

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# Sixty-fourth Legislature.

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HOUSE.

No. 30.

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND  
EIGHTY-NINE

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AN ACT to incorporate the Commercial Union Tele-  
graph Company of Maine.

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*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives  
in Legislature assembled, as follows:*

SECTION 1. H. S. Osgood, S. R. Small, W. T.  
2 Cobb, Charles E. Arnold, Seth L. Larrabee, Albion  
3 Little, Fred N. Dow, William Engel, Henry Rus-  
4 sell, Edward J. Slattery, George C. Wing, William  
5 D. Pennell, P. O. Vickery, Louis C. Stearns, E.  
6 K. O'Brion, their associates, successors and assigns,  
7 are hereby created a body corporate, by the name  
8 of the "Commercial Union Telegraph Company of  
9 Maine," with all the rights and privileges, and sub-  
10 ject to all the duties provided by the general laws

11 of this State, relating to corporations, with power  
12 by that name, to sue and be sued, to have and use  
13 a common seal, and the same to be changed at  
14 pleasure; to establish any and all by-laws and reg-  
15 ulations for the management of their affairs not  
16 repugnant to the laws of this State, and to do and  
17 perform any and all other legal, and lawful acts  
18 incident to similar corporations; and said company  
19 shall have the right to locate and construct its  
20 lines of telegraph upon and along any public high-  
21 way or bridge or along or upon the line of any  
22 railroad, and subject to existing provisions of law  
23 but in such manner as not to incommode or en-  
24 danger the customary public use thereof; and the  
25 company may cut down any trees standing within  
26 the limits of any highway, except fruit, ornamental  
27 or shade trees, when necessary for the erection, use  
28 or safety of its lines.

SECT. 2. Said corporation is hereby authorized  
2 and empowered to construct, maintain and operate  
3 lines of telegraph between the eastern and western  
4 boundaries of this State, with as many wires and  
5 branches as they may deem necessary in carrying  
6 out the purposes of their charter, commencing and  
7 terminating at such point or points as they may  
8 select hereafter within the limits of the State.

SECT. 3. The capital stock of said company is  
2 hereby established at one hundred thousand dollars,  
3 and said corporation is authorized to issue the  
4 bonds of the corporation to an amount not exceed-  
5 ing fifty thousand dollars, and secure the same on  
6 the franchises and property of the corporation, the  
7 same to be used for the exclusive purpose of con-  
8 structing, maintaining and operating the lines of  
9 telegraph hereby authorized, and said corporation  
10 may purchase, hold and dispose of such real and  
11 personal estate as may be necessary for the pur-  
12 poses aforesaid; the stock of said corporation may  
13 from time to time be increased to a sum not exceed-  
14 ing in all two hundred thousand dollars.

SECT. 4. This company shall have power, by  
2 agreement with any other persons or bodies corpo-  
3 rate to connect their lines with other lines of tele-  
4 graph within and without the State, but no  
5 discrimination against any newspaper published in  
6 the State of Maine shall be made as to the rates  
7 established for doing business, and no sale or trans-  
8 fer of this charter shall be made to any other  
9 company without authority from the legislature of  
10 this State.

SECT. 5. Any two of the persons named in this  
2 act of incorporation may call the first meeting of

3 this company by giving written notice thereof to  
4 each of his associates.

SECT. 6. This act shall take effect when ap-  
2 proved.

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STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }  
January 24, 1889. }

Tabled, pending third reading and ordered printed on motion of Mr.  
CHADBOURNE of Biddeford.

NICHOLAS FESSENDEN, *Clerk.*