

AN ACT

To amend an act entitled "An act to provide
for the destruction of wolves."

*Be it enacted by the Council and House of Representatives
of the Territory of Wisconsin:*

SECTION 1. That section first of the act to which this act is amendatory, be so amended as to authorize the board of county commissioners or board of supervisors of the several counties in this territory, to regulate the bounty on wolves, and to offer such rewards for the destruction of wolves in their respective counties as they may deem proper.

WILLIAM SHEW,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

MASON C. DARLING,

President of the Council.

APPROVED, February 4, 1847.

HENRY DODGE.

AN ACT

To incorporate the Lake Michigan and Mississippi
Rail Road Company.

*Be it enacted by the Council and House of Representatives
of the Territory of Wisconsin:*

SECTION 1. That John Dickson, Elias Smith, John Bullen, junior, and Samuel Hall, of Racine county; Sewall Smith

and William Bowman, of Walworth county; William H. H. Bailey and A. Hyatt Smith, of Rock county; Hiram Rust and Noah Phelps, of Green county; John H. Rountree and Samuel Wilson, of Grant county; Andrew Sterritt and Joseph Ward, of Iowa county; John Y. Smith and James Morrison, of Dane county; William H. Johnson and Alonzo Wing, of Jefferson county; William M. Dennis and William Willard, of Dodge county; Rufus Parks and William A. Barstow, of Waukesha county; Daniel Wells, junior, Paraclete Potter, L. W. Weeks, and I. A. Lapham, of Milwaukee county, be and they are hereby appointed commissioners, under the direction of a majority of whom subscriptions may be received to the capital stock of the Lake Michigan and Mississippi Rail Road Company, hereby incorporated; and they may cause books to be opened at such times and places as they shall direct, for the purpose of receiving subscriptions to the capital stock of said company; first giving sixty days notice of the times and places of taking such subscriptions, by publishing the same weekly in a public newspaper printed in the county of Dane, and also in one printed in the county of Grant, in one printed in the county of Racine, and in one printed in the county of Milwaukee.

Commissioners to obtain subscriptions.

Notice to be given of the opening of books.

SEC. 2. That the capital stock of said company shall be one million and five hundred thousand dollars, in shares of one hundred dollars each; and as soon as ten thousand shares of stock shall be subscribed, and five dollars on each share actually paid in, and a statement shall be deposited with the secretary of the territory or state of Wisconsin, authenticated by the oath of the secretary and two or more of the said commissioners, that such subscriptions and payments have been in good faith made, the subscribers of such stock, with such other persons as shall associate with them for that purpose, their successors and assigns, shall be, and they are hereby declared and created a body corporate and politic, by the name and style of "The Lake Michigan and Mississippi Rail Road Company," with perpetual succession, and by that name shall have all the privileges, franchises, and immunities incident to a corporation; they shall be capable in law of purchasing, holding, selling, leasing, and conveying es-

Capital stock.

Name and style of the corporation.

General
powers.

tate, either real, personal, or mixed, so far as the same may be necessary for the purposes hereinafter mentioned, and no further; and in their corporate name may sue and be sued, may have a common seal, which they may alter and renew at pleasure, and generally may do all and singular the matters and things which to them it shall lawfully appertain to do, for the well being of the said corporation.

Election of
directors.

SEC. 3. That the said commissioners, or a majority of them, after the said ten thousand shares of stock shall have been subscribed as aforesaid, shall give at least thirty days notice in the newspapers [hereinbefore] mentioned, of the time and place by them appointed for the subscribers or stockholders to meet for the purpose of electing nine directors; and annually thereafter the said stockholders shall meet on the first Monday in July, for the purpose of electing directors as aforesaid, upon a like previous notice to be given by the directors for the time being, in such newspapers as they may deem advisable: *Provided*, that previous to the first election, the commissioners hereinbefore named shall elect one of their number president, and they shall perform all the duties and be invested with all the powers of directors: *And provided*,

Election of
president.

that if from any cause an election shall not be held at the regular time specified therefor, the same may be held at any other time, on notice as aforesaid; that until such election the directors of the preceding year shall continue to act, and that this charter shall not be avoided by reason of the irregularity or want of such election: *And provided also*, that in case of a vacancy from the death or resignation of any director, his place shall be filled by the board of directors.

Vacancies
how filled.

Directors to
make by-
laws.

SEC. 4. The affairs of the said corporation shall be managed by a board of nine directors, who shall be chosen annually by ballot, on the days hereinbefore prescribed, by the stockholders of said company, the votes to be delivered in person or by proxy duly authorized; which directors shall appoint one of their own number to be president, and shall respectively serve for one year, or until other directors be elected; they shall have power to make and establish such bye-laws, rules, orders, and regulations, not inconsistent with the constitution and laws of the United States, or of the state

or territory of Wisconsin, as may be necessary for the well ordering of the affairs of said company: *Provided*, that none but stockholders shall be eligible to be elected directors, and that at every such election, and in all other cases upon which stockholders shall be called upon to vote, each share of stock shall be entitled to one vote; and also, that in all cases of elections for directors the nine stockholders having the greatest number of votes shall be declared duly elected.

SEC. 5. The said directors shall meet at such times and places, and be convened in such manner, as they may hereafter decide upon. Five directors shall be a quorum for the transaction of business, who, in the absence of the president, may appoint a president *pro tem*. The said directors shall appoint a secretary, treasurer, and such engineers and other officers as they may find necessary; shall fix their compensation, and may demand adequate security for the performance of their respective trusts. They shall have full power to decide the time and manner and proportions in which the said stockholders shall pay the money due on their respective shares, and to forfeit to the use of the company the share or shares of every person or persons failing to pay any instalment so required, at a reasonable period, not less than thirty days after the time by them appointed for the payment thereof; to regulate tolls; to make such covenants, contracts, and agreements, with any person, copartnership, or body politic whatsoever, as the execution and management of the works, and the convenience and interests of the company may require; and in general to superintend and direct all the operations, receipts, disbursements, and other proceedings of the company: *Provided*, that no instalment called in at any one time shall exceed twenty dollars per share, and that no instalment shall be called by the directors without giving at least sixty days notice thereof in the newspapers hereinbefore mentioned.

SEC. 6. The directors chosen as aforesaid shall issue a certificate to each stockholder for the number of shares he or she shall subscribe for, or hold in the said corporation, signed by the president, countersigned by the secretary, and sealed with the common seal, subject however to all the payments

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Further powers of directors.

Concerning the payment of stock.

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Certificates of stock to be issued.

due and to grow due thereon; which stock shall be transferable in person, or by attorney, executors, administrators, guardians, or trustees, under such regulations as may be provided for by the bye-laws of the company.

Exhibit to be made annually.

SEC. 7. At each annual meeting of the stockholders for the purpose of electing directors, the directors of the preceding year shall exhibit to them a complete statement of the affairs and proceedings of the company for such year; and special meetings of the stockholders may be called by order of the directors, or by stockholders holding one-fourth in amount of the capital stock, on like notice as that required for annual meetings, specifying moreover the object of the meeting; but no business shall be transacted at such special meeting, unless a majority in value of the stockholders shall attend in person or by proxy.

Special meeting how called.

Route of rail road now determined.

SEC. 8. The said company shall have power to locate and construct a single or double track rail road, from such eligible point, south of township number eight on Lake Michigan, to such eligible point on the Mississippi river, in the county of Grant, as shall be determined upon by a vote of the stockholders holding a majority of the stock of said company, and who shall be represented in person or by proxy, at a special meeting called for the purpose of fixing the location or termination of said road; and shall have power to transport, take, and carry property and persons upon the same, by the power and force of steam, of animals, or of any mechanical or other power, or of any combination of them; and they shall also have power to make, construct, and erect all such side-tracks, turn-outs, and connecting tracks, and also all such warehouses, toll-houses, machine shops, carriages, cars, and other works and appendages as may be necessary for the convenience of said company in the use of the said rail road; and also to connect said rail road and operate the same with other rail roads and branch rail roads in the territory or state of Wisconsin.

Further powers of the corporation.

Railroad to be commenced within three years.

SEC. 9. If said corporation shall not within three years from the passage of this act commence the construction of said rail road, and expend fifty thousand dollars or more thereon, and shall not within ten years from the passage of

this act, construct, furnish, and put in operation a single or double track of rail road from Lake Michigan, south of township number eight, to the Mississippi river, within the county of Grant, then the rights, privileges and powers of the said corporation under this act shall be null and void.

SEC. 10. It shall and may be lawful for the said company, their officers, engineers, and agents, to enter upon any lands for the purpose of exploring, surveying, and locating the route of said rail road, doing thereto no unnecessary damage; and when the said route shall be determined by the said company, it shall be lawful for them, their agents, officers, engineers, contractors, and servants, at any time, to enter upon, take possession of, and use such lands, to the width of four rods; and also to take from any land adjoining said road, gravel, stone, earth, and other materials, for the purpose of constructing, repairing and maintaining such rail road, to the width of not exceeding one hundred and fifty feet at any one point, subject however to the payment of such compensation as the company may have agreed to pay therefor, or as shall be ascertained in the manner hereinafter directed and provided, in such cases respectively: *Provided*, that the said corporation shall not, in their corporate capacity, hold, purchase, or deal in any lands within this territory, other than the land on which said road shall run, or which may be actually necessary for the construction or maintenance thereof, and of the warehouses, machine shops, and other fixtures connected therewith.

Corporation may explore and survey route.

Compensation for land and materials used.

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SEC. 11. When the said corporation cannot agree with the owner or owners of any land, gravel, stone, or other materials taken for the purpose aforesaid, or when by reason of the legal incapacity, or absence of any such owner or owners, no such agreement or purchase can be made, then, and in any such case it shall be lawful for the judge of the district court of the county in which such land, or materials are situated, on application of either party, and at the cost and charge of such corporation, to appoint three disinterested persons residing in said county, whose duty it shall be to view and examine, or survey, said lands, or materials, with the buildings and improvements, if any thereon and to estimate,

Damages for land and materials how ascertained.

the value of the land, or materials so taken, or required by the said company, and all damages which the owner or owners thereof shall sustain, or may have sustained by reason of the taking of the same, for the construction and use of said rail road, or works appertaining thereto, taking into consideration the advantages as well as disadvantages of the same to the said owner or owners; and the person so appointed before entering upon the discharge of such duties, shall take an oath before some justice of the peace, or other person competent to administer oaths, faithfully, and according to the best of their ability, to examine the lands or materials so taken or required by said company, and impartially to estimate, and appraise the value of the same, and the damage or injury which the owner or owners thereof shall have sustained, or may sustain, by reason of the taking and using thereof by the said company, over and above all benefits and advantages, which such owner or owners shall derive from the construction of such rail road, whereupon such commissioners shall proceed to examine the premises, and estimate the value of such lands or materials, and the amount of damages, if any, over and above the benefit and advantages which may accrue to such owners, as aforesaid, and shall make a report of such valuation, in writing, under their hands and seals, to said judge, and shall return the same within thirty days after their appointment, to the clerk of the district court of the county in which they reside; and it shall be the duty of the said clerk to file the same, and in case no appeal shall be made within thirty days after the filing of said report as hereinafter provided, then the said clerk shall record the same, at the expense of said company, and judgment of the said court shall be entered thereon on motion of either party, at any term of said court: *Provided*, that either party may appeal to said court within thirty days after said report shall have been filed in the clerk's office, and such appeal shall be tried in said court, and the jury empannelled to try the same, shall find the value of the land, or materials so taken or required by said company, and the damages which the owner or owners thereof shall have sustained, or may sustain by the taking of the same, over and above the benefits which will accrue

Appeals
when allowed

Trial in the
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to such owner or owners from the construction of such rail road, and judgment of court shall be entered accordingly: *Provided also*, that it shall not be lawful for the said commis- Proviso. sioners, or said court to proceed in the assessment of damages, or in the valuation of any lands or materials as aforesaid, in the absence of the owner or owners thereof, his, her, or their agents or attorney, unless it shall be shown to them by competent testimony that the said owner or owners have had at least five days notice of the time and place at which such assessment or valuation was to be made, or that the said owner or owners are absent from the territory or state of Wisconsin, and if the said owner or owners shall be minors, or non compos mentis, or absent from the territory or state, the service of notice may be made on their guardian or trustees, if any there be, or in such manner as the said court may direct: *Provided also*, that upon the making and filing of any report as aforesaid, and payment or legal tender, of the amount of any valuation or appraisal specified therein, to the owner or owners of any such lands, or materials, his, her, or their legal representatives, the said company, their agents, or the contractors, for making or repairing, said rail road may immediately take and use the same without awaiting the issue of any appeal brought thereon.

Sec. 12. Whenever any judgment shall have been entered, as hereinbefore provided, for the value of any lands or materials, or for any damages for the taking and using of the same and the amount specified in such judgment shall have been paid or tendered to the owner or owners of such lands or materials, his, her, or their legal representatives, the said company shall be entitled to the estate and interest in the same, as fully as if it had been conveyed in fee simple; and if such valuation be not received when tendered, it may at any time thereafter be received, or may be collected from said company by action at law, at the cost and expense of the person or persons entitled to the same: *Provided*, that the cost of any proceedings and judgment specified in the last preceding section shall be taxed by the court and paid by the said company except in cases where upon appeal the Title of land when to vest in company:

verdict of the jury shall be for the same, or a less sum than that reported by the said commissioners.

Rail road not to obstruct highways.
Cause ways to be built.

SEC. 13. The said rail road shall be so constructed as not to impede or obstruct the free use and passage of any public road or roads which may cross the same, and in all places where said rail road may cross, or in any way interfere with any public road, it shall be the duty of said company to make, or cause to be made, a sufficient causeway, or passage way to enable all persons passing, or traveling such public road, to pass over or under such rail road without inconvenience, and whenever said rail road shall cross any navigable stream, it shall be constructed with a draw over the channel of such stream, not less than thirty feet wide, so as not to obstruct the use of said stream; and said company shall at all times provide the necessary attendance so as to open said draw for the convenience of persons navigating such stream.

Passage way over rail road when to be built.
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SEC. 14. For the convenience of persons owning or possessing lands through which said rail road shall pass, it shall be the duty of said company, when required, to make a good and sufficient passage way over or under said rail road wherever the same may be necessary to enable the occupants of the said lands, to pass over or under the same with wagons, carts, and implements of husbandry, as occasion may require: *Provided*, that the said company shall in no case be required to make more than one passage way for each farm, and when any public road shall cross such rail road in any farm, the person owning or possessing such farm shall not be entitled to require said company to make any additional causeway.

Rates of pas- sage and freight.
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SEC. 15. On the completion of said rail road or any portion of the track, not less than ten miles, it shall and may be lawful for the company to demand and receive such sum or sums of money, for passage and freight of persons and property as they shall, from time to time think reasonable: *Provided*, that the legislature of Wisconsin may, at any time after the completion of the road make such reasonable rules and regulations in regard to tolls as it may be deemed proper, but shall in no case reduce the tolls so as to bring the nett income of the company below twelve per cent. on the

capital actually invested, and it shall be the duty of said company, during the month of January, in each year, after the completion of any part of the road, to make a report to the legislature, setting forth particularly the amount of capital invested, the length of road in operation, the expenses paid, and tolls collected during the preceding year, and generally such information in regard to the affairs of the company as the legislature may require, which report shall be verified by the oath of the president or secretary, and one of the directors of said company.

SEC. 16. If any person shall wilfully and knowingly obstruct, break, injure, or destroy the rail road, so to be constructed by said company, or any part thereof, or any work, building or machinery, attached to, or in use upon the same, belonging to said company, such person or persons so offending, shall each of them, for every such offence, forfeit and pay a sum not exceeding three times the amount of damages caused by such offence, which may be recovered in the name of the said company, by action of debt, in any court having competent jurisdiction in the county wherein the offence shall be committed, and shall also be subject to indictment, and upon conviction of such offence shall be punished by fine and imprisonment, or either, at the discretion of the court.

Penalty for
injury to rail
road.

SEC. 17. The property of every individual, invested in said corporation, shall be liable to be taken in execution for the payment of his or her debts, in such manner as is, or may be provided by law: *Provided*, that all debts due said company shall be first paid.

Property in
corporation
liable to exe-
cution.

SEC. 18. The stockholders holding a majority in value of the stock, may at any annual or special meeting increase the capital stock of this company to an amount not exceeding two millions of dollars.

Capital stock
how increased

SEC. 19. This act shall be favorably construed to effect the purposes thereby intended, and the same is hereby declared to be a public act, and copies thereof printed by authority of the territory, shall be received as evidence thereof.

Act how con-
strued.

SEC. 20. In case of a violation, by the company, of any of the provisions of this act, the legislature of the territory or

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ture may take
the grant.

state of Wisconsin may resume all and singular, the rights, and privileges hereby granted to said company.

SEC. 21. This act shall be in force from and after its passage.

WILLIAM SHEW,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
MASON C. DARLING,
President of the Council.

APPROVED, February 4, 1847.

HENRY DODGE.

AN ACT

To provide for the payment of Leander Judson
for making territorial maps.

*Be it enacted by the Council and House of Representatives
of the Territory of Wisconsin:*

SECTION 1. There shall be paid out of the moneys in the territorial treasury, to Leander Judson, the sum of nine hundred and seventy-eight dollars, it being in full payment for the balance due him for furnishing territorial maps.

WILLIAM SHEW,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
MASON C. DARLING,
President of the Council.

APPROVED, February 5, 1847.

HENRY DODGE.