

"GIVE THANKS FOR WHAT?"

[An answer to Mr. Cleveland's Thanksgiving Proclamation.]
 "Let earth give thanks," the deacon said,
 And then the Proclamation read,
 "Give thanks for what, and what about?"
 Asked Simon Soggs when church was out—
 "Give thanks for what? I don't see why,
 The rust got in and spoiled my rye."
 "Give thanks!" said Simon Soggs again,
 "Just look at what a fix we're in!
 The country's rushing to the dogs
 At race horse speed," said Simon Soggs,
 Rotten all through, in every State;
 Why, if we don't repudiate,
 We'll have to build, for big and small,
 A poorhouse that'll hold us all!
 Down South, the crooked whiskey still
 Is running like the Devil's mill.
 Up North, there's murder everywhere,
 And awful doings I declare.
 Give thanks! how mad it makes me feel
 To think how office-holders steal!
 The taxes paid by you and me
 Is four times bigger they should be,
 The Federal Government's all askew,
 The ballot's such a mockery too!
 Some votes too little some too much,
 Some not at all—it beats the Dutch!
 And now no man knows what to do,
 Or how is low, or who is who,
 Deacon, corruption's sure to kill;
 This glorious Union never will,
 I'll bet a continental cent,
 Elect another President.
 Give thanks for what, I'd like to know.
 The deacon answered, sad and low,
 "Simon, it fills me with surprise,
 Ye don't see where your duty lies;
 Kneel right straight down in all the muck
 And thank God that it ain't no wuss."

Pay For Your Paper.

The editor of The Rocky Mountain Celt, Christopher McSheeby by name, recently won the prize of \$1,000 offered by the syndicate of western editors for the best appeal poem to newspaper subscribers to pay up their subscriptions. This is the poem he wrote:
 Lives of poor men oft remind us
 Honest toil won't stand a chance,
 The more we work there grows behind us
 Bigger patches on our pants,
 On our pants once new and glossy,
 Now of stripes of different hue,
 All because subscribers linger
 And won't pay up what is due.
 Then let us all be up and doing,
 Send your mint, however small,
 Or, when snows of winter strike us,
 We shall have no pants at all.

The Issue of Bonds.

The Memphis Commercial-Appeal's views on the issue of \$50,000,000 of bonds called for by Mr. Carlisle, secretary of the treasury, accords so forcibly with the Caucasian's that the editorial, which will bear attentive consideration, is republished in full. Two issues of bonds in less than one year, in time of profound peace, is appalling. The purpose of these bonds is to restore the gold reserve, which, when again reduced from its proper proportions, will necessitate a third and possibly a fourth, if not indefinite issues, unless Congress shall intervene.

Many people in the United States are disposed to abuse the banks and the money sharks for the issue of bonds. The national banks and money lenders are simply availing themselves of the opportunity offered them through a financial policy based on a gold standard, which is favored by money lenders, who want the gold standard maintained. Unfortunately, the masses must suffer the consequences of a financial policy which is making the few richer and the poor poorer.—Caucasian (Dem.)

No reform, moral or intellectual, ever came from the upper class of society. Each and all came from the protest of martyr and victim. The emancipation of the working people must be achieved by the working people themselves.—Wendell Phillips.

The old parties and speakers hide under falsehood and deception. They dare not honestly argue the political issues of the day.—The Progress.

What do the old party papers mean by "prosperity"? Is it prosperity for the bosses, monopolies and the money power, and slavery and starvation for the masses of the people? If not this, then what?

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. 33 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 that 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 liberty 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, in 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 share holder, 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 after twenty 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. Aureau, 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 until their successors in office are duly elected. 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 limitation 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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