

## CHAPTER 73.

*Published May 12.*

An Act to prevent the obstruction of the navigation of the Wisconsin river and its tributaries.

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

To prevent  
obstruction of  
Wisconsin  
river.

SECTION 1. It shall not be lawful for any owner of a saw mill or saw mills on the Wisconsin river, or any of its tributaries, or any other person to throw or permit or suffer to be thrown into said river or any of its tributaries, any slab or slabs or other substances, which may obstruct or hinder the navigation of said river, from or near said mill or mills.

Fine for viola-  
ting act.

SEC. 2. Any person or persons who shall be convicted of a violation of the provisions of the foregoing section, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall pay a fine of five dollars, for throwing any slab or other substances which may impede or obstruct the navigation of said river, together with the costs of prosecution.

Proviso.

SEC. 3. Whenever any mill owner shall have been fined for the violation of section one of this act, by any agent or workman of said mill owner, said mill owner may charge said fine to said agent or workman, and may collect the same in the same manner that any other debt may now be collected by law: *Provided*, That said workman or agent shall have thrown the slab or slabs, or other substances into said river or its tributaries without the order of said mill owners.

Prosecutions.

SEC. 4. It shall be the duty of the district attorney of the county in which any violation of this act shall take place, to prosecute for all such violations whenever information of the commission of any such misdemeanor shall come to his knowledge.

Fines.

SEC. 5. All fines accruing under this act may be recovered by an action of debt against the party offending, by warrant on a proper affidavit duly sworn to and filed, setting forth the commission of the offence, as in cases of other misdemeanors and shall be paid into the treasury of the county for the use of said county.

SEC. 6. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication.

Approved March 31, 1856.

## CHAPTER 74.

*Published May 14.*

An Act for the encouragement and promotion of Agriculture.

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

SECTION 1. It shall be lawful for any number of persons in any county in this state, to associate together and form a county society, to encourage and promote agriculture, domestic manufactures and the mechanic arts therein, and any such society, when organized according to the provisions of this act, shall have all the power of a corporation or body politic, and may sue and be sued, implead and be impleaded, prosecute and defend to final judgment and execution, in any court of law or equity; and may purchase and hold all the real and personal estate which shall be necessary to best promote the object of such association, and which estate shall be exclusively devoted to such object. To form agricultural societies.

SEC. 2. Such societies shall be formed by written articles of association, subscribed by the members thereof, specifying the objects of the society, and the conditions on which subscribers shall become members thereof, and the first meeting shall be notified and held in the manner prescribed in the articles of association. They may adopt a corporate name, either in the original articles of association, or by vote at the first meeting thereof, in which such society shall be organized, and may at any meeting adopt a corporate seal and alter the same at pleasure. Societies—how formed.

SEC. 3. Such societies, not exceeding one in each county, shall be organized by appointing a president, vice president, secretary and treasurer, and such other officers as they may deem proper, to be chosen annually, and to hold their places until others are appointed. Officers.