

peace heretofore elected, and now acting as such, shall continue in office for and during the term for which they were elected.

Change of ward boundaries to be submitted to voters.

SECTION 4. No such alteration shall take place without first submitting the question of such alteration to a vote of the legal voters of the city of Oshkosh, to be taken at the annual charter election of the said city; and if a majority of all the votes cast at such election on that subject shall be in favor of such a change, then the change contemplated by this act shall take effect and be in force.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and anything in the charter of the city, so far as the same conflicts with this act, is repealed, and no further.

Approved March 5, 1875.

## CHAPTER 248.

[Published March 11, 1875.]

AN ACT relating to the fencing of railroads.

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

Railroad companies required to fence roads and supply cattle guards.

SECTION 1. All railroad companies in this state, whose roads have been in operation two years or more in carrying goods and passengers over the same or over any portion of such roads, are hereby required to fence the same, and to construct the necessary farm-crossings and cattle-guards wherever said roads or portions thereof have been so running through inclosed lands, or through lands that may hereafter be inclosed.

When neglected owner of land may give notice to company to build fences, &c.

SECTION 2. Any owner or occupant of such inclosed land, or lands, that may hereafter be inclosed, if the railroad company, whose track runs through such lands, refuses or neglects to comply with the requirements of the foregoing section, may give notice in writing to such company to fence its road so running through his premises, and to construct the necessary farm-crossings and cattle-guards thereon, and if such company, after being so notified, shall refuse or neglect for the space of six months to fence its road and to construct the necessary farm-crossings and cattle-

guards, it shall be liable to pay to the owner or occupant of such premises the sum of ten dollars for each and every train of cars, or for each locomotive, that may thereafter pass through such premises and over such road, to be recovered in an action of trespass against the railroad company so offending.

Penalty for further neglect.

SECTION 3. The notice mentioned in the foregoing section shall be signed by the person owning or occupying the land, and shall contain a description of the premises so owned or occupied, and may be served on the president, general manager, or superintendent of such road, or on any agent having charge of a station on such road, by leaving a copy thereof with any of said officers.

Notice to be in writing and served on certain officers.

SECTION 4. Upon the trial of any action arising under this act against such railroad company, it shall not be necessary for the plaintiff to prove ownership of the land, but the proof of possession of the premises shall be deemed sufficient to entitle him to sustain such action.

Not necessary to prove ownership of land.

SECTION 5. Every justice of the peace shall have concurrent jurisdiction with the circuit court of the county wherein such action may arise against any railroad company not complying with the provisions of this act.

Justices of peace to have concurrent jurisdiction with circuit court.

SECTION 6. All acts and parts of acts contravening the provisions of this act are hereby repealed.

Repeal of conflicting acts.

SECTION 7. This act shall be in force from and after its passage and publication.

Approved March 4, 1875.

## CHAPTER 249.

[Published March 15, 1875.]

AN ACT to provide for the letting of county printing for the county of Milwaukee.

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

SECTION 1. It is hereby made the duty of the county board of supervisors of the county of Milwaukee, on the first Monday of May of each year, to advertise for proposals for supplying said county with such

Board of supervisors to advertise for proposals for printing.