

Duties of county, town and school officers.

SECTION 2. It shall be the duty of all county, town and school district officers to furnish to said board of charities and reform any information in their possession having relation to the matters named in the first section hereof, when required so to do by the said board.

Duty of board to select site for school and report to legislature.

SECTION 3. Should the said board arrive at the conclusion that it is expedient and necessary that such school for feeble minded and idiotic children be established, then it shall be the duty of the said board to select a suitable site, to ascertain the price for which the same can be purchased, and to make a report to the next legislature, embodying the results of the investigations required by this act, with the reasons governing the board in the selection of a site. The said report shall also include or be accompanied by a bill providing for the erection of suitable buildings for said school, on the grounds selected for that purpose.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

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CHAPTER 279.

AN ACT declaring certain portions of Spring street road, in the town of Wauwatosa, a county highway, and providing for the improvement thereof.

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

Spring street road to be made county highway.

SECTION 1. That certain portions of the Milwaukee and Blue Mound road, commonly called Spring street road, in the town of Wauwatosa, between the present westerly city limits of the city of Milwaukee and the westerly boundary line of the Calvary cemetery, is hereby declared and henceforth made a county highway, and as such shall cease to be under the charge and superintendence of the officers of the town of Wauwatosa.

Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railway Company required to build bridge.

SECTION 2. The Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railway Company is hereby required to erect and maintain an iron bridge at the crossing of said Spring street road over its tracks, forty feet in width, thirty feet of which shall be for a roadway in the center, and

five feet on each side for sidewalks, with suitable stone abutments, sufficient to maintain, protect and preserve the earth embankments for approaching said bridge, which bridge shall be sixteen feet clear of the tracks of said railway.

SECTION 3. The county board of supervisors of Milwaukee county is hereby required to cause to be constructed during the year 1877, suitable and convenient approaches to said bridge, which approaches shall not be less than sixty feet in width on the top, and shall slope one and one-half feet to one foot of elevation, and graded to a convenient grade, not exceeding five feet in one hundred on the east approach, and not exceeding six feet in one hundred on the west approach to said bridge, which grade on the west approach shall be extended westerly along the line of said Spring street road on a level with said bridge, not less than one hundred feet, and then ascending not exceeding six feet in one hundred, it shall be continued until it shall intersect the present grade of said road, and it shall be continued thence by excavation, ascending not exceeding six feet in one hundred until it shall again intersect the present grade of said road westerly of the bluff at or near the residence of H. F. Story, and the said board of supervisors shall cause said highway within the limits and boundaries above mentioned to be opened, graded, with a grade no where to exceed six feet in one hundred feet, the roadway to be graveled, and the sidewalks to be planked, and thereafter to be repaired and maintained, so as to afford a safe and convenient passage for vehicle and foot travelers.

County board to construct approaches to bridge.

SECTION 4. The said county board of supervisors shall forthwith cause to be made a plan of such approaches, and an estimate of the cost of said improvements, and prior to the first day of May, 1877, it shall advertise for proposals, in one or more daily newspapers published in the city of Milwaukee, for at least ten days; and before the first day of June, 1877, it shall let such work to the lowest responsible bidder, from whom it shall require bonds for the faithful performance of the contract, and completion of the work on or before the first day of November, 1877, in a penalty equal to the estimated cost of the work.

Board to make plan of approaches and to let contract for construction of same.

SECTION 5. The county board of supervisors of Milwaukee county shall annually levy a tax sufficient to cover all purposes and objects of this act.

Tax to be levied to cover purposes of act.

SECTION 6. If by improving said highway in the manner aforesaid, any damage be sustained by any per-

Payment of damages.

son or persons owning lands adjoining such highway, at the place or portion of such highway being so improved according to the terms of this act, then and in such case the damages so sustained shall be paid out of the treasury of the county.

Duty of rail-road company to build stone abutments.

SECTION 7. It is made the duty of the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railway Company, within sixty days from the letting of the contract by the county board of supervisors to build the stone abutments provided for in section two of this act, and to complete said viaduct and bridge with all reasonable dispatch.

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

Approved March 8, 1877.

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CHAPTER 280.

AN ACT in relation to the release of dower in real estate by insane persons.

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

Husband of insane wife may petition to mortgage, or dispose of estate in which wife has dower interest.

SECTION 1. Whenever any married man shall, by petition duly verified by his oath, represent to the circuit court of the county in which he resides that his wife is insane, and that he is the owner of real estate in which his wife has an inchoate dower interest, and that it would be for his interest to mortgage, convey or otherwise dispose of any or all of said real estate or any interest therein, or that he has mortgaged, conveyed or otherwise disposed of any such real estate or any interest therein, and praying for an order authorizing the husband or some other person to execute a deed or deeds of any such real estate for said wife, relinquishing the dower or homestead interest of such wife therein, the court shall by order appoint some certain time and place for the hearing of said petition, not more than sixty nor less than twenty days from the time of filing such petition, a copy of which petition and order shall be served on such wife and next of kin, if any, at least twenty days before the time so appointed, and shall also appoint some suitable and discreet person to act as the guardian for such wife in relation to said application and the matters therein em-

Duty of court to hear petition and appoint guardian for wife.