

CHAPTER 178.

[Published May 3, 1866.]

AN ACT to incorporate the Wood county bridge company, and to repeal certain acts.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. George Nevis, Thomas B. Scott, Isaac L. Mosher, John Edwards, Jr.; John Roblin, James Meehan and Orestes Garrison, or so many of them as shall accept of the franchises hereby granted, and their associates and assigns, are hereby created a body corporate and politic, by the name of the Wood county bridge company, with perpetual succession; and by that name may contract and be contracted with, sue and be sued, answer and be answered, in all courts of this state; may have a common seal, and may change the same at pleasure; may purchase, hold, sell, lease and convey real, personal and mixed property, to the amount of seventy thousand dollars, and may enjoy all the rights and privileges incident to corporations, for the purpose of building a toll bridge across the Wisconsin river, at Grand Rapids, in the county of Wood, and of maintaining the same; which bridge shall be constructed from some point (to be selected by said corporators, or a majority of them,) in section 17, of township 22, of range 6 east, on the east side of the Wisconsin river, to some corresponding point in said section 17, on the west side of said river. The said corporators are hereby granted until the first day of May, 1866, in which to commence the erection of said bridge, and until the first day of September, 1867, in which to finish the same: *provided*, that the said bridge shall not be less than sixteen feet in width, and shall be so constructed as not to interfere with the free navigation of the Wisconsin river, or the running of logs or lumber.

Corporators.

Name and powers.

When bridge to be commenced.

Width.

SECTION 2. The capital stock of said company shall not exceed twenty thousand dollars, in shares of fifty dollars each; and said corporators, or a majority of them, are hereby authorized to receive subscriptions to the capital stock of said company, and shall open books for subscription at such times and places as they or a

Capital stock and subscriptions to same.

majority of them may direct, until the said sum, or such an amount thereof as they may deem necessary to secure the completion of said bridge, shall be taken, which stock shall be payable as follows: Ten dollars per share at the time of subscribing the same, and the balance in such installments as may, with the consent of said corporators, be specified in the contract of subscription.

Election of board of directors.

SECTION 3. Whenever one hundred shares of said capital stock shall have been taken as aforesaid, said corporators, or a majority of them, may, upon ten days' notice, posted at the front door of the postoffice in the village of Grand Rapids, in said county, or published in some newspaper of said village, call a meeting of the stockholders at the time and place specified in such notice, who shall be authorized to elect from their number five directors, who shall have the control and management of the business of said corporation, and a majority of whom shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, and who shall hold their offices for one year from and after their election, and until their successors are duly elected and qualified; and such board may choose such officers thereof as they may by by-laws designate. All elections of boards of directors after the first, shall be upon ten days' notice, to be given in the manner directed by the board of directors in office at the time such notices are respectively to be given.

Capital stock deemed personal property, &c.

SECTION 4. The capital stock of said corporation shall be considered personal property, and shall be transferable by shares on the books of said company, in such manner as shall be directed by the by-laws thereof, and at all elections and meetings of the said company, each stockholder shall be entitled to one vote for each share owned by him, either in person or by proxy, when authorized in writing.

Rates of toll.

SECTION 5. The said company shall have power immediately after the completion of said bridge, to demand and collect tolls for passing over said bridge, as follows: For any vehicle drawn by two horses, mules, oxen or other animals, twenty-five cents, and for each additional animal, five cents; for any vehicle drawn by one horse, or other animal, fifteen cents; for a single horse with rider, ten cents; for horses, mules or cattle in droves, exceeding ten in number, three cents each;

for horses, mules or cattle in droves of less than ten, five cents each; for hogs or sheep in droves, two cents each; for foot passengers, three cents each. The rates of toll allowed by this act, shall be kept posted in at least one conspicuous place upon said bridge.

SECTION 6. The county of Wood shall have the right at any time after five years from the time fixed by this act for the completion of said bridge, to purchase the same, by paying to the said company the value at which the same shall then be appraised, to be ascertained by three disinterested appraisers, not residents of Wood county, one of whom shall be elected by said company, another by said county, and the third by the two so chosen, who upon their oaths shall appraise the said bridge and its appurtenances, including toll-house and the soil or landing place upon which the ends of said bridge shall rest, and the right of way thereto, if the same shall belong to the said company, at their fair value, and upon the payment by said county to said company of the appraised value of said property, as ascertained by the award in writing of said appraisers, or a majority of them, within one year after the date of said award, the said bridge shall become a free bridge, but the franchises hereby granted to said company shall continue until said county shall purchase said bridge.

County of Wood
may purchase
bridge.

SECTION 7. Until the said county of Wood shall so purchase said bridge, no person or persons shall have the right to build any toll or free bridge across said Wisconsin river, within two miles of the bridge authorized to be constructed by the said Wood county bridge company.

Publication.

SECTION 8. Any person who shall forcibly or fraudulently pass over the bridge authorized by this act to be constructed, without paying the legal toll, shall be guilty of trespass, and shall for each offense forfeit the sum of five dollars, to and for the use of said company, to be recovered with costs, as in other actions in tort, in any court having competent jurisdiction.

Penalty.

SECTION 9. Chapter 364 of the private and local laws of 1856, approved March 31, 1856, chapter 142 of the private and local laws of 1859, approved March 16, 1859, and chapter 41 of the private and local laws of 1861, approved March 29, 1861, and all acts amendatory of any or either of said acts, and all other acts

Who deemed
trespasser.

or parts of acts in anywise contravening the provisions of this act, are hereby repealed.

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

Approved March 22, 1865.

CHAPTER 185.

[Published May 3, 1865.]

AN ACT to incorporate the Wisconsin watercure institute.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

Corporators.

SECTION 1. Henry Steigleder, Englebert Scherer and Gottfried Nachtsheim, and such other persons as shall hereafter become associated with them, and their successors, are hereby created a body corporate and politic, by the name of the "Wisconsin watercure institute," with perpetual succession, and by that name shall have all the privileges and immunities incident to a corporation. They shall be capable in law of contracting and being contracted with, of suing and being sued, defending and being defended, in all courts and places. They shall be capable in law of purchasing, holding, selling, leasing and conveying estate, either real, personal or mixed, so far as the same may be necessary to carry out the objects and purposes of the said corporation. They may have a common seal, and alter the same at pleasure.

Name and powers.

By-laws, &c.

SECTION 2. The said corporators shall have power and authority to make all necessary rules, regulations and by-laws, to associate with them and to nominate and appoint such officers and persons as may be necessary to carry out the objects and promote the usefulness of said institute, and shall be empowered to vacate any of such offices and appoint their successors.

Location.

SECTION 3. The said institute shall be located at Milwaukee, and the purposes of the same shall be the treatment and cure of diseases by means of hydropathy.