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### CHAPTER 166.

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AN ACT to amend chapter 845, of the Private and Local Laws of 1857, entitled "An act to incorporate the village of Black Earth."

(See Supplement to Local Laws.)

### CHAPTER 167.

[Published April 7, 1860.]

AN ACT relating to the La Crosse county court.

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

SECTION 1. There is hereby conferred upon the county court of La Crosse county jurisdiction in all civil actions and proceedings, both as to matters of law and equity, equal to and commensurate with the circuit court of this State, within the county of La Crosse, and the said county court shall exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, within the county of La Crosse, as is now exercised by the circuit courts of this State in all civil actions : *Provided*, that in all actions for the recovery of money or property, the said county court shall not have jurisdiction in any action where the amount of money, or the value of the property claimed by the plaintiff, in his complaint, shall exceed the sum of ten thousand dollars.

SEC. 2. The said county court shall be a court of record, with a clerk and seal, and shall have full power and authority to issue all legal process proper and necessary to carry into effect the jurisdiction given to it by this act and the laws of this State ; and to carry out such jurisdiction, shall have and exercise all the powers usually possessed by courts of record under the common law, and in equity under the regulations imposed by statute.

**Duties of clerk  
of the court.**

**SEC. 3.** The clerk of the circuit court of said county shall be clerk of said county court, and shall have the custody and care of all the books and papers belonging to the said county court, and shall perform the duties of clerk of the said county court, in the same manner as now required of him by law, as clerk of said circuit court, so far as it shall be necessary and requisite to discharge the necessary duties as clerk of said county court, and to carry into effect the provisions of this act. And the said clerk of the county court shall keep all necessary record of the proceedings and judgments had in said county court, in like manner as is now provided in the circuit court in all civil actions and proceedings; and his fees and compensation, therefor, shall be the same as are now, or may hereafter be provided by law, for the fees and compensation of the clerk of the circuit court.

**Power of Co.  
court.**

**SEC. 4.** Said county court shall have like power to issue all necessary and proper writs in all civil actions or proceedings, as is now possessed, or hereafter may be possessed, by the circuit courts of this State, and the same proceedings shall be had by parties to procure such writs as in the circuit courts of this State, and every writ and process issuing out of said court shall be tested in the name of the judge thereof, and shall be issued, executed and returned, in the same manner, and with like effect, as in the circuit courts.

**Statutes in re-  
lation to cir-  
cuit courts, to  
apply to coun-  
ty court.**

**SEC. 5.** All the general provisions of the Statutes of Wisconsin which now exist, or may hereafter exist, relating to the proceeding in civil actions in the circuit courts of this State, and to the powers and duties of courts of record, shall apply in like manner and with like effect, to said county court, as to said circuit court, and the judge of said county [court] shall have power to punish contempts in the same manner that the judges of the circuit courts are or may be authorized by law to punish contempts; the rules of practice in said county courts shall be the same as in the circuit courts of this State, as they now exist, or shall hereafter be provided, for said circuit courts in civil actions.

**May punish  
contempt.  
Rules of prac-  
tice.**

**Seal.**

**SEC. 6.** The county court of La Crosse county shall continue to use the present seal of said court: *Provided*, that whenever it shall be necessary, the judge of said county may procure, at the expense of the county, a new seal for said court.

**Blanks, &c.**

**SEC. 7.** The county of La Crosse shall provide all

books, blanks, and stationery, necessary for keeping the records and proceedings of said county court.

SEC. 8. The judge of said county court may order a Jury. less number of petit jurors to attend the regular jury terms of said court, than is now prescribed by law, and such order made and filed in the office of the clerk of said court, shall be deemed sufficient authority to the clerk to issue a venire for the number of jurors mentioned in such order: *Provided*, that the number of jurors shall not be less than twenty: *And provided further*, that if no order shall have been made at least fifteen days before any regular jury term of said court, the clerk shall proceed to draw the number prescribed by law. Proviso.

SEC. 9. In addition to the regular jury terms now provided by law, the said county court shall have the same power to hold special terms, and [to] adjourn terms of said county court, as is or hereafter may be conferred upon the circuit courts of this State. Three special terms of said county court shall be held, in each year, by the judge thereof, for the trials of issues at law, for the hearing and trial of causes without a jury, for the hearing of motions, and for the transacting of any and all business that may be done at a regular term, except the trial of issues of fact by a jury, at such times as the said county judge shall designate; and said judge shall, within thirty days after the taking effect of this act, publish the times and places of holding said terms, and when designated, they shall not be changed for one year thereafter; and at such terms, the issues of law and motions, trials of issues of fact without a jury, and all other business, above specified in this section, may be heard, determined and disposed of, with the same force and effect as at a general term of said court. Special terms

SEC. 10. Chapter one hundred and four (104), of the Session Laws of 1859, entitled "An act to enlarge the civil jurisdiction of the county court of La Crosse county," and so much of the provisions of section forty-six, of chapter one hundred and seventeen (117), of the Revised Statutes, entitled "Of county courts having civil jurisdiction," and such parts of any other act or acts, as conflict with the provisions of this act, are, for the purposes of this act only, hereby repealed. Repeal.

SEC. 11. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

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