

wide, and constructed in a safe and durable manner, with a draw over the channel of the river, not less than thirty feet wide, so as not to obstruct the navigation of said stream; and the said persons or the owners of said bridge, shall always attend to the raising of said draw, and raise the same when necessary, so as to admit the free passage of boats and vessels navigating said river without obstruction or delay.

SEC. 3. This act may be altered, amended, or repealed, by any future legislature.

APPROVED January 30th, 1845.

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## AN ACT to incorporate the Oak Creek Pier Company.

*Be it enacted by the Council and House of Representatives of the Territory of Wisconsin:*

SECTION 1. That all such persons as shall become stockholders, agreeably to the provisions of this act, in the corporation hereby created, shall be from and after the passage of this act, a body corporate and politic by the name of the Oak Creek Pier Company, and by that name may sue and be sued, defend and be defended, in any court of law or equity, may make and use a common seal, and alter the same at pleasure, may make bye-laws, rules and regulations, for the management of its property, the regulations of its affairs, and for the transfer of its stock and real estate, if not inconsistent with the existing laws and the constitution of the United States, and may appoint such subordinate agents, officers and servants as the business of the said corporation may require, and allow to them suitable compensation, prescribe their duties, and require bonds for the faithful performance thereof, in such penal sums, and with such sureties as they may choose, who shall hold their offices during the pleasure of a majority of the directors of said corporation.

Powers of  
company.

SEC. 2. The corporation shall have the right to construct a pier into Lake Michigan, at or near the mouth of Oak Creek, with such appendages as may be deemed necessary for the convenient use of the same.

**SEC. 3.** The capital stock of the said corporation, shall be one thousand two hundred dollars, which shall be deemed personal property, and shall be divided into shares of twenty-five dollars each.

Who commis-  
sioners.

**SEC. 4.** That Asa Kinney, John Fowle and Lewis D. Hobart shall be commissioners for securing subscriptions to the capital stock of said corporation, who shall give at least six days notice of the time and place the books will be opened, for the receiving of subscriptions to the capital stock of said corporation.

Affairs of cor-  
poration to be  
managed by  
three directors

**SEC. 5.** The affairs of the corporation shall be managed by three directors to be annually chosen by the stockholders from among themselves, as soon as may be after twenty-five of the shares has been subscribed for, the commissioners shall give notice of the time and place at which a meeting of the stockholders will be held for the choice of directors, and conduct the election of directors and certify the same, which shall be made a matter of record in the company's book, which shall be sufficient evidence of the election of the directors therein named. All future elections shall be held at the time and in the manner prescribed by the bye-laws of said corporation, each stockholder shall be allowed as many votes as he owns shares, and a plurality of votes shall determine the choice.

Corporation  
may purchase  
lands.

**SEC. 6.** The said corporation is hereby authorized to purchase or lease such lands as shall be necessary for conducting the business of said pier. No stockholder shall be allowed to subscribe for more than three shares at the first opening of the books. If the stock is not all taken at the first opening of the books, the stockholders shall have the power to direct by a vote how the balance shall be taken.

Stockholders  
liable for debts

**SEC. 7.** The stockholders hereby incorporated, shall be made liable and held responsible for all debts contracted by said pier company, in the same manner as if associated together as general partners.

By laws valid  
in law.

**SEC. 8.** That all bye-laws, rules and regulations, made and adopted by the stockholders for the building of said pier, as well as for the management of the business of the corporation, the transfer of the stock and all other matters necessarily connected with

said corporation, shall be valid in law: *Provided*, they shall conform to the laws of the Territory and of the United States. Proviso.

SEC. 9. That this act may be altered, amended or repealed, at the pleasure of the legislature, and nothing herein shall be construed to confer upon the said corporation any vested rights, so as to preclude the legislature from repealing, altering or amending this act at any time. Legislature may amend or repeal.

SEC. 10. This act to take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

APPROVED January 23d, 1845.

## AN ACT to legalize the organization of school districts in Washington county.

*Be it enacted by the Council and House of Representatives of the Territory of Wisconsin:*

SECTION 1. That all school districts in the county of Washington, set off by the commissioners of common schools, in said county, since said county was organized for county purposes, are hereby declared to be organized; and all votes and acts of school meetings of such districts, are as valid from their date, as they would have been if proper plats of said district had been filed in the clerk's office by said school commissioners; any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

SEC. 2. This act shall take effect from and after its passage.

APPROVED, February 24th, 1844.

## AN ACT to repeal an act entitled "an act to incorporate the Fond du Lac Company," approved February 9th, 1842.

*Be it enacted by the Council and House of Representatives of the Territory of Wisconsin:*

SECTION 1. That the act entitled "an act to incorporate the Fond du Lac Company," approved February 9th, 1842, is hereby