace into oatmeal of some one of the popular brands, and then is sent to us in pound packages and sold to us at 10 and 15 cents each, and yet practically every man, woman and child on the Lower Coast would rather have a dish of figs for the morning meal in July and August than to have one of oat meal, both of them, however, being good in their way. Some of our city cannery have been in the habit of buying limited quantities of figs, canning them in their fresh condition, as is done with peaches. The fig crop of the world, however, is handled differently, the preservation of figs being secured by artificial drying. They can be dried in the sun, but in our climate success in this direction might be doubtful, but a very limited amount of hot air applied by the methods now utilized in what are called evaporated fruits would work equally well in the evaporation of figs, and the Lower Coast could furnish hundreds of tons of evaporated figs to the people of the other States of the Union who would so come consumers if they were the fruit to be of good quality. Forty years ago the States depended upon France and Turkey for dried prunes. France and Turkey by thousands of casks containing about 200 lbs. each, while the Turkey prunes were weighing some 200 lbs. Our trade with these countries in dried prunes has been diminished to the smallest proportions, simply because California has availed of her capacity in that direction and is producing prunes enough to supply the whole United States. A ten-acre farm or orchard in prune culture in California or Southern Oregon is considered a sure source of wealth to the owner and California prunes have now become with us an article of daily consumption, coming as they do in their fresh condition in cold storage, or dried as they are in the ordinary way and the prunes are of better quality than those we got years ago from either France or Turkey. Now cant we develop a fig culture on the Lower Coast which shall parallel the prune culture in California in its success?