

same way, and with like effect as from courts of justices of the peace, either to the circuit or superior court of Douglas county. The judge thereof shall have the same power to sentence and commit all persons convicted of offenses over which he has jurisdiction to try and finally determine, that circuit judges, or justices of the peace may have; providing no justice of the peace in Douglas county shall hereafter exercise criminal jurisdiction; but this act shall not be construed to deprive the county judge or court commissioners in Douglas county of any of their powers or jurisdiction in criminal matters.

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

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## CHAPTER 279.

AN ACT to compel street railway companies to protect certain of their employes from the inclemencies of the weather.

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

Protection of employes from the inclemency of the weather on street cars required.

SECTION 1. Every person, company or corporation owning or operating a street car line in this state, upon which the cars are propelled by either steam, cable or electricity, shall provide all closed winter cars hereafter purchased and all closed winter cars hereafter reconstructed and rebuilt with a suitable protection constructed of wood, iron, glass or suitable material sufficient to protect the employes of any such person, company or corporation engaged in operating any such cars from expos-

ure to the inclemencies of the weather. Such protection to be maintained upon such cars from the first day of November to the first day of April in each year, and every person, company or corporation owning or operating any such street car line shall, on or before the first day of November, 1895, equip at least one-half of its closed winter cars now in use with a sufficient protection as hereinbefore described, and on or before the first day of November, 1896, the remainder of its said closed winter cars shall be so equipped, provided that such protection shall be so constructed as not to obstruct the vision of the person operating such car.

SECTION 2. Any person, partnership or corporation, owning, operating, superintending or managing any such line of street railway, or managing or superintending officer or agent thereof who shall be found guilty of a willful refusal to comply with section 1 hereof, shall be punished by a fine of not less than fifty dollars nor more than one hundred dollars. Each day that any of said persons cause or permit any of their employés to operate such cars in violation of the provisions of this act, or cause or permit cars to be used or operated in violation of this act, shall be deemed a separate offense; provided, that the provisions of this act shall not apply to cars used and known as trailing cars.

Penalty prescribed for neglect to observe the law.

SECTION 3. It is hereby made the duty of the city attorney of any city or municipality in which such street railway is situated and operated upon information given to him by any person, that any person, partnership or corporation has violated any of the provisions of this act, to promptly prosecute such person, partnership or corporation for such violation.

City attorney to prosecute.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

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