

and the liability of the stockholders whose names are so returned and filed, shall not cease until the expiration of one year from the date of such filing.

Election of Directors.

SEC. 6. The first directors shall be elected at a meeting to be held at Oshkosh, in the county of Winnebago, on the first Monday of May next, to hold their offices until the next annual election.

Declaration and reservation.

SEC. 7. This act is declared to be a public act, and as such shall be admitted in evidence in all the courts of this state, and shall be subject to amendment, alteration or repeal by any future legislature.

FREDERICK W. HORN,
Speaker of the Assembly.
DUNCAN C. REED,
President pro tempore of the Senate.

Approved March 19th, 1851.

NELSON DEWEY.

Chap. 268

An Act to authorise the erection of a free bridge across the Milwaukee River at Humboldt in Milwaukee County.

The People of the State of Wisconsin represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows :

Who may erect bridge.

SECTION 1. That E. B. Woolcott, Leleees A. Cotten and — Brecker, of the county of Milwaukee and their associates are hereby authorised to erect and maintain a free bridge across the Milwaukee river on the dam across said river, at or near Humboldt in Milwaukee county.;

Bridge not to obstruct passage of crafts.

SEC. 2. Said bridge shall be so constructed that all such water crafts as have usually navigated said river can pass under it.

FREDERICK W. HORN,
Speaker of the Assembly.
DUNCAN C. REED,
President pro tempore of the Senate.

Approved March 13th, 1851.

NELSON DEWEY.

Chap. 269

An Act to authorise the Aldermen of the Third Ward of the city of Milwaukee to pave certain streets in said Ward.

The People of the State of Wisconsin represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows :

Aldermen to give notice to owners to do work.

SECTION 1. The Aldermen of the third ward shall have power and they are hereby authorised to assess special taxes on the city lots and lands lying on or bounded by east Water

street in said ward, and also the east and west streets from the river to Main Street in said ward for the purpose of paving said streets opposite said lots and lands. They shall give notice to the owners or occupants of such lots and lands if to be found, but if not found, by advertisement for twenty days in one or more daily newspapers published in said city, requiring them to do the work therein mentioned within a reasonable time therein specified, in the street opposite their said lots or lands, and if the work should not be done within the time specified and in pursuance of such notice, the said Aldermen may contract for the doing thereof: and when the said work shall be completed according to the terms of such contract, and the expenses thereof ascertained, the said Aldermen shall give to the contractor a certificate under their hands, stating therein the amount due such person for the work, whatever it may be, and the lot and piece of land upon which the same is chargeable, with interest at the rate of twelve per cent. per annum until paid, which said certificate may be transferred by endorsement thereon: and if the amount of such certificate with the accrued interest thereon shall not be paid within ninety days from the date of said certificate, then it shall be lawful for the owner or holder of such certificate to present their petition to the circuit court of the county of Milwaukee setting forth the nature of the labor performed, and the work done, with a copy of such certificate and a description of the lot or piece of land described in such certificate, and the notice given as aforesaid, with an affidavit of the truth of the fact contained in said petition: whereupon the said court or the Judge thereof in vacation shall order judgment to be recorded against the said owners of such lots if known, otherwise against the said several lots by description, for the said amount and costs and interest at the rate of twelve per cent. per annum until paid, in the name of the city of Milwaukee for the use of the person named in said petition. Said judgments shall be liens on said lots, in preference to any other liens of previous or subsequent dates, and shall be entered by the Clerk without the aid of an attorney or without a judgment record, and execution may be issued thereon, and said lots sold as other real estate upon examination; and if such notice shall have been given to do the work as herein directed, no informality or error in any of the proceedings or assessments shall vitiate or make void said tax.

When Aldermen may contract for work.

Certificates to be issued in payment.

When holder of certificate may petition Circuit Court.

When Court to order judgment.

Liens thus created to have preference.

FREDERICK W. HORN,

Speaker of the Assembly.

DUNCAN C. REED,

President pro tempore of the Senate.

Approved, March 18th, 1851.

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