

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

Approved March 3, 1877.

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CHAPTER 132.

AN ACT relating to the trial of certain criminal cases.

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

Authority of court to exclude bystanders in certain cases.

SECTION 1. On the preliminary examination of every person charged with the offense of rape, assault with intent to commit rape, seduction, adultery, bastardy, or any other offense against chastity, morality or decency, it shall be in the discretion of the court to exclude from the place of trial all bystanders and other persons not officers of the court or otherwise required to be in attendance.

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

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CHAPTER 133.

AN ACT concerning the acknowledgement of certain deeds.

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

What to be considered proper acknowledgement of deeds and other instruments executed in another state.

SECTION 1. All deeds, mortgages or other instruments in writing, relating to real estate situated within this state and which shall have been of record in the office of any register of deeds before this act shall take effect, purporting to have been acknowledged or proved without this state, and having upon them substantially the ordinary form of certificate of acknowledgement or proof, purporting to have been signed by some officer in another state or county, shall be deemed *prima facie* in all legal proceedings to have been ac-

knowledge or proved (as the case may be) before the proper officer, and in conformity with the laws of such state or county where they purport to have been acknowledged or proved; and the records of all such deeds, mortgages or other instruments, certificate of acknowledgement and proof, may be read in evidence in like manner and with the same effect as the originals, notwithstanding the omission of a certificate of authentication, as required by sections ten and eleven of chapter eighty-six of the revised statutes.

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

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CHAPTER 134.

AN ACT relating to cemetery associations.

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

SECTION 1. Cemetery associations organized under the laws of this state, may purchase, or take by gift, and hold personal property to an amount not exceeding ten thousand dollars, may use or sell the same, and apply the proceeds to promote the object of the association. Such association may also take and hold in trust, and loan or invest money or other property, for the purpose of using and expending the income arising therefrom, for the embellishment and keeping in repair such lot or lots and their surroundings in said cemetery, as the donor may designate; and when the cemetery grounds of such associations are situated near to or adjoining and situate without the limits of any city of more than ten thousand inhabitants, such associations may purchase, or take by gift, and hold without the limits of such city, not exceeding sixty acres of land situated without the limits of such city, to be used exclusively as a cemetery for the burial of the dead.

Authority of cemetery associations to purchase and hold personal property.

May hold land.

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

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