

## CHAPTER 252.

[Published April 10, 1862.]

AN ACT to amend chapter 160 of the general laws of 1859, entitled "an act to prescribe and limit the rate of interest," (and repealing chapter 202 of the general laws of 1860, amendatory thereof.)

*The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:*

SECTION 1. Section one of chapter one hundred and sixty of the general laws of the year 1859, entitled "an act to prescribe and limit the rate of interest," is hereby amended by striking out of said section one, all after the words "shorter time." Amendment.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after the twentieth day of January, 1862.

Approved April 5, 1862.

## CHAPTER 253.

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AN ACT to amend chapter 49 of the revised statutes, entitled "of the adoption of children."

*The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:*

SECTION 1. Section two of chapter forty-nine of the revised statutes, entitled "of the adoption of children," is hereby amended so as to read as follows: "If both or either of the parents of such child shall be living, they, or the survivor of them, as the case may be, providing they live in this state, shall consent to such adoption; but if they do not live in this state, or are gone to parts unknown, or if neither parent be living, then such consent may be given by the legal guardian of such child. If there be no legal guardian, the next of kin of such child, within the state, may give such consent; and if there be no such next of kin, the county judge may appoint some discreet and suitable person By whom consent to adopt may be given.

to act in the proceedings, as the next friend of such child, and give or withhold such consent.”

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

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## CHAPTER 254.

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AN ACT to amend chapter 79 of the revised statutes, entitled “of railroads.”

*The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:*

Classes of preferred stock.

SECTION 1. Any railroad company hereafter organized under and by virtue of the provisions of section thirty-three of chapter 79 of the revised statutes, entitled “of railroads,” shall have authority to issue one or more classes of preferred stock, as well as common stock, in such manner and upon such terms as may be prescribed in their articles of association.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

Approved April 7, 1862.

## CHAPTER 255.

[Published April 11, 1862.]

AN ACT to fix the terms of the circuit court in Kewaunee county.

*The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:*

Terms of court.

SECTION 1. There shall be two terms of the circuit court held in the county of Kewaunee, in the fourth judicial circuit, in each year, as follows: One term on the fourth Monday in January, and one term on the fourth Monday in July.