

ernor, secretary of state, state treasurer, state superintendent, bank comptroller, attorney general, and clerk of the supreme court, for the year 1854, to be drawn quarterly from the treasury, upon the presentation of the postage accounts properly certified to by their respective offices.

Approved, April 3, 1854.

Chap. 99.

AN ACT *for the protection of Logs and Lumber found floating on the Wisconsin River.*

Published, April 22, 1854.

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

§ 1. All logs, timber, shingles, and all kinds of lumber usually rafted and found floating on the Wisconsin river of this state, shall be subject to the provisions contained in this act. Property subject to the act.

§ 2. Any person or persons finding so floating and securing such logs, timber, shingles, or any kind of lumber as mentioned in the first section of this act, exceeding in value ten dollars, shall be entitled to demand and receive of the owner or owners thereof ten per cent. of the value thereof, as a compensation for their services in securing the same; the value thereof to be ascertained by the parties if they can agree upon the same, and in case of their disagreement the same to be ascertained by three disinterested persons, or a majority thereof, two of whom shall be selected by the parties interested, and the third by the persons so selected; and shall have a lien upon such floating lumber so secured by them to the amount specified in this section. Compensation for securing such property.

§ 3. Any person or persons finding and securing any logs, timber, or shingles, or any kind of lumber mentioned in the foregoing section of this act, shall immediately To advertise such property.

upon so finding and securing the same, or within ten days thereafter, advertise the same, giving a particular description thereof in kind, quantity, and quality, together with any mark upon such lumber so found and secured, in some weekly newspaper published in the county where the same may be so found, if any be so published, at least — weeks successively, and if there be no such paper published, notice shall be given by posting the same in at least four public places in the town where the same may be found and secured, at least six weeks successively; at the expiration of the time mentioned in this section for giving public notice, if such property shall remain unclaimed by the owner or owners thereof, they having failed to appear and make good their title thereto, the person or persons holding and advertising the same may proceed to sell the same at public auction, by giving at least ten days' notice of the time and place of such sale in some newspaper, or by posting up notices in at least three public places in the town where the same may be. The proceeds of such sale first to be applied in defraying all reasonable expenses incurred and contemplated by this act, and the balance to belong to the person or persons so finding and selling the same, unless claimed by the rightful owner or owners thereof within one year thereafter.

May sell unclaimed property at auction.

Disposition of proceeds.

Penalties for violating this act.

§ 4. Any person violating any of the provisions of this act shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by fine not less than five nor more than one hundred dollars for each offence, or by imprisonment in the county jail not less than one nor more than three months, or by both fine and imprisonment, at the discretion of the court.

§ 5. Justices of the peace shall have concurrent jurisdiction with the circuit court of all cases arising under this act, when the property claimed shall not exceed in value the sum of one hundred dollars.

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

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