

## CHAPTER 6.

[Published February 6, 1875.]

AN ACT relating to the Wisconsin Central Railroad, and amendatory of sections three and eight, of chapter three hundred and sixty-two, of the private and local laws of 1866, entitled, "An act to incorporate the Portage and Superior Railroad Company and to execute the trust created by an act of Congress, entitled 'An act granting lands to aid in the construction of certain railroads in the State of Wisconsin,'" approved May 5, 1864—approved April 9, 1866.

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

Amending ch.  
362 P. & L. L.  
1866.

Portage and  
Superior Rail-  
way Co. to con-  
struct a road  
from Portage to  
Stevens Point,  
and thence to  
Bayfield and  
Superior.

Manner of  
construction.

SECTION 1. Section three (3), of chapter three hundred and sixty-two (362), of the private and local laws of 1866, entitled "An act to incorporate the Portage and Superior Railroad Company, and to execute the trust created by an act of Congress, entitled "An act granting lands to aid in the construction of certain railroads in the State of Wisconsin—approved May 5, 1864—approved April 9, 1866—is hereby amended so as to read as follows: Section 3. The company hereby created is authorized and required to locate and construct the line of road authorized by this act to be constructed from the said city of Portage, in Columbia county, to Stevens Point, in Portage county, on the most direct feasible route, and thence to Bayfield and to Superior, on Lake Superior."

SECTION 2. Section eight (8), of said chapter three hundred and sixty-two (362), is hereby amended so as to read as follows: Section 8. The company hereby created shall commence the construction of its railroad at the aforesaid city of Portage, and for the purpose of estimating the amount of lands to which said company may be entitled on account of building such road, the said city of Portage shall be deemed the point of commencement, and the company shall be entitled to land in the manner specified by the act of Congress, and as herein provided, as the road progresses from the said city of Portage, but in no other manner; *provided, however,* That when the Wisconsin Central Railroad Company, either by itself or its assigns, shall complete twenty consecutive miles of road south from Stevens point, or twenty consecutive miles north from Portage, it shall be the duty of the

Governor of this state to issue a certificate of that fact, and the company shall be entitled to the lands properly applicable to such section of twenty miles of road; and to receive the lands accruing on any other section of its road then completed north of Stevens Point, in accordance with the agreement or stipulation entered into between said Wisconsin Central Railroad Company and the Secretary of the Interior; and when it shall have built a second section of twenty consecutive miles of road, either south from Stevens Point, or twenty consecutive miles north from Portage, it shall be entitled to receive the lands properly applicable to that section of twenty miles, and to receive the lands accruing on any other section of twenty miles then completed north of Stevens Point; and it shall be the duty of the Governor of this state to certify to the completion of this second section between Portage and Stevens Point, when it shall have been thus completed. And when it shall have completed a third section of twenty consecutive miles between Stevens Point and Portage, so as aforesaid, it shall be entitled to the lands properly applicable to such section, and to receive the lands accruing on any other section of twenty miles north of Stevens Point then completed, and the Governor shall certify to the completion of this third section when so completed. And when it shall have completed a fourth section of twenty consecutive miles, or the remaining portion of the line between Stevens Point and Portage, it shall be entitled to the lands properly accruing to said fourth section, and to receive the lands accruing on all the sections of its road then completed or as they may be thereafter completed. And the Governor shall certify to the completion of this fourth section when so completed, and also to the completion of each and every section of twenty consecutive miles when completed and as provided by law.

SECTION 3. When the said railroad or any part thereof, between Portage City and Stevens Point, shall be constructed and the Chicago and Superior Railroad Company shall have constructed a road between Grand Rapids and some point intersecting said line between Portage City and Stevens Point, then the Chicago and Superior Railroad Company shall have the right to run its trains over said road between said point of intersection and Portage City; and the Wisconsin Central Railroad company shall have the right to run its trains over the road between

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tions. said point of intersection and Grand Rapids, under such reasonable regulations and upon paying such reasonable compensation as may be just and equitable. And if the said two railroad companies cannot agree as to the regulations under which each and both of said companies shall run its trains over the road of the other and as to the compensation which shall (*shall*) be paid therefor, then the Railroad Commissioners of the state or such other parties as may be mutually agreed upon, shall make such regulations and fix such compensation therefor, as they shall, after hearing the proofs and allegations of said parties, deem just and reasonable, and both of said companies shall be bound by such regulations and compensation so fixed.

Meaning of  
act. SECTION 4. It is hereby declared to be the true intent and meaning of this act to allow the Wisconsin Central Railroad Company to build its line of road between Portage and Stevens Point on the most direct and feasible route, and to receive the balance of the land grant conferred upon said company when it shall have earned it by so building the road between Portage and Stevens Point, and to ratify and confirm the stipulation entered into between the Secretary of the Interior and the Wisconsin Central Railroad Company by Gardner Colby, its President, on the 24th and 25th days of March, 1874, as far as possible.

SECTION 5. All acts and parts of acts conflicting with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed.

SECTION 6. This act shall take effect from and after its passage and publication.

Approved February 10, 1875.

## CHAPTER 7.

[*Published February 15, 1875.*]

AN ACT to legalize the official acts of Alfred Taggart, a Notary Public in the county of Rock.

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

Acts legalized. SECTION 1. Alfred Taggart having been duly com-