

## CHAPTER 113.

[Published March 8, 1876.]

AN ACT to encourage the construction and maintenance of pontoon bridges in the State of Wisconsin.

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

SECTION 1. All persons or corporations owning or operating a pile and pontoon bridge or a pontoon bridge in this state, now or hereafter constructed and being operated as such, as to such parts of such pontoon bridge as shall be within this state, shall on or before the 10th day of February in each year cause to be made out and returned to the treasurer of this state a true and just statement of the gross earnings of their respective pontoon bridges for the preceding year, up to the first day of February, which statement shall be verified by some person having the management or control of such pontoon bridge, and shall on or before the first day of April in each year, apply for and obtain a license for the operation of their respective pontoon bridges, and at that time pay to the treasurer of the state as a fee or charge therefor, a sum equal to two per centum of the gross earnings of their respective pontoon bridges, and upon such payment it shall be the duty of the treasurer to issue to the company or person so owning or operating said pontoon bridge, a license or certificate in the form now provided in such case for railroad companies, which license shall commence on the first day of January, in each year, for which the same was issued, and shall expire, unless lawfully revoked, on the 31st day of December next succeeding the date of its issue, and no other or greater sum shall be required for licensing such pontoon bridges.

Report of gross earnings required.

Tax upon gross earnings.

SECTION 2. If any company, corporation or person operating a pontoon bridge within this state, shall fail to comply with the provisions of this act, such corporation or person shall incur the same penalties as are prescribed by section three (3) of chapter one hundred and seventy-four (174) of the general laws of 1860.

Penalty for violation of law

SECTION 3. All pontoon bridges in this state are hereby exempt from taxation for any purpose whatever except as provided in this act.

Exemption from further tax.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

Approved March 7, 1876.

## CHAPTER 114.

[Published March 13, 1876.]

AN ACT to provide for the purchase of three hundred (300) copies of Webster's Unabridged Dictionary.

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

Purchase of dictionaries.

SECTION 1. The state superintendent of public instruction is hereby authorized and directed to purchase, on behalf of the state, three hundred copies of the latest edition of Webster's Unabridged Dictionary at a cost, delivered at his office, not to exceed eight dollars per copy.

How to be distributed.

SECTION 2. The said dictionaries when procured shall be distributed in accordance with the provisions of chapters sixteen (16) and thirty two (32) of the general laws of 1867.

Appropriation.

SECTION 3. There is hereby appropriated out of the general fund a sum sufficient to pay for the dictionaries above provided for.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

Approved March 6, 1876.

## CHAPTER 115.

[Published March 11, 1876.]

AN ACT declaring certain waters of the Kinnickinnick river, in the town of Lake, Milwaukee county, to be navigable waters.

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

Declared navigable.

SECTION 1. That part of the Kinnickinnick river which runs through the northeast quarter of section 8, in town of Lake, Milwaukee county, is hereby declared