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SECTION 17. All needful stationery and all blanks acquired by said court in criminal actions and examinations, and the judge's dockets, required by law, shall be furnished at the expense of Oneida county.

SECTION 18. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication. Approved April 2, 1887.

[No. 218, A.]

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CHAPTER 313.

AN ACT relating to the destruction of noxious weeds.

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

Noxious weeds to be destroyed.

SECTION 1. Every person and corporation shall destroy upon all lands which he or they shall own, occupy or control, all weeds known as Canada thistles (*circium arveuse*), burdock (*lappa officinalis*), teasel (*dipsacus sylvestris*), white or ox eye daisy (*leucanthemum vulgare*), snap-dragon or toad flax (*linaria vulgaris*), cockle burr (*xanthium strumarium*), sow thistle (*souchus arveustis*), at such time and in such manner as shall effectually prevent them bearing seed. In like manner shall he or they also destroy any of the above mentioned weeds standing or growing as far as the center of the public highway, lanes or alleys adjoining the lands owned or controlled by him or them.

Penalty for failure.

SECTION 2. If the occupant of any such lands shall fail to so destroy such weeds as so required, after having six days' notice in writing by the commissioner of Canada thistles, such occupant shall be fined five dollars for the first offense and ten dollars for each offense thereafter.

Railroad companies, service of notice upon.

SECTION 3. Whenever it shall become necessary to serve notice as provided in section 2, of this act, upon any railroad or other corporation owning or controlling any lands in any town, such notice, if served upon any agent of such corporation resid

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ing or being in said town, shall be deemed good and sufficient notice, and if no such agent shall reside or be in such town, then such notice may be served upon any agent of such corporation who shall reside or be in any adjoining town.

SECTION 4. There shall be appointed by the town supervisors of each town, or by the city council of any city, as the case may be, some competent person styled, commissioner on [of] Canada thistles, who shall be required to take the same oath as town officers, and shall hold his office for one year and until his successor is appointed and qualified. The board may, for any good cause, remove said commissioner and appoint a successor to serve during the unexpired term.

Commissioner to be appointed by proper authorities.

SECTION 5. The commissioner shall carefully inquire concerning the existence of noxious weeds in his township or precinct, and in case any person, persons or corporation occupying or controlling any lands within this state shall neglect to destroy any Canada thistle, teasel, burdock and snap dragon, growing on any lands owned or controlled by him or them, or on any highway, lane or alley adjoining such lands, it shall be the duty of the commissioner to destroy or cause to be destroyed all such weeds. He shall spend as many days as the supervisors or city council may deem necessary, and for each day so spent shall receive two dollars, upon presentation of his account therefor, verified by his oath and specifying by separate items against each piece of land, describing the same, and the respective amounts shall be placed on the next tax roll in a separate column, headed for, "Destruction of Weeds," as a tax against the lands upon which such weeds were destroyed, and be collected as other taxes.

Duties of commissioner.

SECTION 6. When any commissioner shall destroy any noxious weeds under the provisions of this act, upon any lands owned or controlled by any railroad corporation, the said commissioner shall certify to the amount of money he is entitled to under the provisions of this act, to the board of supervisors of his town, who shall transmit a certified copy of said certificate to the state treasurer, who shall include the amount of money in said certificate in the amount to be paid for a license by said corporation, as provided in section 1213, of the revised statutes of 1878; and the state treas-

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urer shall collect the same from said corporation, as prescribed in the license provided in sections 1212 and 1213, of the revised statutes, and return the said money to the town from which such certificate was transmitted.

Town clerk to read this act aloud at town meeting.

SECTION 7. It shall be the duty of every town clerk, at the annual town meeting in each year, to read aloud to said meeting the whole of this act.

Repeal.

SECTION 8. All previous acts in relation to noxious weeds, and all amendments thereto, are hereby repealed.

SECTION 9. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

Approved April 2, 1887.

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## CHAPTER 314.

AN ACT to promote the protection of bottom lands from overflow, by the construction of levees.

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

Protection of bottom lands from overflow.

SECTION 1. Any six freeholders, residing in any town of this state, having interest in the protection of any bottom or low lands from overflow, by leveeing against the same, may make application in writing, to the supervisors of any town in which such lands are situate, briefly describing the contemplated levee, stating points of commencement and ending, the general route to be followed, proper height and manner of construction, and any other matter or matters that may appertain to the establishment and building of the same, and asking that a day be appointed to hear and determine on said application. And said supervisors, as soon as may be after the receipt of such application, and within fifteen days thereafter, shall set a day of hearing, and if they think proper, they shall proceed to establish such levee, according to said application.