

Authority to
establish rail-
way ferry.

SECTION 3. In lieu of said bridge, said company, its successors and assigns, are hereby authorized and empowered, at their election, to establish, keep, operate and maintain, in connection with and for the purpose of said railroad and the business thereof, between such points as aforesaid, a railway ferry with suitable approaches and landings, and one or more ferry-boats, for the transportation to and fro across said river, of their passengers, baggage, freight, officers, agents, servants, engines, cars, and other of their property, transported, upon said railroad, and no other persons or property whatever. Nothing contained in chapter seventy-one (71), laws of 1875, approved February 26, 1875, granting to Samuel D. Van Gordon and his associates the right to establish and maintain a ferry across said river, shall be construed as exclusive of, or prohibiting or interfering with the exercise of such powers, rights and privileges as are hereby granted.

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SECTION 4. Said railroad company, its successors and assigns, may acquire in the state of Minnesota, by purchase or by the exercise of the right of eminent domain in accordance with the provisions of any general law or laws of that state applicable to railroads, all such lands as may be required for the purpose of carrying into effect any and all the provisions of this act, and of procuring a suitable and sufficient ferry landing, or suitable and sufficient depot grounds at or near the western terminus of said bridge or ferry, with suitable and sufficient right of way to such depot grounds.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved February 29, 1876.

CHAPTER 73.

[Published March 4, 1876.]

AN ACT to enable boards of underwriters incorporated by or under the laws of the state of Wisconsin, to establish and maintain a fire patrol.

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

Power of un-

SECTION 1. That boards of fire underwriters which

are now or hereafter may be incorporated by or under the laws of the State of Wisconsin, shall have power to establish a fire patrol in the respective cities wherein such boards of fire underwriters may be located. For that purpose any of such boards may appoint and remove at pleasure such number of men as they may deem expedient to act as a patrol, and a competent man to act as their superintendent. The duty of such patrol shall be to discover and prevent fires, and to save and preserve life and property at and after a fire; and to enable such patrol to act with promptness and efficiency, full power is hereby given to such superintendent and patrol to enter any building on fire or which may be exposed to or in danger of taking fire from other burning buildings, subject to the control of the chief of the fire department of the city, and at once to proceed and save life and property therein and to remove such property or any part thereof at or immediately after a fire, and to guard and protect the same.

derwriters to establish fire patrol.

Duty of patrol.

SECTION 2. For the purpose of giving effect to the true objects and intent of this act the said boards of fire underwriters respectively shall have power to provide suitable rooms for the accommodation of the said fire patrol, and to provide suitable apparatus to enable them effectively to perform the duties imposed upon them. And the said boards shall also have power to make all needful rules and regulations for the government and direction of the said fire patrol, and to alter and amend the same at pleasure.

Power of board to provide facilities.

SECTION 3. For the purpose of defraying the necessary expenses of the said fire patrol, there shall be held a meeting of said board of fire underwriters in the month of March in each year. Previous notice of such meeting, specifying the time and place at which it shall be held, shall be inserted for ten days in at least one daily newspaper published in the city where said board of fire underwriters is located; and at such meeting each insurance company, corporation, association, underwriter, agent, person or persons doing a fire insurance business in the city, shall have the right of being represented; and each corporation represented shall be entitled to one vote. Such meetings shall have the power to determine whether the said fire patrol shall be established and sustained; and of fixing the maximum amount of expenses which shall be incurred therefor during the year next to ensue. At each of such meetings a majority of com-

How expenses to be determined.

Limit of expenses.

panies represented shall determine the above questions, and the said maximum amount of expenses shall in no case, in any one year, exceed two per centum of the aggregate of premiums received during the year in such city.

Agents to furnish sworn statements to board of underwriters.

SECTION 4. On the first days of April and October, in each year, each insurance company, corporation, association, underwriter, agent, person, or persons doing a fire insurance business in the city, shall furnish to the said board of fire underwriters a sworn statement of the aggregate amount of premiums received for insuring property in the city where the said board of fire underwriters is organized or established for and during the six months next preceding the said first days of April and October in each year. If such statements or any of them shall not be made as herein required, said board of fire underwriters shall cause a written or printed demand, requiring such insurance company, corporation, association, underwriter, agent, person, or persons doing a fire insurance business in the city, to make such a sworn statement, such demand to be left during business hours at the office of such corporation or person, with a person then having charge of such office, and every insurance company, individual, agent, underwriter, or person who shall, for fifteen days after such demand, neglect to render such statement, shall forfeit fifty dollars, for the use of the said board of fire underwriters, and he shall also forfeit for its use twenty-five dollars in addition for every day he shall so neglect after the expiration of the said fifteen days, and the said penalty may be sued for and recovered by and in the name of the said board of fire underwriters with costs in any court of this state having jurisdiction.

Penalty for neglect to furnish statement.

Assessment to be made in proportion to premiums received.

SECTION 5. Upon the statement so furnished, as hereinbefore provided, the said board of fire underwriters shall assess one-half of the amount so fixed at the meeting prescribed in section three (3), of this act, upon each of the said insurance companies, organizations, corporation, association, person, or persons who assure risks and accept premiums for fire insurance in said city, in proportion to the several amounts of premiums returned as received by each; and such assessment shall be collectable by and in the name of the said board of fire underwriters in any court of law in this state having jurisdiction.

SECTION 6. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

Approved March 1, 1876.

CHAPTER 74.

[Published March 3, 1876.]

AN ACT to fix the time for holding the terms of the several circuit courts in the Seventh judicial circuit.

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

SECTION 1. The general terms of the several circuit courts for the Seventh judicial circuit shall hereafter be held as follows: In Portage county, on the fourth Tuesday in April and the second Tuesday in November; in the county of Juneau, on the second Tuesday in April and on the second Tuesday in October; in the county of Marathon, on the fourth Tuesday of May and on the fourth Tuesday of November; in the county of Waupaca, on the second Tuesday of December and the third Tuesday of May; in the county of Wood, on the first Tuesday of May and the third Tuesday in December; in the county of Waushara, on the fourth Tuesday in March and on the fourth Tuesday in September; in the county of Adams, on the third Tuesday in March and on the fourth Tuesday of October; in the county of Taylor, on the fourth Tuesday in February and the third Tuesday in September; in the county of Lincoln, on the third Tuesday in February and on the second Tuesday in September of each year.

Time of holding terms.

SECTION 2. All writs, summonses, and processes issued in any of said courts, and all jurors summoned to attend, and all motions, notices of trials, and every and all proceedings pending, or to be heard on the days heretofore fixed as the first day of said courts, shall be held returnable, cited to appear, and noticed for hearing on the days herein fixed for the first day of said several courts, and shall be heard and disposed of as if noticed for hearing on the days herein fixed.

Writs, etc. returnable in days herein fixed.

SECTION 3. All acts and parts of acts contrary to this are hereby repealed.