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act, then the same shall take effect from and after such school district meeting: *Provided*, however, that if a majority of the votes of such district shall be against the adoption of this act, then such act shall not take effect until a majority of the voters of such district at some annual meeting of the same shall adopt the act as before provided.

SEC. 15. Whenever schools shall be kept in said district in accordance with the provisions of this act, the length of time now required by law, the said district shall be entitled to receive its portion of the public school moneys in the same manner as other districts.

Trustees to raise tax.

SEC. 16. The trustees of said district may raise by tax a sum sufficient to pay the debts of said district incurred in the building and furnishing the school house of said district, to be levied and collected as provided in section nine of this act: *Provided* the legal voters of said district shall vote for said tax.

SEC. 17. No religious creed or sectarian principle shall ever be made a requisite, either for the admission of scholars into the said school, or for the employment of teachers therein, and no particular religious creed or sectarian principles shall ever be taught in said school.

SEC. 18. This act may be altered, amended or repealed by any future legislature of this Territory or State of Wisconsin.

APPROVED February 3rd, 1846.

AN ACT relating to bridges in the city of Milwaukee.

BE IT ENACTED by the Council and House of Representatives of the Territory of Wisconsin:

SECTION 1. The president and board of trustees of the town of Milwaukee, or the common council of the city of Milwaukee,

or the aldermen of any ward therein, shall have the right and authority to build, maintain, repair, rebuild and keep in operation bridges across the Milwaukee river, at the following places, to wit: A bridge from the foot of Water Street, near the ware house of George D. Douseman, in the third ward, to the foot of Ferry street, in the fifth ward: a bridge from the foot of Wisconsin Street, in first and third wards, to Spring street, in the fourth ward: and a bridge from Water Street in the first ward, to the foot of Cherry Street, in the second ward. Bridges where built.

SEC. 2. The present bridge, at the place first mentioned in the preceding section, shall be maintained and attended at the joint expense of the first, third and fifth wards, in proportion to their respective tax lists, and may be rebuilt at the like expense or otherwise upon such plan as may be agreed upon by the said wards: *Provided, however,* That it shall have a convenient draw, double or single, not less than sixty-five feet in the clear, and be so constructed as to admit the free passage of all water crafts navigating the Milwaukee river. The first and third, and the second and fourth wards, shall re-build the bridge at the second place mentioned in the preceding section, and shall make the same a double track bridge, twenty-eight feet wide, with two draws, (one on each side of the river) seventy feet long, with a walk for foot passengers on each side, and a suitable house attached thereto to be occupied by the attendant of said bridge. The same wards shall erect and maintain a bridge at the last mentioned place in the preceding section twenty feet in width, to be constructed without a draw. Present bridge how maintained.

The expense of constructing, sustaining and attending the two last mentioned bridges, shall be apportioned between the said wards as follows: Proviso.

1st. The first and third wards shall pay three-fourths, and the second and fourth ward one-fourth of the expense in constructing the bridge at Wisconsin and Spring Streets, and forever thereafter the said wards shall pay in proportion to their respective tax lists for re-building, repairing and attending said bridge. Expenses how appropriated.

2nd. The first and third wards shall build the bridge across the river proper at Water and Cherry streets, and the second and fourth ward shall do the remainder of the work to connect the same with the main land at Cherry street, and thereafter the said wards respectively shall keep the same in repair. Bridges by whom built.

The second and fourth wards shall do their proportion of said work, and shall grade Cherry and Vliet streets, to intersect with the Madison or the Prairieville road, within one year from the adoption of this act; and the first and third wards shall do their proportion of said work, and shall grade Water street to said bridge, within the same time.

Present bridge when to be vacated. SEC. 3. The present bridge at Chesnut and Division streets shall be kept up until the time mentioned for the completion of the bridge at Cherry and Water streets, and until the same shall be built and the streets graded leading thereto, and thereafter the said bridge may be vacated and removed at the joint expense of the first and third, and second and fourth wards, in proportion to their tax lists. The present bridge at Oneida and Wells street may be vacated at the expiration of five years from the adoption of this act, unless sooner removed by common consent of the wards interested therein.

Bridges to be free. SEC. 4. All the said bridges shall forever remain free of toll, in passing the same, and (except the Cherry street bridge) shall be so constructed and attended that no unnecessary delay shall be made to the passage of any water craft navigating said river; and the wards interested in proportion to their respective tax lists, shall be liable to pay all damages which any water craft may sustain by delay in passing or coming in contact with any such bridge in passing or attempting to pass the same.

SEC. 5. The general laws for the preservation of bridges, and the punishment by such laws, provided for wilful and malicious injuries done thereto, are hereby extended to include all the aforesaid bridges, and shall apply to any wilful or malicious damage which may be done to either of them by any person or persons whatever. In case such damage shall be done by the master or commandant of any vessel or other water craft, such vessel or craft shall be liable for all such damage and may be proceeded against under the act to provide for the collection of demands against boats or vessels.

When to take effect. SEC. 6. This act shall take effect as between the first, second, third and fourth ward, when the same shall have been approved by a majority of the voters present and voting on that subject, in the first and third wards jointly, and also by a majority of the voters present and voting in the second and fourth wards jointly,

and the voting in any or all the wards, shall be had at any time or times which may be appointed for that purpose by the president and board of trustees of the town of Milwaukee, previous to the first city election, or thereafter by the mayor and common council of the city; and all acts or parts of acts inconsistent with the provisions of this act, are hereby repealed.

APPROVED February 2, 1846.

AN ACT to incorporate Beloit College.

BE IT ENACTED by the Council and House of Representatives of the Territory of Wisconsin:

SECTION 1. [That] Revd's. A. Kent, D. Clary, S. Peet, F. Bascum, C. Waterbury J. D. Stevens, A. L. Chapin, R. M. Pearson, Messrs. G. W. Hickox, A. Raymond, C. M. Goodsell, E. W. Potter, L. G. Fisher, W. Talcott, Charles S. Hempstead and Samuel Hinman and their successors be and they are hereby created a body politic and corporate to be styled the board of trustees of Beloit College, and by that name to remain in perpetual succession; with full power to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, to acquire, hold and convey property real and personal: to have and use a common seal, to alter and renew the same at pleasure; to make and alter from time to time, such by-laws as they may deem necessary for the government of said institution, its officers and servants: *Provided*, Such by-laws are not inconsistent with the constitution and laws of the United States or of this Territory: also, to have power to confer on those whom they may deem worthy, all such honors and degrees as are usually conferred in like institutions.

SEC. 2. That the said college shall be located in the township of Beloit, Rock county, and shall be erected on a plan sufficiently extensive to afford instruction in the liberal arts and sciences;