

notes, drafts, bonds, or other papers, and make, execute, and deliver such securities in amount and kind, as may be deemed expedient by said corporation, any law on the subject of usury in this state or any other state where such contract may be made, to the contrary notwithstanding; and the powers of said corporation, for the purposes aforesaid, and for all purposes necessary to carrying out the object of said company, namely: the construction of a rail road from Beloit, in the county of Rock, to Madison in the county of Dane; and the contracts, and official acts of said company, are hereby declared binding in law and equity, upon said corporation, and all other parties to said contracts.

SEC. 19. This act shall be in force from and after its passage; and it shall be lawful for said company to purchase lands adjoining or adjacent to said rail road, for the purpose of procuring earth, gravel, stone, or other materials for the construction and repair of said road or buildings and fixtures connected therewith; and whenever such lands shall no longer be needed for the purposes aforesaid, the said company are hereby authorized to sell and convey the same. May purchase lands adjacent to track.

SEC. 20. This act shall be construed favorably to effect the purposes hereby intended, and the same is hereby declared to be a public act, and copies thereof printed by authority of the State of Wisconsin shall be received as evidence thereof. How act construed

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An Act to establish Columbus Academy.

*The people of the State of Wisconsin, represented in Chap. 46. Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:*

SECTION 1. A. G. Cook, H. S. Haskell, George Griswold, Wm. W. Drake, F. F. Farnham, D. F. Newcomb, William E. Ledyard, and R. W. Earl and their associates, together with such other persons as may hereafter be associated with them, be and are hereby created a body corporate and politic, with perpetual succession, to be styled by the name and title of the Columbus Academy, Created body corporate

by which name they and their successors shall be ever known, and shall have power to sue and be sued, to contract and be contracted with, plead and be impleaded, defend and be defended, in all courts of law and equity. Said corporation shall have a common seal, and shall have power to acquire, purchase, receive, possess, hold and enjoy property, real and personal, and to sell and convey the same, rent, or otherwise lawfully dispose of at pleasure.

**How stock divided.** SEC. 2. The stock of said company shall be divided into shares of ten dollars each, which shall be deemed personal property, and shall be transferable on the books of said corporation, in such manner as shall be directed by the by-laws of said corporation.

**May call meeting.** SEC. 3. Any three of the above named persons shall have power to call a meeting of said association, by giving ten days' notice thereof, by posting up notices in at least three public places in the said village of Columbus, where said corporation is hereby located.

**May elect trustees.** SEC. 4. At the first legally notified meeting, the stockholders shall have power to elect by ballot nine trustees, three of whom shall be elected for one year, and three for two years, and three for three years; and after the first election, the three trustees may be elected by the stockholders annually: *Provided always*, That all trustees shall hold their offices until others are elected in their place.

**Each share of stock entitled to one vote.** SEC. 5. At all elections and meetings of the company, each stockholder shall be entitled to one vote for each share of stock owned by him.

**Powers and duties of trustees.** SEC. 6. The trustees shall have power first to elect from their number a president, secretary, and treasurer, also, to elect all other subordinate officers of the corporation; second, to call special meetings of the stockholders to fill vacancies in the board of trustees; third, to sell, lease, mortgage, or otherwise dispose of any real or personal property of said corporation, in such manner as shall be directed by the stockholders; also, to erect and keep in repair all necessary buildings, for the use of said corporation; fourth, to employ suitable teachers and prescribe and direct the course of study and discipline to be observed in said academy; fifth, to prescribe the duties and fix the salaries of all the officers of said corporation, and to remove and suspend them from office for incapacity, immoral conduct, or misbehavior in office, and to appoint others in their place; sixth, to make all such regulations and by-laws necessary and proper to carry into effect the powers

herein granted, and not inconsistent with the constitution and laws of this state.

SEC. 7. No religious test or qualification shall be required of any trustee of said corporation, nor of any student or teacher of said institution.

SEC. 8. This act may be amended or altered by any future legislature.

J. McM. SHAFTER.

*Speaker of the Assembly.*

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An Act to authorize the construction of a toll bridge across Fox River, at Montello.

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

Chap. 47.

SECTION 1. That Gordus H. Barstow and Edwin B. Kelsey, their associates and assigns, be and they are hereby authorized and empowered to build and maintain a bridge across Fox River, at Montello, opposite the north end of Main street, in the county of Marquette.

Authorized to build bridge.

SEC. 2. That said bridge shall not be less than twelve feet wide, and shall contain a draw of sufficient width to pass and repass all boats and water crafts during the season of navigation, without charge or expense, or unnecessary delay.

SEC. 3. The said persons herein named, their associates and assigns, shall have power, after the completion of said bridge, to demand and collect tolls for passing the same, as follows: for every vehicle drawn by one horse or mule, ten cents; for every vehicle drawn by two horses, oxen, or mules, twenty cents; for every additional horse, ox, or mule, five cents; for all animals in droves, one cent each: *Provided*, That hogs and sheep shall not be charged more than ten cents per score, or at that rate.

To have draw

SEC. 4. The said persons herein named, their associates and assigns, shall keep posted, in some conspicuous place, on said bridge, a list of the rates of toll allowed by this act.

Rates of toll. Rates to be posted up.

J. McM. SHAFTER,

*Speaker of the Assembly.*

E. B. DEAN, JR.

*President pro tem. of the Senate.*

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