

son, association, company or corporation, their heirs or assigns, shall not be entitled to collect or receive any toll, unless the cost of driving logs out of said Nail creek shall be reduced by the use of said dam.

SECTION 4. The provisions of this act shall not apply to logs put into said creek during the present logging season of 1873 and 1874.

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

Approved March 11, 1874.

CHAPTER 263.

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AN ACT to amend chapter 132 of the laws of 1865, relating to the adoption of children.

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

Consent to be first obtained.

SECTION 1. Section one of chapter 132 of the laws of 1865 is hereby amended to read as follows: Section 1. No such adoption shall be made without the consent in writing of such of the parents of said child as may be living, unless it appears to the judge that either of the parents has abandoned the child or gone to parts unknown, when the consent may be given by the parent, if any, having the charge and care of the child. And in case when neither of the parents is living, or if the only living parent has abandoned the child or neglected to provide therefor, such consent may be given by the guardian of such child, if it have any, and if there be no such guardian, such consent may be given by any of the next of kin of such child residing in this state, or by some suitable person to be appointed by such judge; and in case of a child not born in lawful wedlock, such consent may be given by the mother, provided she is living and has not abandoned such child.

Who may give consent.

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

Approved March 11, 1874.