

CHAPTER 397.

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AN ACT to authorize Stephen Marston and his associates to build and maintain a bridge across the Chippewa river, at Eau Claire.

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

SECTION 1. Stephen Marston, Nelson C. Chapman, Joseph G. Thorp, William Gans, Orrin H. Ingram Daniel Shaw, or so many of them as shall accept the franchises hereby granted, and their associates and assigns, are hereby created a body corporate and politic, by the name of Eau Claire bridge company, with perpetual succession, and by that name may contract and be contracted with, sue and be sued, answer and be answered unto, in all courts of this state; may have a common seal, and may change the same at pleasure, and may enjoy all the rights and privileges incident to corporations, for the purpose of building a toll bridge across the Chippewa river, at the village of Eau Claire, in the county of Eau Claire, and of maintaining the same, which bridge shall be constructed from the east side of said river, at some point between the mouth of the Eau Claire river and Newton street, in said village, to such convenient point on the west side of said river as said company may select.

Corporators.

Name and powers.

SECTION 2. The capital stock of said company shall not exceed twenty thousand dollars, and the shares shall be fifty dollars each, which shall be personal property, and transferable on the books of said company as shall be directed in the by-laws thereof; and said corporation, or a majority thereof, are hereby appointed commissioners to receive subscriptions to the capital stock of said company, and shall open books for subscriptions at such times and places as they shall direct, until the same, or such amount thereof as they may deem necessary to secure the completion of said bridge, be all taken, which stock shall be payable as follows: Ten dollars per share at the time of subscribing the same, and the balance in such installments as may, with the consent of said commissioners, be specified in the contract of subscription.

Capital stock.

Election of board
of directors.

SECTION 3. Whenever two hundred shares of said capital stock are subscribed and paid as aforesaid, said commissioners, or a majority of them, may, upon two weeks' notice published in some newspaper in said village, call a meeting of the stockholders at the time and place specified in such notice, who shall be authorized to elect from their number five directors, a majority of whom shall constitute a quorum, and thereafter five directors shall be elected annually from their number, at such time and place and in such manner as shall be prescribed by the resolutions or by-laws of said company, such directors to hold their offices one year, or until their successors are elected and qualified; and such board of directors may choose such officers thereof as they may by resolutions or by-laws designate. In all elections and meetings of the stockholders, they shall be entitled to one vote on each share, either by person or by proxy when duly authorized. Said directors may form by-laws for the company, and alter or change the same as they may deem for the interest of said company, none of which shall be contrary to this act or the laws of the state.

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How bridge to
be built.

SECTION 4. Said bridge shall be built not less than twenty feet wide, with a draw of sufficient width, and not less than fifty feet in the clear when open for the passage of steamboats; said draw to be placed where it shall not obstruct the passage of rafts of logs and lumber running down said river in the channel thereof. The draw shall be open for steamboats, free of charge, at all times when they wish to pass through, up and down said river. The said bridge shall have a span not less than one hundred and twenty-five feet wide over the main channel on the westerly side, to allow the safe passage of rafts coming down the Chippewa river, and another span of equal width on the easterly side over the best channel for rafts coming down out of the Eau Claire river, and shall have no span less than eighty feet in width, except the draw, and shall be built high enough to admit of the passage of rafts with their top loading, at all stages of water.

Penalty for in-
jury to bridge.

SECTION 5. Any person or persons committing any malicious injury to said bridge, shall be liable to said company in double the amount of injury done, and all damages sustained may be collected before any court having competent jurisdiction thereof; and when con-

viction thereof shall be punished in the manner prescribed by law for offenses of that nature.

SECTION 6. The said company shall have power ^{Rates of toll.} when said bridge is made ready for crossing, to demand and collect tolls for passing over said bridge as follows: For any vehicle drawn by two horses, mules, oxen or other animals, twenty cents, and for each additional animal, five cents; for any vehicle drawn by one horse or other animal, fifteen cents; for one horse and rider, ten cents; for single horse or animal, five cents each; for horses, mules or cattle in droves of more than ten in number, three cents each; for hogs and sheep in droves, two cents each; for foot passengers, two cents each, except scholars going to and from school, who shall pass free, and all persons paying for fifty or more crossings at one time, shall be allowed to cross at one-half the foregoing rates. The said company shall keep posted up in a conspicuous place, the rates of toll allowed by this act.

SECTION 7. Any person or persons who shall pass ^{Who deemed trespasser.} said bridge either on foot or with any vehicle or animal, and shall refuse to pay the toll authorized by this act to be collected therefor, shall be deemed a trespasser, and said company shall have a right to collect said toll in any action of trespass, with full costs of suit, before any justice of the peace of the county.

SECTION 8. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

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CHAPTER 400.

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AN ACT to incorporate the turners' association in the village of Menasha, Winnebago county.

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

SECTION 1. John Schneider, John Plonner, Frank ^{Corporators.} Hammer, Wilhelm Tilke, Ernst Webber, Louis Brass, Joseph Sommer, Nicholas Faust, Peter Lauer, Andreas