treated as discontinued and dismissed, unless the court for good cause shown, shall order otherwise."

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

Approved March 22, 1864.

CHAPTER 186.

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AN ACT empowering registers of deeds to discharge the record of mortgages, in certain cases.

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

SECTION 1. In all cases where mortgages have been Discharge of sgiven torall executed by any person or persons on real estate situated in the state of Wisconsin, to railroad corporations, and such mortgages have been recorded in the office of the register of deeds in the county where said real estate is situated, and the said mortgage shall have been transferred by said corporation, and there shall be no record of such transfer in such office, and said corporation shall have ceased to exist, or shall have no board of directors competent to discharge such mortgage of record, it shall be the duty of the register of deeds of any such county, on the presentation to him, at his office, of any such mortgage, together with the note or notes or bond executed as collateral thereto, if there be any, and an affidavit duly verified, showing that the person presenting the same is the lawful holder thereof. and that the same have been paid or satisfied in full, forthwith to file such affidavit in his office, and to enter in due form a satisfaction of said mortgage of record: provided, that such register of deeds shall not charge more than twenty-five cents for discharging the duties required by this act in respect to any one mortgage.

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

Approved March 22, 1864.

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