

SECTION 3. There is hereby appropriated, out of the Appropriation. general fund, a sum sufficient to pay for the binding of said reports of 1874, and 1875, as herein provided for, and annually thereafter.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

Approved February 29, 1876.

CHAPTER 72.

AN ACT to authorize the construction of a pontoon bridge or a railway ferry from some feasible point in Buffalo county, in the State of Wisconsin, to some feasible point in the State of Minnesota.

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

SECTION 1. The Green Bay and Minnesota Railroad Company, its successors and assigns, are hereby authorized and empowered to build and construct across the Mississippi River, at and from some feasible point in Buffalo county, Wisconsin, to some feasible point on the Minnesota shore of said river, which is now or shall be hereafter authorized by the legislature of the state of Minnesota, and to use and operate, as a part and parcel of their railroad, a pile and pontoon railroad bridge of the character described in an act of Congress, approved June 6, 1874, relating to pontoon bridges at Prairie du Chien and Clinton; *provided*, that in the bridge hereby authorized but Authority to maintain pile and pontoon bridge. one draw shall be required, which draw shall not be less than four hundred feet in width, and shall be located in and over the main channel of said river; *provided further*, that said bridge shall conform to all restrictions and requirements of any and all acts of Congress heretofore passed, so far as applicable thereto. Proviso.

SECTION 2. The said railroad company, its successors and assigns, for the purpose of building or constructing, or aiding in the building or construction of said bridge, and the railroad over the same, are hereby authorized and empowered to make, execute and issue their corporate bonds, bearing interest not exceeding ten per cent. per annum, and to secure payment thereof by a mortgage or trust deed, either on said bridge alone, or on their entire corporate property and franchises, such bridge included. Authority to issue bonds.

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SECTION 3. In lieu of said bridge, said company, its successors and assigns, are hereby authorized and empowered, at their election, to establish, keep, operate and maintain, in connection with and for the purpose of said railroad and the business thereof, between such points as aforesaid, a railway ferry with suitable approaches and landings, and one or more ferry-boats, for the transportation to and fro across said river, of their passengers, baggage, freight, officers, agents, servants, engines, cars, and other of their property, transported, upon said railroad, and no other persons or property whatever. Nothing contained in chapter seventy-one (71), laws of 1875, approved February 26, 1875, granting to Samuel D. Van Gordon and his associates the right to establish and maintain a ferry across said river, shall be construed as exclusive of, or prohibiting or interfering with the exercise of such powers, rights and privileges as are hereby granted.

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SECTION 4. Said railroad company, its successors and assigns, may acquire in the state of Minnesota, by purchase or by the exercise of the right of eminent domain in accordance with the provisions of any general law or laws of that state applicable to railroads, all such lands as may be required for the purpose of carrying into effect any and all the provisions of this act, and of procuring a suitable and sufficient ferry landing, or suitable and sufficient depot grounds at or near the western terminus of said bridge or ferry, with suitable and sufficient right of way to such depot grounds.

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

Approved February 29, 1876.

CHAPTER 73.

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AN ACT to enable boards of underwriters incorporated by or under the laws of the state of Wisconsin, to establish and maintain a fire patrol.

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

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SECTION 1. That boards of fire underwriters which