

## CHAPTER 397.

[Published May 29, 1865.]

AN ACT to authorize D. G. Seaton and his associates to keep and maintain a ferry across the Wisconsin river.

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

**Exclusive right  
to.**

SECTION 1. D. G. Seaton, his associates, heirs, executors, administrators and assigns, shall have the exclusive right and privilege, for the period of ten years, of keeping and maintaining a ferry across the Wisconsin river, on section twenty-three (23,) town eight (8) north, of range three (3) west, in Grant county, and on section fourteen (14,) same town and range, in Grant and Crawford counties.

**To maintain  
good boats, &c.**

SECTION 2. The said D. G. Seaton, his associates or assigns, shall within six months after the passage of this act, place and maintain at the aforesaid place a good and sufficient boat or boats, as may be necessary to carry across said river all teams, horses, cattle and other property, and for the accommodation of foot passengers, and shall at all times give ready and prompt attendance on passengers and teams on all occasions and at all hours of the day or night, but persons crossing the said ferry at night, may be charged double the fare hereinafter prescribed.

**Where boats may  
land.**

SECTION 3. The said corporation may land their boats, passengers and property on any public highway which now does or may hereafter terminate within the points above specified, or any lands of any person or persons owning the same, they having first procured the permission of such owners so to do.

**File bond.**

SECTION 4. The said Thomas Mathews, his associates and assigns, shall within six months after the passage of this act, file or cause to be filed with the clerk of the board of supervisors of the county of Richland, a bond to the said board, with two or more sureties, in the penal sum of \$500, conditioned that they will fulfill all the duties imposed upon them by this act, and in case of their failure so to do, they shall forfeit all the benefits that might accrue to them from its passage.

SECTION 5. That for every neglect to keep good and sufficient boat or boats, or failure to give prompt and due attendance upon all persons wishing to cross the said ferry, the said corporators shall forfeit a sum not exceeding ten dollars, to be recovered by and for the use of the county, in a civil action, before any court having competent jurisdiction, and shall be further liable, in like action, for all damage any person may sustain by reason of the neglect of the aforesaid corporators to fulfill any of the duties imposed upon them by this act, or of any one in their employ.

Penalty for neglect to give prompt attendance.

SECTION 6. The rates charged for crossing at said ferry shall not exceed the following rates, except to those crossing between the hours of 8 o'clock P. M. and 5 o'clock A. M., when double said rates may be charged: For each foot passenger, 10 cts.; for each horse, mare or mule, with or without rider, 25 cts.; for each two-horse or two-mule team, loaded or unloaded, with or without a driver, 50 cts.; for each single-horse carriage, with or without passengers, 35 cts.; for each additional horse, mare, mule, ox or a cow, 10 cts.; for each swine or sheep, 3 cts.; all freights of merchandise, or other articles not in teams, at the rate of 10 cents per hundred weight, when the same delivered by one person, shall not exceed 200 pounds, and for any excess over 200 pounds, at the rate of 5 cts. per hundred weight, and 50 cts. per thousand feet for lumber.

Rates of ferriage.

SECTION 7. If the said corporators, their heirs or assigns, or any ferryman or other person employed by them, shall take, exact or receive any greater or higher rate of ferriage for transporting persons, goods or chattels, or other things whatsoever, than is allowed by this act, the said corporators, their heirs and assigns shall be liable to the party aggrieved in the sum of five dollars for every such act, and which may be recovered before any justice of the peace of this state, having by law jurisdiction over the same.

Penalty for exacting higher rates.

SECTION 8. No ferry shall be granted within one mile either above or below the point of location of said ferry, and if any other person or persons shall, after the establishment of said ferry as aforesaid, set up or keep or maintain any ferry, or shall carry any person, goods or chattels for hire or pay across the Wisconsin river, within the points above specified, every such person shall, for every such offense, forfeit and pay the

Penalty for maintaining ferry within limits named.

sum of ten dollars, to be recovered as aforesaid, by and for the use of any person entitled by law to sue for the same.

When boats need  
not be ran.

SECTION 9. The said corporators need not run their boat or boats when serious injury would result thereto, by contact with the ice or otherwise.

Repeal.

SECTION 10. All acts and parts of acts heretofore passed, and contravening the provisions of this act, are hereby repealed.

SECTION 11. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved April 8, 1865.

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## CHAPTER 398.

[Published May 27, 1865.]

AN ACT to amend an act entitled "an act to incorporate the Superior insurance company, of Madison," approved February 22, 1865.

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

Capital stock—  
how to be invest-  
ed.

SECTION 1. Section three of said act is hereby amended, so as to read as follow: "The capital stock of said company shall be one hundred thousand dollars, all of which shall be subscribed and actually paid in, and the whole amount invested in United States interest-bearing bonds, or such other interest-bearing securities as the directors may deem safe, before such company shall be authorized to commence doing business. The capital stock of said corporation may be increased by the directors to any amount not exceeding five hundred thousand dollars, and the same invested as the directors shall deem for the best interests of the corporation."

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

Approved April 8, 1865.