

compensation, when requested, raise a head of water with said dam for the purpose of facilitating the running of said logs, timber or lumber out of said Copper river into the Wisconsin river, and put through the same all logs, timber or lumber belonging to any or all other persons, and flood the rapids below said dam, all charges not to exceed five cents per thousand feet board measure.

SECTION 3. Any person or persons who shall wilfully break or destroy said dam or canals, or shall open the same, or either of them, shall be liable to the proprietors thereof in an action for trespass to double the amount of the damages done in addition to the penalties already provided by law, to be recovered before any court of competent jurisdiction. Penalty for injury.

SECTION 4. The right is hereby reserved to the state to alter, amend or repeal any or all of the provisions of this act.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

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CHAPTER 171.

AN ACT relating to the organization of corporations for the establishment and maintenance of hospitals, asylums or institutions for the care, treatment or relief of insane or feeble-minded persons, and amendatory of chapter 86 of the revised statutes, entitled "of the organization of corporations."

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 86 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by inserting after section 1785 as follows: Section 1785a. 1. In the formation of any corporation under this chapter for the establishment and maintenance of any hospital, asylum or institution for the care, treatment or relief of insane or feeble-minded persons, or both, the articles of organization may contain provisions authorizing such corporations to receive general or special, permanent or temporary endowments and to secure the repayment of the same in accordance with the terms and conditions upon which such endowments may be made, by a mortgage upon its property, real or personal, or Relating to hospitals, asylums, etc.

both, or otherwise, in the manner in such articles provided.

Commitment
of persons
thereto.

2. Any insane or feeble-minded person may, upon the written request of the guardian or any friend of such person, be committed to any such hospital, asylum or institution, in the same manner that insane persons are committed to the state hospital for the insane; provided, that the county in which such person resides shall be liable for the support, maintenance and treatment of such person only when such person has been committed to such hospital, asylum or institution upon the request of the board of supervisors of such county. In case of the commitment of any insane or feeble-minded person to any such hospital, asylum or institution by the county judge, he shall issue his warrant substantially in the manner and form, and the same shall be executed as provided in the case of commitments to the state hospital for the insane.

Not required to
keep them
when costs are
not defrayed.

3. Such hospital, asylum or institution shall not be required to keep, care for or treat any insane or feeble-minded person longer than the guardian or friends of such person, or the county from which such person shall have been committed, shall defray the cost and charges for such care and treatment.

4. Insane or feeble-minded persons may voluntarily place themselves under the care and treatment of such hospital, asylum or institution.

Habeas corpus.

5. All persons committed to or detained in any such hospital, asylum or institution, shall be entitled to the writ of habeas corpus as provided in section 598 of the revised statutes. If at any time complaint shall be made to the state board of supervision of Wisconsin Charitable, Reformatory and Penal Institutions that any person is improperly confined in any such hospital, asylum or institution, such board shall have the power to examine into such case in such manner as they may deem best, and if upon such examination it shall appear to them that such person is improperly confined, they shall issue an order for the immediate release of such person, and thereupon such person shall be immediately released from such hospital, asylum or institution.

Not liable.

6. Such hospital, asylum or institution or corporation owning or maintaining the same shall not, nor shall any officer or employe thereof, be

liable for the detention of any person committed to such hospital, asylum or institution in pursuance of the laws of this state or of the laws of any other state, or detained at the request of the guardian or friends of such person, or of the board of supervisors of any county, unless such person shall have been so detained after said state board of supervision shall have issued its order for the release of such person; or after a court of competent jurisdiction shall have directed the discharge of such person, and such liability shall exist then only for such detention as shall have occurred after the service of a copy of the order of such board, or of the order and direction of such court upon the superintendent or other officer in charge of such hospital, asylum or institution.

7. Any letter, communication or complaint addressed to such board or to any member thereof by any inmate, employe or subordinate officer in any such hospital, asylum or institution, shall be forthwith forwarded as addressed without interference therewith, or the breaking of the seal, or the reading thereof by any officer or employe of such hospital, asylum or institution.

Communications and letters to be forwarded.

8. Such board of supervision may, whenever they shall deem it best, visit such hospital, asylum or institution, and examine into the condition, care and treatment of the inmates of the same, and may make a report of such examination to the governor. Whenever such board or any committee or member thereof shall visit any such hospital, asylum or institution for the purpose aforesaid, it shall be the duty of the superintendent or other officer in charge of such hospital, asylum, or institution, to afford such board, committee, or member, opportunity to make a full and complete examination into the condition, care and treatment of the inmates of such hospital, asylum, or institution.

Board of supervisors may visit without interference.

9. Every corporation formed for the establishment and maintenance of any hospital, asylum or institution under this act, shall, on or before the first day of October in each year, make a report to said state board of supervision for the preceding year, which report shall be in form and substance as required by said state board of supervision, and shall be verified by the president of such corporation, or the superintendent or other officer having charge of such hospital, asylum or

Shall make a report.

institution, and before any patient, whose place of residence is outside of this state, shall be admitted into any such institution, asylum or hospital, the board of trustees of such corporation, shall execute a bond to the State of Wisconsin, in such sum, form, and with such sureties, as the governor of this state shall approve, conditioned to indemnify the state of Wisconsin, and all parts thereof, against loss in case any such patient shall become a pauper in this state, which bonds shall be filed in the office of the secretary of state.

Exempt from
taxation.

10. The real and personal property of every corporation formed under this act for the care, treatment or relief of insane or feeble minded persons, used exclusively for the care, treatment or relief of such persons, shall be exempt from taxation so long as the same shall continue to be so used; provided, that preference shall be given to the admission as patients if residents of this state.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.
Approved March 27, 1883.

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CHAPTER 172.

AN ACT for the division of the county of Burnett and the creation of the county of Washburn, to establish certain towns therein, and to attach certain territory to the town of Trade Lake in said county of Burnett.

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

Creation of
county of
Washburn.

SECTION 1. All that portion of the county of Burnett lying east of the east line of range fourteen west, is hereby detached from Burnett county, and shall be hereafter the county of Washburn.

SECTION 2. The said county of Washburn is hereby created and established with all the rights, powers and privileges possessed by other counties of this state under the general laws prescribed for the government of such counties, except as otherwise in this act provided.

Judicial
circuit.

SECTION 3. The said county of Washburn shall form a part of the eleventh judicial circuit, and there shall be two terms of court held in said county each year, one of which shall be held on