

A Safe Bet.

LINN TANNER.

It is a safe bet to make, you can risk a new hat:
When you hear a man say "I'm an old Democrat."
If you ask what that is? this reply will be his.
"A Democrat is a Democrat; that's what a Democrat is."
He can't tell what it is, nor neither can you:
Because a mass of contradictions are presented to view:
A hatch patch of ideas which changes each hour
To suit the place hunters who seek of fee and power.
One says, "I want tariff," one to free trade is joined
One cries for "free silver," another, "gold only be coined."
Some want silver and gold, and national banks.
All hitched to the wagon—a strange mixture of cranks.

Snap Shots.

The Democratic party needs a good many things in its make up to—again control the masses.

1st. It needs men at the head of it who can keep faith with the people.

2nd. Its principles should always be clearly expressed, without ambiguity and with no intention of deceit. It needs fewer of so-called principles, and more brains. It needs honor, statesmanship, virtue, truth and strict justice in everything tending to the welfare of the people.

It needs fewer liars and promise breakers. In fact, it needs burying so deep that nothing can ever dig up its skeleton.

The Republican party planted the seed which brought into life all the evils now visited upon the agriculturalists. The Democratic party lent their aid in the cultivation of and giving vigor to the evils implanted by the Republicans. The man who changes from one to the other, has simply doffed the name and changed masters without receiving any benefit. Wall street, New York, and Lombard street London, jews and bankers smile and whisper one to the other: "It makes no difference to us, our servants will rule any way."

Endorsing "Cleveland and the administration" is a part of the programme laid out for so-called Democratic (!) conventions and gatherings. It is a bitter dose for the rank and file, but the conscientious gizzards of old party hacks are so used to digesting all kinds of carrion that it does not in the least set them back when pulling strings to keep the party followers in line. Bah! Don't it make an honest man sick to listen to such hypocritical endorsements when it is a well known fact it is all lie at bottom!

The South and West must come together politically. Never can they unite until all partisanism is obliterated. There must, and will be some common ground on which whom Democrats and Republicans can gather and dictate terms to the arrogant East. This can never be done so long as the people cling to old party names. The talk of reforming inside of old party lines is as void of sense and sound politics, as the talk of one army trying to achieve victory over another by dictating to the generals of the opposing forces when and where the lines of battle must be drawn.

The Democratic party is fond of making a parade of what they call "living principles." That is all well enough; but what the people want is some real, tangible evidence of living principles being carried into effect. I.e. "sweet bye and bye" sounds well when set to music, but the suffering masses, especially the farmers—want more of the now, and now; and that p. d. a.

As the dog returns to his vomit, and the sow to her wallow, so will old party slaves march to the primaries to nominate the servants of the plutocracy on the 6th inst.

There are not enough lawyers in Congress to represent the farmers, at least those who are there never legislate in the interest of the toilers. If so, when?

CHARTER.

STATE OF LOUISIANA, PARISH OF NATCHITOCHEES.

Be it known and remembered, that on this the 26th day of September, 1894, before me Charles H. Levy, a Notary Public in and for the parish of Natchitoches, duly commissioned and qualified, personally came and appeared the undersigned persons who in presence of the attending witnesses declared that availing themselves of the provisions of Act No. 86 of the Legislature of this State, approved June 29th, 1888, and those of the general laws of this State relative to the organization of corporations, they have formed and organized themselves and those they represent into a corporation for the objects and purposes herein set forth, which they accept as their charter.

ARTICLE I.
The name and style of this corporation shall be the NATCHITOCHEES PUBLISHING COMPANY, (LIMITED), and by that name it shall have power and authority to exist and enjoy succession for the period of ninety-nine years, commencing at this day and date.

ARTICLE II.
The domicile of this corporation shall be the city of Natchitoches, in the parish of Natchitoches, State of Louisiana, where all legal process shall be served upon the president of this corporation, or in his absence, the secretary or business manager.

ARTICLE III.
The purposes of this corporation is to do general job printing, publish a newspaper, and to do a general publishing business.

ARTICLE IV.
This corporation shall have power and privileges, to-wit: It shall be capable in law to purchase and receive, hold and enjoy lands, houses, and property of any kind whatever. It shall have the right to sell said property; sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded; contract and be contracted with; to borrow money, and for the purpose, to mortgage and hypothecate real estate, and to establish by laws for the government of this corporation.

ARTICLE V.
The capital stock of this corporation is hereby fixed at Five Thousand Dollars, divided into Two Hundred shares of Twenty-five dollars each with authority to commence business when the subscribed stock reaches the sum of Five Hundred Dollars. No stockholder shall be held liable or responsible for any of the contracts of this corporation, if any further sum than the unpaid balance due to the corporation on the shares of stock held by him.

ARTICLE VI.
No one person shall hold more than twenty shares of stock, and each share shall be entitled to one vote.

ARTICLE VII.
At least fifty per cent of all subscribed stock shall be paid in cash and the balance to be secured by personal note of the shareholder, payable twelve months after date, unless the necessities of this corporation should require earlier payment, and in no case can a stockholder be called upon to pay in more than twenty-five per cent of his original stock at any one time, and only then a few days notice, given in some paper published in Natchitoches parish, Louisiana.

ARTICLE VIII.
All corporate powers of this corporation shall be vested in and exercised by a Board of five Directors, three of whom shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. Sam'l J. Henry, Marion F. Machen, William H. Arvaux, William H. Latham and Hardy L. Brian shall constitute the first board of directors, who shall hold their offices until the 26th day of September, 1895, and their successors in office are designated. The board of directors shall be elected on the 26th day of September in each year by the stockholders who may vote either in person or by proxy; said board to be chosen from among the stockholders, and to hold their office until their successors are duly elected by a majority of the votes cast; a vacancy from any cause shall be filled by the remaining directors from among the stockholders. The board of directors shall meet on the day of their election, or as soon thereafter as practical, and elect of their number a president and secretary, and employ from among the stockholders an editor and general business manager of the publishing business, and such other employees as may be necessary, and fix their remuneration; they shall have power to alter or amend all by-laws, rules and regulations requisite for the management of the business of the corporation.

ARTICLE IX.
All profits of this corporation shall be applied first to the payment of operating expenses, the remaining profits to be declared a dividend to the stockholders.

ARTICLE X.
This act of incorporation may be changed or amended or such corporation may be dissolved, with the consent of three-fourths of the stockholders present at any general meeting of the stockholders convened for such purpose after thirty days notice in any paper published in Natchitoches parish.

ARTICLE XI.
Whenever this corporation may be dissolved either by expiration of its charter or otherwise its affairs shall be liquidated by the three existing board of directors.

Thus done and signed by the parties hereto, together with me, said Notary, in the presence of attesting witnesses, on day and date above written.

SAM'L J. HENRY,
per E. J. Gamble.
M. F. MACHEN,
W. H. AREAUX,
W. H. LATHAM,
H. L. BRIAN.

[ATTEST:]
A. C. McCLUNG,
FRANK GARZA,
CHAS. H. LEVY,
Notary Public.

Having examined the foregoing charter and finding nothing therein contrary to law or good morals, I hereby approve same.

PHANOR BREAZEALE,
District Attorney, 10th Judicial District.
Oct. 2, 1894.

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