

CHAPTER 218.

[Published March 15, 1876.]

AN ACT to legalize the acts of F. A. Brown, a notary public for Columbia county.

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

SECTION 1. The official acts of F. A. Brown, a notary public, residing in Columbia county, as done and performed by him between the first day of October, 1874, and the 15th day of February, 1876, being the interval between the expiration of his commission and new appointment, are hereby declared to be as legal and effective to all intents and purposes as if the same had been done within the legal lifetime of his said notarial appointments and under and by virtue of his notarial commissions, or either of them. Acts legalized.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved March 9, 1876.

CHAPTER 219.

[Published March 17, 1876.]

AN ACT to improve the north branch of the Eau Claire river, in the county of Clark.

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

SECTION 1. For the purpose of improving the north branch of the Eau Claire river, in the county of Clark, so as to facilitate the driving and floating of logs and timber down said north branch, through and out of said county, it is hereby provided and enacted that any person, association, company or corporation, their successors or assigns, that shall have improved said branch of said river, in said county, by clearing and straightening its channel, closing sloughs, constructing piers and booms, erecting dams for the purpose of flooding and creating reservoirs of water for driving purposes, and shall keep in repair and

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operate the same, so as to render the floating and driving of logs and timber reasonably certain and practicable, down said branch and through said county, from the north line of section twenty-seven (27), in township twenty-nine (29), of range four (4) west, shall be entitled to receive, and may charge and collect for such service in toll, ten cents per thousand feet, board measure, for and upon all logs and timber put in said branch of said river, designed and intended to be run out of the same, the amount of said logs and timber to be determined by and under the direction of the lumber inspector for the district in which said river runs, or by the mutual agreement of both parties; *provided, however*, that such person, association, company or corporation, having undertaken the improvement of said branch of said river for the purposes herein stated, shall not be entitled to receive tolls as hereinbefore provided, until at least three thousand dollars shall have been expended on said improvements by such party or parties; *and provided further*, that no more than five cents toll per thousand feet, board measure, shall be charged and collected for any logs or timber put into said river, below the south line of township twenty-nine (29), and the mouth of the Wolf branch of said Eau Claire river, in township twenty-seven (27).

Parties having made improvement may drive logs and charge for same

SECTION 2. It shall be lawful for any person, association, company or corporation, their successors or assigns, having improved the said north branch of said river, as provided in section one (1) of this act, to take possession of all logs and timber put into said branch of said river, to be floated down the same, the owners or agents of which shall not have made adequate provision for driving the same, by furnishing all necessary tools, men, teams and provisions, for breaking rollways at the proper time, and making a thorough drive of said logs and timber out of said branch without hindering the main drives, and to drive the same down said branch, at and below the mouth of said Wolf branch as aforesaid, and shall be entitled to charge, receive and collect for such service the sum of twenty-five cents per thousand feet, board measure for all logs or timber so driven out of said branch to the mouth of said Wolf river, the amount to be ascertained in the same manner provided in section one (1) of this act; *provided, however*, that for all logs driven a distance of less than

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five miles, no more than ten cents per thousand feet shall be charged or collected.

SECTION 3. For any tolls or charges as herein provided, which shall remain due and unpaid, the party to whom such tolls or charges shall be due and owing, shall have a lien on all logs or timber upon which such tolls or charges, or any part thereof, shall remain unpaid, and on all other logs on said branch of said river, or remaining within this state, owned by the parties from whom such tolls and charges are due, and may enforce the same in the same manner as other liens for services and labor on logs are enforced, and for this purpose may hold and detain such logs at any place on the Eau Claire or Chippewa rivers, until such tolls and charges are paid.

Tolls and charges to be lien on logs or timber.

SECTION 4. The provisions of this act shall not apply to logs or timber put into said north branch of the Eau Claire river during the present logging season of 1875 and 1876.

Proviso.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved March 9, 1876.

CHAPTER 220.

[Published March 16, 1876.]

AN ACT to improve the south branch of the Eau Claire river, and its tributaries, in Clark county.

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

SECTION 1. For the purpose of improving the south branch of the Eau Claire river and its tributaries, so as to facilitate and insure the driving of logs and timber down and out of said branch, it is hereby provided and enacted that any person, association, company or corporation, their successors or assigns, that shall have improved said branch of said river or its tributaries, in the county of Clark, by clearing or straightening its channel, closing sloughs, constructing piers and booms, erecting dams for the purpose of flooding and creating reservoirs of water for driving purposes, and shall keep in repair and operate the same, so as to render the floating and driving of logs

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