

under the laws of the state of Minnesota, is hereby authorized and empowered to construct and maintain a railroad bridge across the Mississippi river and its several channels, in this state, at or near Red Wing, in the state of Minnesota; provided, such bridge shall be built and maintained in conformity with the provisions of the act of congress, passed in reference thereto, entitled "an act to authorize the construction of a bridge across the Mississippi river, at or near the city of Red Wing, in the state of Minnesota, and for the purposes of a post road," approved June 10, 1872; and provided further, that said railway company shall construct and maintain at the upper end of the piers of said bridge, such shear boom or booms as shall adequately protect steamboats, rafts and other crafts from colliding with the said piers.

SECTION 2. All acts or parts of acts conflicting in any manner with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication. Approved April 2, 1883.

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CHAPTER 276.

AN ACT to authorize the construction of branch roads and spur tracks in certain cases, and in relation to the exercise of the power of eminent domain, for purposes therein named.

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

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and spur tracks.

SECTION 1. Every railway company existing in whole or in part under the laws, general or special, of this state, and operating railway within this state, is authorized and empowered to build, maintain and operate branches and spur tracks from its railroad to any mills, manufacturing establishments or other industries requiring railway facilities, at any point upon its said railroad, with all side tracks, turn-outs and connections necessary to the convenient and beneficial use of said branches and spur tracks; and for that purpose every such company shall have the power to acquire by purchase or by condemnation, in the manner provided in chapter 87 of the revised statutes for the acquisition by railway companies of

real estate for railway purposes other than for its main track, all necessary roadways and rights of way for such branches and spur tracks; and every such company may also acquire in the same manner such depot grounds, yards, grounds for machine shops and warehouses, as may be necessary and convenient for the full enjoyment and use of its railroad; provided that this act shall not affect any pending litigation.

SECTION 2. The provisions of section 1831 of the revised statutes shall not be applicable to any spur track or branch road constructed by any such railway company for the purpose of connecting its main line of road with any mill, manufacturing establishment or other industry, if said spur track or branch road shall not exceed, from said main track, in length, five miles.

Provisions shall not be applicable

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.
Approved April 2, 1883.

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CHAPTER 277.

AN ACT in relation to equipment companies organized under the general laws of this state.

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

SECTION 1. Any corporation heretofore organized, or which shall be hereafter organized, under the provisions of chapter 86 of the revised statutes, entitled "of the organization of corporations," for the purpose of buying, selling, leasing or in any manner dealing in railway cars, locomotive engines or other railway equipment of any kind, shall have power, by a vote of its board of directors, to classify or divide the equipment or other property owned or held by it into as many series or classes as the said board of directors shall determine, and to designate each such series or class by letter, number or otherwise; and any such corporation may by a resolution of its board of directors, ratified by vote of the holders of a majority of its common stock, given at any general or special meeting, authorize the issue of a special stock or a preferred stock, based in whole or in part upon the property belonging or pertaining to any such class or series, with such provis-

Relating to equipment companies.