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SEVENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

SENATE. No. 204

STATE OF MAINE.

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND SEVEN.

AN ACT to incorporate the Mount Abram Telephone and Telegraph Company.

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

Section 1. Joseph F. Harrington, Fred L. Edwards,

- 2 William C. Holt, Michael H. Harrington and Tillson B.
- 3 Burke, their associates, successors and assigns, are hereby
- 4 made a body corporate by the name of the Mount Abram
- 5 Telephone and Telegraph Company, with all the rights,
- 6 powers and privileges and subject to all the duties and liabil-
- 7 ities provided by the general laws of this state relating to
- 8 similar corporations, with power by that name to sue and be
- 9 sued, to have, own, sell, real estate and personal property,
- 10 to establish all by-laws and regulations for the management
- II of its affairs not repugnant to the laws of this state, and to
- 12 do and perform any and all other acts legal and incident to

13 similar corporations. The said corporation shall have the 14 right to locate, construct, to own, maintain and operate tele-15 graph and telephone lines from some convenient point in 16 Bethel village in the town of Bethel, along Clark Street, past 17 the Clark S. Edwards' homestead farm, through the towns 18 of Albany and Greenwood, to some central point in the town 19 of Waterford.

Sect. 2. Said company shall have the right within the 2 limits aforesaid to locate, construct, maintain and operate 3 its lines of telegraph and telephone upon and along any pub-4 lic highway, bridge, or upon the line of any railroad, first 5 having obtained consent therefor of the municipal officers of 6 any town where it is proposed to construct said lines, and of 7 the officers of any railroad company over which the same 8 are to be built, but in such a manner as not to incommode or 9 endanger the customary use of said way, bridge or railroad, 10 with the right to cut down trees and remove obstacles where 11 necessary within the limits aforesaid, except ornamental, 12 fruit or shade trees, and with the power to establish and col-13 lect tolls on said lines.

Sect. 3. The company is hereby authorized to take, pur-2 chase, hold and dispose of such real estate and personal 3 property as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of 4 this act, and in the case of real estate taken the damages 5 therefor when the parties cannot agree shall be estimated, 6 secured and paid as in the case of land taken for highway.

Sect. 4. Said corporation is hereby authorized to carry 2 on the business of practical telegraphic and telephonic con-

- 3 nections by the use of any proper telegraph or telephone
- 4 appliances or inventions, and may attach its wires or any
- 5 appliances to buildings or trees, provided that the owners of
- 6 such buildings or trees shall first give their consent.
 - Sect. 5. The capital stock of said corporation shall be such
- 2 an amount as said corporation may from time to time deem
- 3 necessary for all the purposes contemplated by their act, the
- 4 same to be fixed by vote of said corporation.
 - Sect. 6. Said corporation may issue its bonds for the con-
- 2 struction and operation of its lines and conduct of its busi-
- 3 ness, for such amount not exceeding the amount of capital
- 4 stock, and on such time and rates of interest as said corpora-
- 5 tion may determine, and may secure the same by a mortgage
- 6 of its franchises and property.
 - Sect. 7. Said corporation is hereby authorized and empow-
- 2 ered to connect its lines with the lines of any other telephone
- 3 and teleghaph company by contract with said company or to
- 4 lease or to sell its own lines at any time.
- Sect. 8. Any one of the corporators named in this act may
- 2 call the first meeting of this company by mailing or giving
- 3 in hand written notice to each of the other incorporators
- 4 seven days at least before the day of said meeting, naming
- 5 the time, place and purpose of said meeting, and at such
- 6 meeting if a majority of such corporators shall be present,
- 7 a president, secretary, treasurer and directors may be chosen,
- 8 by-laws adopted and other corporate business transacted.
 - Sect. 9. This act shall take effect when approved.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE, March 7, 1907.

Reported by Mr. PUTNAM from Committee on Judiciary, and laid on table to be printed under joint rules.

F. G. FARRINGTON, Secretary.