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SECT. 4. Whenever for the period of sixty days after the time fixed for the payment of this tax, there shall be any delinquency to pay the same on the part of the collector of any city, town or plantation, it shall be the duty of the treasurer of the state to issue his warrant for enforcing the collection of the same against such collector. The warrant shall be directed to the sheriff, or his deputies, of the appropriate county, and made in accordance with the laws already existing on that subject, except that it shall be returned in ninety days from its date, and in addition to the tax itself, it shall require the officer to collect interest thereon at the rate of six per centum yearly, from the day when the tax became payable, with fifty cents more for the warrant and lawful fees of such sheriff or deputies arising thereon.

SECT. 5. When any state tax assessed upon any city or town remains unpaid, such city or town is precluded from drawing from the state treasury the school funds set apart from such city or town, so long as such tax remains unpaid.

SECT. 6. This act shall take effect when approved.

Approved March 18, 1880.

### Chapter 296.

An act to incorporate the Penobscot Valley Gorsedh of Bards and State of Maine Branch of the Druidic University of America.

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

Corporators.

SECT. 1. Daniel H. Owen, Samuel W. Hoskins, J. Ingraham Brown, J. Henry Lindsey, Seth B. Sprague, George P. Sewall, Charles D. Sprague, Benjamin C. Woodbury, Charles James Shreve, Louis C. Stearns, J. Higgins Wilson, Clark Woodbury, William McLaughlin, James Davies, and their associates and successors, are hereby incorporated into a body politic and corporate forever, under the name of the Penobscot Valley Gorsedh of Bards and State of Maine Branch of the Druidic University of America, for the purpose of promoting literature, science, art, medicine, philosophy, and other branches of knowledge and industry, according to the graded and seven years' curriculum of the bards, of inculcating the doctrine of unity, peace and concord, and of maintaining the uninterrupted continuance of the ancient and primitive three sublime orders, to wit, of Ovytes, Bards and

Corporate name,  
purposes and  
powers.

Druids; and by that name may have power to prosecute and defend suits in law and equity, and have and use a common seal, and make and establish regulations and by-laws for the management of their affairs, such as shall not be repugnant to the laws of the state of Maine; and may hold real and personal estate that they now have, or may hereafter acquire by gift, grant, bequest or otherwise, not to exceed in value one hundred thousand dollars.

SECT. 2. The acts of said body when incorporated, shall be in accordance with the old and established laws and usages of the bards and the laws of the state of Maine.

Acts to be according to usage and state laws.

SECT. 3. Daniel H. Owen is authorized as presiding bard, to call the first meeting of said corporation at the hall of the Druids' building, in the town of Sherman, when and in what manner as he shall think best.

First meeting.

SECT. 4. The said corporation shall be governed in its actions and proceedings, firstly, in its Gorsedhic department, by regulations in harmony with the established and recognized laws and usages of the bards, in so far as the same shall not be repugnant to the laws of the state of Maine; and, secondly, in its university department, by regulations in harmony with the fundamental laws of the general continental organization known as the Druidic University of America, in so far as the same shall not be repugnant to the laws of said state.

Government.

SECT. 5. The regular sessions of the said corporation shall be holden quarterly, to wit, at the periods of the vernal equinox, summer solstice, autumnal equinox, and winter solstice, and the time and place of meeting shall have been proclaimed one year and one day previously at a meeting of bards duly called.

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SECT. 6. At each such session, any university business or work may be performed, except that the graduation of candidates shall take place only at the summer solstice session, or at an adjourned meeting of the same.

Business of sessions.

SECT. 7. The officers of said corporation shall be a presiding bard, three high councillors, called rune bards, a recording secretary, treasurer, financial secretary, and nine or more other bards as councillors.

Officers.

SECT. 8. The minimum quorum for Gorsedhic work shall be three; and for university business, five.

Quorum.

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SECT. 9. The election of officers shall take place annually at the summer solstice session.

SECT. 10. The university department shall confine graduation to bardic students.

SECT. 11. The corporation may provide for the instruction of bardic students and apprentices, and render aid to poor members who may be considered by the voice of the bards in session to be talented and deserving, so as to enable them to attain knowledge and skill.

SECT. 12. The complete period of study for a student in any branch of literature, science or art, shall be seven years, within which time he may be promoted to degrees in the following manner: To the licentiate or assistant's degree, after three years of study, equivalent to twelve terms of lectures of three months each term; to the intermediate degree, or degree of approximate qualification, after four years of study, equivalent to sixteen terms of lectures; to the degree of complete qualification or master's degree, after five years of study, equivalent to twenty terms of lectures; and to the supergraduateship, or professor's degree, after seven years of study.

SECT. 13. The instructors and examiners of the university department shall be bards of the supergraduate degree.

SECT. 14. Each supergraduate in good standing is authorized to instruct students and apprentices, either at his own residence, at one of the Druids' halls or elsewhere, and to furnish them with certificates of attendance.

SECT. 15. Bardic students attending any other institution of learning or art, with a view to qualify themselves for graduation at this university department, shall do so under the direction of a Druidic preceptor, who shall furnish them with certificates of attendance.

SECT. 16. The university examiners shall be appointed by the presiding bard, and three rune bards or high councilors as a joint committee, at any session of the corporation.

SECT. 17. The examination of candidates for degrees shall be holden annually at the period of the summer solstice, at the city of Bangor, and adjourned meetings of the examining committee may be appointed by the session at said solstice, to be holden within the thirty days following, at certain places in the state.

SECT. 18. A student being a candidate for any degree, shall be examined by no less than three examiners; but in no case shall the same person act as instructor and examiner of a student within the same university year.

Candidates to be examined by three examiners

SECT. 19. The remuneration of examiners shall be derived from the treasury of the corporation.

Remuneration of examiners.

SECT. 20. In no case shall a fee be charged for diplomas, beyond payment for the expense of material, printing and writing of the same.

Fee for diploma.

SECT. 21. A student in medicine or surgery, before he may present himself candidate for the second degree of his profession, must have attended for three months at a regular hospital, under the direction of a Druidic instructor, and such attendance shall be accounted to him as equivalent to one term out of the sixteen terms of study required for that degree; a candidate for the third degree must have attended six months in a regular hospital, which attendance shall be accounted to him as equivalent to one of the twenty terms of study required for that degree; and a candidate for the supergraduateship must have been two years further in study or practice of his art to complete the twenty-eight terms required for that degree.

Qualification for the degrees.

SECT. 22. Members of Gorsedh who are already well established and recognized as literati, scientists, or practitioners in art, medicine or law, or are graduates of a reputable collegiate institution, may, having received a certificate of their status from a Druidic preceptor, present such certificate to the examiners and be admitted to examination for such degree, or degrees as the period of their studies and their reputed attainments would seem to indicate, and their examination shall be the same as that of other candidates for similar degrees.

Certificates of attainments entitle holders to advancement.

SECT. 23. No such degrees as those known by the name of honorary degrees shall be conferred by this branch of the Druidic university.

Honorary degrees not conferred.

SECT. 24. This act shall not be construed to infringe upon the rights of any existing institution of learning in this state, in the matter of conferring degrees or otherwise; and no member of Gorsedh shall practice any profession without first complying with the provisions of the statutes in relation thereto.

Rights of existing institutions not to be infringed upon.

SECT. 25. This act shall take effect when approved.