

before any justice in the manner provided for the collection of penalties and forfeitures, and shall be applied to the benefit of the library of the law department.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

Approved March 9, 1876.

## CHAPTER 230.

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AN ACT to provide for the better protection of bridges in certain cases.

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

SECTION 1. The owner or owners of any bridge in this state, kept and maintained wholly for the use of the public, free of toll, shall have the authority to fix and collect, in the name or names and for the use and benefit of such owner or owners, suitable penalties for the riding or driving faster than a walk on such bridge, the length of whose span is not less than twenty-five feet; *provided*, said penalties shall in no case exceed the sum of five dollars, nor be less than one dollar; *and provided further*, that it shall be the duty of said owner or owners to put up and maintain, at their own proper cost and expense, in conspicuous places at each end of all such bridges, a notice in large characters, that any person riding or driving faster than a walk on such bridge, shall forfeit the sum which shall have been fixed as the penalty therefor, as hereinbefore provided.

Owners of bridges may collect penalties for fast riding or driving.

Notices to be put up.

SECTION 2. Whoever shall willfully injure any such bridge, for every such offense shall forfeit treble damages; and he may be indicted and punished as provided by law.

Penalty for willful injury.

SECTION 3. This act shall be in force from and after its passage and publication.

Approved March 9, 1876.