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dent, secretary, treasurer and directors may be chosen, by-laws adopted, and any corporate business transacted.

Officers and by-laws.

SECT. 7. This act shall take effect when approved.

Approved March 5, 1885.

Chapter 512.

An Act to incorporate the Maine Telephone Company.

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

SECT. 1. J. R. Bodwell, Fred Atwood, Thomas W. Vose, Edward Swazey, their associates, successors and assigns, are hereby created a body corporate by the name of the Maine Telephone Company, with all the rights and privileges and subject to all the duties provided by the general laws of this state relating to corporations with power by that name to sue and be sued, and to have and use a common seal and the same to change at pleasure, to establish any and all by-laws and regulations for the management of their affairs not repugnant to the laws of this state, and to do and perform any and all other legal and lawful acts incident to similar corporations, and said company shall have the right to locate and construct its lines upon and along any public highway or bridge, or along or upon the line of any railroad, first having obtained consent therefor of the municipal officers of any city or town in which it is proposed to construct said lines, and the consent of the officers of any railroad on which it is proposed to build its line, between the eastern and western boundaries of this state, and is hereby authorized and empowered to carry on the business of providing practical telephonic communication, by usual and proper methods and in the prosecution thereof to locate, construct, maintain and operate acoustic, magnetic and electric telephone lines and appurtenances, and license the use of the same by others and acquire such rights by lease or purchase from others throughout this state, submarine, underground, upon, along and over any and all public highways, bridges and places, in such manner as not to endanger the appropriate public use thereof, railroads, canals, and lands and buildings of any and all in-

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dividuals, societies and corporations with, first having obtained consent therefor, as many lines and branches, wires, posts and appurtenances, and terminating at such points and places as said corporation may deem necessary, and to remove trees and other obstacles, except that fruit or ornamental trees shall not be removed or defaced by trimming for said purposes, and to connect by agreement with other telephone lines within and without the state.

Capital stock. **SECT. 2.** The capital stock of said company shall be of such an amount as they may, from time to time, determine to be necessary for the exclusive purpose of constructing, maintaining and operating the lines of telephone hereby authorized, and they may purchase, hold and dispose of such personal and real estate as may be necessary for that purpose.

May carry on business in other states. **SECT. 3.** This corporation is authorized to exercise its powers, carry on its business, and do all acts pertaining thereto, in any other state or county, upon acquiring therefor all sanction and authority necessary under the laws thereof.

Land damages, how estimated and paid. **SECT. 4.** The damages for taking land under this act, when the parties cannot agree, shall be estimated, secured and paid as for land taken for highways.

First meeting, how called. **SECT. 5.** Any two of the persons named in this act of incorporation, may call the first meeting of the company by giving notice thereof to each associate.

May use all necessary telegraphic appliances. **SECT. 6.** This company may use such telegraphic appliances as may be necessary or convenient for the dispatch of their business.

Company not exempt from acts regulating telephone companies. **SECT. 7.** Nothing in this act shall be construed to exempt said company or its charter from the provisions of any acts already existing, or which may hereafter be passed, regulating, amending, restricting or repealing the rights or privileges of telephone companies or the charters thereof.

Approved March 5, 1885.