

CHAPTER 25.

Published March 26.

An Act to change the name of William Ramminger to William Reichel.

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

SECTION 1. The name of William Ramminger, a resident Name changed of the city of Sheboygan, in the county of Sheboygan, commonly known by the name of William Reichel, is hereby changed to William Reichel, by which name he shall be hereafter known in law, for all purposes whatsoever.

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

Approved March 20, 1856.

CHAPTER 26.

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An Act to regulate the crossing of railroad tracks by railroad trains.

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

SECTION 1. That all railroad trains drawn or propelled by Crossing rail-
road track. one or more locomotives, shall stop and come to a dead halt before arriving at, or crossing the track of another railroad, and the one arriving near said crossing first (if two trains are present at the same time) shall cross and move on first.

SEC. 2. If any railroad company, or their agents, servants Punishment
for violation
of act. or employees, shall violate the provisions of this act, such company shall for each and every violation thereof forfeit and pay the sum of five hundred dollars, such penalty to be collected as other fines and penalties are collected, and to be paid over, one half to the person in whose name the

action is brought and the balance shall be paid into the county treasury for the benefit of the school fund, as provided in the constitution.

In case of loss of life or property.

SEC. 3. In case of the destruction of life or property by a violation of this act, the offending party or parties shall be liable to the injured party in double the amount of property destroyed, and for every life destroyed the offending party shall be liable in a sum not exceeding fifty-thousand dollars, nor less than ten thousand dollars, to be recovered by the representatives of such deceased person, to be collected by an action of debt or assumpsit as in other cases provided.

Money recovered under this act—how disposed of.

SEC. 4. All sums of money recovered under the provisions of this act, for the destruction of the life of any person, shall be for the exclusive use and benefit of the widow and child or children of the person whose life shall have been so destroyed; if there be a widow and child or children surviving the deceased, one half for the widow and one half for the child or children; in case there be no widow and there be a child or children, then for the exclusive benefit of the child or children, and if there be no child or children surviving and there be a widow, then for the exclusive benefit of the widow, and in all other cases the money recovered shall be distributed as other personal assets in the hands of the personal representatives of the deceased.

Public act.

SEC. 5. This act shall be a public act and shall take effect upon its passage and publication.

Approved March 20, 1856.

CHAPTER 27.

Published March 29.

An Act to annex a part of the county of Dodge to the county of Jefferson.

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

District proposed to be

SECTION 1. All of that district of country lying and being within the county of Dodge, and known and described