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PREFACE.

This little book on Telegraph Law is printed for the benefit of the legal and executive staff of the Postal Telegraph-Cable Company. It is practically a reprint of Chapter 56 of the Seventh Edition of my work on corporation law, published in 1913, but it is enlarged by the addition of decisions which have been handed down since that date, and by the principles of law which have been established or extended by those decisions. It does not treat of damage claims, growing out of delay or error in the transmission of telegrams, one reason being that that subject is in a transition stage, so far as the law is concerned. Another reason is that the Supreme Court of the United States has just decided, in the Warren-Godwin Lumber Company case, that the Acts of Congress now control the subject of these damage claims, to the exclusion of local statutes and decisions, so far as interstate telegrams are concerned, and hence I have not included in this book the bewildering maze of conflicting decisions on that subject in the forty-eight states of the Union.

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