

No. 299, S.]

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CHAPTER 312.

AN ACT to amend section 11, of chapter 6, of chapter 184, laws of 1874, entitled "An act to revise, consolidate and amend the charter of the city of Milwaukee, approved February 20, 1852, and the several acts amendatory thereof," and the several acts amendatory thereof.

(See Vol. 2.)

No. 832, A.]

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CHAPTER 313.

AN ACT to regulate navigation, and to facilitate the assorting and storing of logs upon the Chippewa river.

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

William F. Bailey, et al., may build dams, etc., and condemn lands therefor.

SECTION 1. To facilitate and insure the rapid assorting of logs upon the Chippewa river, in the state of Wisconsin, and to provide for safe storage of all such logs as the owners thereof may desire to be stored upon said river, William F. Bailey, Henry W. Early, John Hunner and Joseph Mandelert, and their assigns, are hereby authorized to erect and maintain dams not exceeding seven feet in height between the flowage of the dam in said river, at the city of Eau Claire and the city of Chippewa Falls, and to construct piers and booms in said river between said points, sufficient to hold, assort and store logs; provided, said dams are so constructed as not to materially impair the navigation of said river between said points, and such booms and piers are to be so constructed as to leave a channel of sufficient width to run rafts of lumber and logs therein. When logs are driven or flooded upon the works herein authorized,

in greater quantities than with the exercise of reasonable diligence can be handled and assorted, then and in such case it shall be lawful for the persons operating such works to hold and retain the mass of logs so forced upon said works, a sufficient length of time to permit, with the exercise of reasonable diligence, the assorting of said logs and taking therefrom and storing such of them as are to be held and stored in said booms. Said William F. Bailey, Henry W. Early, John Hunner, and Joseph Mandelert, and their assigns, shall have the right to take and appropriate for the purposes herein named, such land and water rights as may be necessary, upon paying compensation therefor, and may proceed to acquire such property and rights in the mode provided by the general law in such cases. They shall also have the right to charge such rates for assorting and booming such logs as are requested to be stored in their booms and works, not exceeding fifty cents per thousand feet, as they may prescribe. Nothing contained in this act shall be construed as authorizing the said William F. Bailey, Henry W. Early, John Hunner and Joseph Mandelert, or their assigns, to fix any rate, or toll, or charge, or receive any toll or compensation whatever, for the assorting and passing of any saw logs, timber, lumber, fence posts, or railroad ties by the booms or over the dams herein authorized to be constructed, except upon logs, timber, fence posts, and railroad ties to be stored in the store boom at the request of the owners or claimants thereof. The said William F. Bailey, Henry W. Early, John Hunner and Joseph Mandelert, or their assigns, shall be liable to the party injured, for all damages sustained by unreasonable delays or insufficiency of any of the works authorized by this act, and for all damages suffered by reason of the carelessness or neglect of the agent or agents, employe or employes of said William F. Bailey, Henry W. Early, John Hunner and Joseph Mandelert, or their assigns, in operating the same. Upon all logs stored or boomed under the provisions of this act and subject to the charge for boomage, the persons or corporation booming the same shall have a lien upon such logs for such charges to be enforced in like manner as may be provided

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by law for the enforcement of liens upon logs for labor; provided, that the dam or dams hereby authorized shall be constructed within three years from the date of the passage of this act, and in case said dam or dams shall not be constructed within said three years, all rights hereby granted shall cease.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication, Approved April 20, 1891.

No. 245, A.]

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CHAPTER 314.

AN ACT to amend section 1, of chapter 212, of the laws of 1889, entitled, "An act to amend section 1927, of the revised statutes, as amended by chapter 421, of the laws of 1885, relating to town insurance companies."

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

Amends chapter 212, laws of 1889.

Town insurance companies, how organized.

SECTION 1. Section 1, of chapter 212, of the laws of 1889, is hereby amended by striking out the word "nine," in the twenty-eighth line of said section 1, and inserting in lieu thereof the word "eleven," so that said section, when so amended, shall read as follows: Section 1. Section 1927, of the revised statutes as amended by chapter 421, of the laws of 1885, is hereby amended so as to read as follows: Section 1927. Any number of persons not less than twenty-five, residing in the same town or adjoining towns, not exceeding twenty in number, who collectively, shall own property of not less than twenty-five thousand dollars in value, which they desire to have insured, may form themselves into a corporation for mutual insurance against loss or damage by fire or lightning, by complying with the following conditions, namely: They shall sign articles of organization, which shall be substantially in the follow-