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## CHAPTER 208.

AN ACT to amend chapter one hundred and forty-seven of the laws of 1879, entitled an act to authoriz: James and William Johnson to erect, maintain and keep up a dam across Willow river, in St. Croix county, Wisconsin.

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

SECTION 1. Section one of chapter one hundred Amended. and forty seven of the laws of 1879, is hereby amended by striking out the word and number sixteen and the word and number seventeen, where they occur in the fourth line of said section, and inserting in lieu thereof the word and number thirteen and the words and number twenty four, and by striking out the word and number twelve where they occur in the last line of said section, and inserting in lieu thereof the word and number fourteen, so that the said section, when so amended, shall read as follows: Section 1. and William Johnson, their heirs and assigns, are hereby authorized to erect, maintain and keep up a a dam across Willow river, on either section thirteen or section twenty four, in township thirty-one north, of range sixteen west, in St. Croix county, Wisconsin: provided, that such dam shall not raise the water to exceed fourteen feet.

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

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AN ACT authorizing the granting of state certificates to graduates of colleges and universities.

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

After any person has graduated at any State superinterdent may in-Section 1. incorporated college or university located in the state dorse diploma. of Wisconsin, whose courses of study are fully and fairly equivalent to the corresponding courses of study in the state university, and, after such graduation, has successfully taught a public school in this state for sixteen school months, the superintendent of public instruction shall have authority to countersign the diploma of such teacher, after such examination as to moral character, learning and ability to teach, as to said su-

perintendent may seem proper and reasonable, and after having ascentained that the course of study from which such person has graduated, is fully and fairly equal to the corresponding course in the state university.

Diploma to be considered a certificate to teach.

SECTION 2. Any person holding a diploma granted by any such aforesaid college or university, certifying that the person holding the same is a graduate of such college or university, shall, after his diploma has been countersigned by the state superintendent of public instruction as aforesaid, be deemed qualified to teach any of the public schools of this state, and such diploma shall be a certificate of such qualification until annulled by the superintendent of public instruction.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

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## CHAPTER 210.

AN ACT to amend the charter of the city of Waupaca, in the county of Waupaca.

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

Powers of common council.

Section 1. Section one of sub-chapter five of chapter two hundred and fifty-eight of the laws of 1875, entitled an act to incorporate the city of Waupaca, approved March 5, 1875, is hereby amended so as to read as follows: The common council shall have power to lay out public squares, grounds, streets and alleys, and to widen the same, and to make all necessary and proper improvements within the limits of said city, as follows: Whenever ten or more freeholders residing in any one ward shall by petition represent to the common council that it is necessary and expedient to take certain lands within the ward where such petitioners reside for public uses for a purpose to be therein stated, which petition shall contain a description of the lands proposed to be taken, by metes and bounds, together with the names and residences of the owners of such lands, if the same shall be known to the petitioners; the common council shall thereupon cause personal notice in writing of such application to be given to the owner or occupant of each parcel or piece of land proposed to be taken; or if any portion of such land shall not be in the actual occupancy of any person, and

Petition of free-