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PLEASANT RIVER STEAMBOAT COMPANY.

Chapter 284.

An act to incorporate the Pleasant River Steamboat Company.

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

Corporators.

Corporate name. Purpose.

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Powers, privileges and duties.

May hold real and personal estate.

Right to use steam power.

Term of.

Penalty for navigating by steam j without authority

Proviso.

Right to improve navigation of river.

May take lands.

Proviso.

SECT. 1. Edward Nason, William Nason, Oliver K. Nason, with their associates and successors, are hereby incorporated and made a body politic by the name of the Pleasant River Steamboat Company, for the purpose of propelling and navigating steamboats upon Pleasant river and its tributary waters, and the Piscataquis river between the mouth of Pleasant river and the railroad bridge in Milo; and for this purpose are invested with all the powers and privileges, and subject to all the duties provided by law for similar corporations; and said corporation may purchase, hold and manage real and personal estate not exceeding twenty-five thousand dollars.

SECT. 2. The said corporation is hereby invested with the sole and exclusive right of employing and using steam power for the purpose of navigation upon Pleasant river and its tributary waters, during the term of twenty years from the passage of this act; and if any person without authority from said corporation shall apply steam power to the purpose of propelling or navigating any boat or water craft upon said waters during the term aforesaid, he shall, for each offence, forfeit and pay to said corporation a sum not exceeding five hundred dollars and not less than one hundred dollars, to be recovered by an action of debt, in any court of competent jurisdiction; provided that if said corporation shall fail or neglect to build or purchase and put in operation on said waters, within five years from the first day of May next, one or more good and safe steamboats for the purpose of towing boats and rafts and conveying passengers over said waters, and keep the same in repair, unusual casualties excepted, during the aforesaid term of twenty years, then the exclusive privileges herein granted to said corporation shall be void.

SECT. 3. The said corporation shall have the right to improve the navigation of Pleasant river and its tributary waters, by means of locks, canals, and other means, and for this purpose may take such lands as may be found necessary, paying the owners a reasonable compensation therefor, *providing* said charter shall not interfere with the bridges now built or which may be built across said river, or the erection of any dam or dams on any said point on said river where there may be a feasible water power, or with any boom or booms that may be required for the preservation of logs or lumber, or with any ferries on said waters.

SECT. 4. This act shall take effect when approved.

Approved February 14, 1873.