

sation for recording the minutes of such survey as is fixed by law for recording deeds and other documents.

§ 8. Such stone monuments when erected at the respective section corners and external quarter section stakes by the surveyor as aforesaid, shall be and form the points from whence the section lines and quarter section lines are to be derived and shall also, in all cases, regulate the subdivisions of a quarter section. The territory embraced in such a quarter section, may contain the number of one hundred and sixty acres, or more or less notwithstanding.

§ 9. If any person shall wilfully demolish, or dig out and carry away such a stone monument, erected as a permanent land mark, he shall, on conviction thereof, be punished in the State prison at hard labor, not more than three years, nor less than one year.

§ 10. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved, March 7, 1857.

## Chap. 84.

Published May 11, 1857.

AN ACT limiting the time in which certain actions may be commenced.

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

§ 1. No action for the recovery of any land, tenements or hereditaments, or for the recovery of the possession thereof, shall be maintained in any case, where the defendant or those under whom he claims shall have occupied such premises and made valuable improvements thereon, under color of title asserted in good faith, unless such action shall be commenced within (ten) years after such adverse occupancy and erecting improvements shall have commenced; and this limitation shall apply to an adverse possession taken before the passage of this act as well as after: *Provided*, That in all cases such action may be commenced within three

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years after the passage of the same; but nothing in this section shall be construed to extend the time now limited by any law of this State for the commencement of actions for the recovery of real estate.

**Where improve-  
ments are made.** § 2. In all cases where a recovery shall be made of lands, tenements or hereditaments, on which the party in possession, or those under whom he claims, holding adversely by color or title asserted in good faith, founded on descent or any written instrument, shall have made valuable and permanent improvements, such party shall have lien on such real estate for the value of such improvements, and the court in which any suit may be brought to recover possession of any lands so improved, may summon a jury to assess and ascertain the value of such improvements—and judgment shall thereupon be rendered by said court to be enforced as other judgment liens on said real estate are enforced by law.

**When action  
may be brought.** § 3. If any person entitled to commence any action specified in the foregoing section, shall at the time such title shall first descend or accrue, be written, the age of twenty-one years, a married woman, insane, imprisoned, or absent from the United States, such person may bring such action within three years next after the removal of such disability, but not afterwards.

§ 4. When any person against whom an action may be commenced on a contract made in this State, or where a judgment shall be obtained therein, shall after recovery of such judgment or accruing of such action, be absent from the State, the period of such absence shall be no part of the time limited by law for the commencement of such action.

Approved, March 7, 1857.

## Chap. 85.

Published, March 25, 1857.

AN ACT to preserve the purity of Elections.

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

§ 1. The provisions of this act shall have reference and be applicable to all elections hereafter to be hold-