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ACTS AND RESOLVES

OF THE

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OF THE

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CHAP. 250

Chapter 250.

An Act to amend an act entitled "An Act to incorporate the Masonic Trustees of Portland."

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

The act approved the twenty-first day of February, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred sixty-seven, entitled "An Act to incorporate the Masonic Trustees of Portland" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section :

Trustees may purchase and hold real estate, issue bonds, etc.

'SECT. 10. Said trustees may purchase, hold and manage real estate and erect buildings thereon for masonic and other purposes. To raise funds therefor, they may issue bonds, and secure them by mortgage if deemed expedient. And they shall have all the powers granted in the preceding sections for managing so much thereof as shall be devoted to masonic uses, and the power to manage the other parts thereof in such manner as they may deem for the interest of all concerned.'

Approved March 25, 1895.

Chapter 251.

An Act to incorporate the Bethel Light and Power Company.

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

Corporators,

SECT. 1. Gideon A. Hastings, Elias Thomas, Samuel B. Twitchell, Addison E. Herrick, John M. Philbrook and Josiah U. Purington, their associates, successors and assigns be and hereby are made a body politic and corporate, by the name of the Bethel Light and Power Company, and as such shall have and possess all the powers, and be subject to all the duties and obligations, conferred and imposed on corporations by law, except as otherwise provided herein.

Corporate name.

Company may light streets with electricity, etc.

SECT. 2. Said company is authorized and empowered to carry on the business of lighting by electricity or otherwise, such public streets or ways in the town of Bethel and such buildings and places therein, public and private, as may be agreed upon by said corporation and the owners or those having control of such places to be lighted, and may furnish motive power by electricity or otherwise within said town, and may build and operate manufactories, and works for providing and

supplying electricity, light and power, and may lease, purchase and hold real estate, and personal estate to the amount of eighty thousand dollars, and subject to all existing laws relating thereto, to construct, lay, maintain and operate lines of wire or other material for the transmission of electricity or power upon, under, along and over any and all streets and ways under the direction of the municipal officers of said town.

SECT. 3. Said company shall repay to said town, any sum of money which such town may have been compelled to pay on any judgment, for any damages caused by a defect or want of repair in the streets thereof, due to the negligence of said company, or any judgment for damages caused by the neglect of said company in the erecting and maintaining posts, wires or appurtenances connected with said business, provided, however, that said corporation shall have notice of the commencement of any and all suits for such damage, and shall have the right to defend the same at its own expense.

Company liable for all damages caused by repairs.

SECT. 4. Said company shall not be allowed to obstruct or impair the use of any public or private drain or sewer, telegraph or telephone wire, but may cross, or when necessary, change the direction of any private wire or pipe, drain or sewer, in such a manner as not to obstruct or impair the use thereof, being responsible to the owner or other person for any injury occasioned thereby, in an action on the case.

—shall not impair use of drains, sewers, etc.

SECT. 5. The capital stock of said company shall be ten thousand dollars divided into shares of one hundred dollars each with the privilege of increasing said capital stock from time to time as the stockholders may determine, to any sum not exceeding eighty thousand dollars, and said company is hereby authorized to issue bonds in such amount and upon such rates and time as it may determine, and secure the same by a mortgage of its franchises and property.

Capital stock.

SECT. 6. The first meeting may be called by either corporator, giving five days' written notice, by mail to his associates, stating the time and place thereof, or by publication of said notice, at least once in a newspaper published in Oxford county, said publication to be at least five days before said meeting.

First meeting, how called.

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