

CHAPTER 287.

[Published March 25, 1876.]

AN ACT to authorize John P. Jacobson to erect and maintain a dam in Burnett county.

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

Authority to
build dam.

SECTION 1. John P. Jacobson, his heirs and assigns, are hereby authorized to erect and maintain a dam across Wood river, upon any lands owned or leased by him, in section twenty-six (26), town thirty-eight (38), range eighteen (18), in the county of Burnett; *provided*, that said dam shall not raise the water in any part of said river to a head of more than twenty inches above its natural flow; *and provided further*, that nothing herein shall be so construed as to give the said John P. Jacobson authority to flow or use the lands of any other person without just compensation therefor; *and provided further*, that said dam shall contain a suitable slide for the safe and convenient passage of rafts and logs that descend said river.

Damages for
overflowing
lands.

SECTION 2. Any person whose land is overflowed or otherwise injured by said dam, may obtain compensation therefor, in the manner provided in chapter 56, of the revised statutes, entitled, "Of mills and mill-dams," and the several acts amendatory thereof.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

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CHAPTER 288.

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AN ACT to authorize the leasing of the labor of convicts confined in the Wisconsin State Prison.

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

Authority of
warden to lease
labor of con-
victs.

SECTION 1. The warden of the Wisconsin State Prison is hereby authorized and empowered, by and with the advice and approval of the board of directors

of said prison, to lease the labor of such portion of the prisoners confined therein, together with such shop-room, machinery and power as may be necessary for their proper employment, to such persons, for such purposes, upon such terms and conditions, and for such length of time, not exceeding five years, as he shall deem most conducive to the interests of the state and the welfare of the prisoners.

SECTION 2. In every contract made pursuant to the authority herein conferred, there shall be reserved to the directors of said prison, and to the warden and each and every of his subordinates, full power and authority to prevent the demanding or imposition of unusual or severe labor, or labor whereby the health or safety of the convicts may be impaired or jeopardized; and the said warden may from time to time prescribe all needful rules for the government and conduct of all contractors, their overseers and agents, in their relations to the convicts, and may require summary dismissal of any individual employed by any contractor in said prison, whenever it shall appear that the presence or the conduct of such individual is prejudicial to the discipline of the prison or the welfare of the convicts.

Prison officers to have power to prevent severe or unhealthy labor of convicts.

SECTION 3. Adequate security shall be exacted of all contractors for the faithful performance of all the provisions of the contracts, on their part to be performed, and the directors and warden of said prison shall use their utmost endeavors to have all the terms and conditions of said contracts fully complied with on the part of the warden, but no contractor shall have or claim from the State of Wisconsin, or the warden, or from the prison or any of its funds, any damages whether by way of recoupment, set off, or otherwise, for an [or on] account of the failure or neglect of said warden to furnish to such contractor the labor of the full number of convicts specified in his contract.

Security to be exacted of contractors.

Contractors not to recover damages for neglect of warden.

SECTION 4. The board of directors of said prison are hereby empowered to make all needful rules and regulations for the guidance of the warden in the exercise of the authority herein conferred upon him, and may whenever in their judgment it is impracticable to continue to furnish the labor of convicts to any contractor, order and direct the cancellation of any contract, and thereupon, after six months notice to such contractor, all obligations of the warden under such contract shall cease and determine, and such contractor shall not have or be entitled to have any com-

Board of directors empowered to make rules for guidance of warden and to cancel contracts.

pensation, whether by way of damages, set off, recoupment, or otherwise, in consequence thereof.

Reward to convicts for good behavior.

SECTION 5. Whenever any convict, by continued good behavior, diligence in labor and study, or otherwise, shall surpass the general average of convicts, he may be compensated therefor at the discretion of the directors, either in diminishing the period of his confinement or by payments in money, or both.

Warden to invite proposals by advertisement.

SECTION 6. Before entering into any contract for the leasing of convict labor, the warden shall, by public advertisement, invite sealed proposals for the hiring of such labor, shop-room, machinery and power. Such advertisement shall specify the time and place where such proposals will be opened and considered, and there shall be reserved the right to reject any or all bids that may be made.

SECTION 7. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

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CHAPTER 289.

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AN ACT to authorize the secretary of state to order the binding of the reports of the State Board of Charities and Reform.

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

Binding of report of Board of Charities and Reform.

SECTION 1. The secretary of state is hereby authorized and directed to order and procure the binding, in a substantial manner, in cloth, of three hundred copies of the report of the State Board of Charities and Reform, for their use, for distribution and exchange for other similar reports, from other states and countries, for the year 1875, and the same number annually thereafter; *provided*, that the cost of such binding shall not exceed twenty-five cents per copy.

Appropriation.

SECTION 2. There is hereby appropriated out of the general fund a sufficient sum to pay for the binding of said reports of 1875, and annually thereafter.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

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