

Chapter 63.

[Published April 25.]

An Act to change the name of Francis Pescheck to that of Francis Landa.

The people of the State of Wisconsin, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

SEC. 1. The lawful name of Francis Pescheck, an orphan, about five years of age, shall hereafter be Francis Landa, by which name he shall be known to all legal intents and purposes.

SEC. 2. The said Francis Landa shall be the child and heir at law of Francis Landa and Catharina, his wife, now residing at the city of Milwaukee, and being the parents, adopting said orphan; and it shall be the duty of said Francis Landa, and Catharina, his wife, to maintain, provide for and educate said Francis Landa, their adopted son, in the same manner as if he were their natural child; *Provided however*, That nothing in this act contained shall preclude the court of chancery or any other court of competent jurisdiction from taking under their custody the last mentioned Francis Landa, as a ward of said court, and from disposing of him in such manner as shall seem meet to them.

SEC. 3. This act shall take effect from and after its passage; *provided*, That this act shall have no force until the said Francis Landa, the adopting father, shall assent thereto by an instrument in writing, to be by him subscribed and acknowledged, and recorded in the office of the register of deeds of the county in which the said Landa resides.

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Chapter 64.

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An Act to provide for the further improvement of the Fox River above Lake Winnebago.

The People of the State of Wisconsin, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. The company styled the "Fox and Wiscon-

sin Improvement Company," chartered by chapter ninety-eight of the Session Laws of 1853, is hereby authorized and empowered to improve the navigation of Fox River above Lake Winnebago, according to the plan proposed by Captain Cram, in his report to the Secretary of the War Department of the United States, or in such other manner by dams, locks, and canals, as will enable boats drawing not less than three feet of water, to pass from Lake Winnebago to the Wisconsin river, and for that purpose and for discharging the obligations of said company, the stockholders may increase its capital stock an amount not exceeding two hundred and fifty thousand dollars, and may authorize such assessments upon the stock held by any individual in said company as may be deemed expedient.

Authorized to increase capital stock.

SEC. 2. Whenever any of the canals, locks, or dams, to be constructed along the said Fox River, as contemplated in the first section of this act, shall be located upon swamp and overflowed lands, the property of the state, the said company is hereby authorized to appropriate for the use of said canals, locks and dams, the land upon which the same may be located, and a strip one hundred and fifty feet in width, on each side, and along the whole length of said canals and locks, and all damages which the state might claim on account of such appropriation, or of flowage of land belonging to the state, is hereby released and discharged; *Provided*, That nothing contained in this act shall be so construed as to create any liability against the state for making any improvement contained in this act.

Right of way granted by the state over its lands.

SEC. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its acceptance, by a resolution of the directors of said company, to be entered on their journal of proceedings, and a copy thereof filed in the office of the secretary of state.

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