

tificate by the district attorney shall have been filed with said commissioners.

SECTION 8. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Approved June 19, 1885.

Chap.380 AN ACT TO SECURE GREATER CARE IN THE TRANSMISSION OF TELEGRAPHIC MESSAGES.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows :

Transmission of telegraphic messages.

SECTION 1. All persons, associations and corporations engaged in the business of transmitting or receiving telegraphic messages for hire shall be liable and responsible in each case for all damages up to the amount of one hundred dollars actually caused by their negligence, or that of their servants or agents, in transmitting, receiving or delivering such messages, and any limit of such liability or responsibility by contract or regulation, shall be valid and binding only for the excess of such damages in each case above said sum of one hundred dollars.

Liability for damages.

SECTION 2. No action for the recovery of such damages shall be maintained unless a claim therefor is presented in writing to such person, association or corporation, or to some officer or agent thereof, within sixty days from the time when such right of action accrues.

No action to be maintained unless claim is made within thirty days.

SECTION 3. The provisions of this act shall not apply to any negligence occurring in a telegraph office established for the convenience and safety of a railroad corporation in the running of its trains, and transacting a public telegraph business only as incidental thereto, nor to any negligence in the delivery of messages received at any such office.

Not to apply to telegraph of a railroad corporation.

Approved June 19, 1885.

Chap.381 AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE READING WATER COMPANY.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows :

Reading Water Company incorporated.

SECTION 1. Charles F. Brown, Fred W. Hatch, Albert D. Bosson, and their associates and successors, are hereby made a corporation by the name of the Reading Water Company, for the purpose of furnishing the inhabitants of the town of Reading with water for the extinguishment of fires, and for domestic and other purposes ; with all the powers and privileges, and subject to all the duties, restrictions and liabilities set forth in all general laws which now are or may hereafter be in force applicable to such corporations.