

closed of all rights and interests in or to the lands so adjudged to be forfeited and restored to the state, and of all right to, in any manner, thereafter acquire the same.

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

Approved March 29, 1882.

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CHAPTER 267.

AN ACT to declare the legal effect of the payments made under chapter 10 of the laws of 1882, and to constitute the Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis & Omaha Railway Company the assignee of certain of the claims paid under said chapter and to authorize offsets and counter claims in the cases therein mentioned.

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

Legal effects
declared.

SECTION 1. All payments made to laborers and assignees of laborers out of the fund provided by and to be disbursed under sections 4 and 5 of chapter 10 of the laws of Wisconsin for the year 1882, entitled "an act to revoke, annual and resume the grant of lands made by chapter 126 of the laws of Wisconsin for the year 1874 to the Chicago & Northern Pacific Air Line Railway Company (now the Chicago, Portage and Superior Railway Company), and to repeal sections 8, 9 and 10 of said chapter 126, and to confer said grant of lands upon the Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis & Omaha Railway Company," shall inure to the benefit of the sub-contractors from whom such sums were due to said laborers, as fully as if the said sums had been paid to said laborers or their assignees by said sub-contractors and the said sub-contractors shall have the right to sue for and recover the said sums of money so paid to laborers from any person or persons, corporation or corporations, from whom or which they might have recovered the same had they paid said labor claims themselves, and the Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis & Omaha Railway Company having paid to the governor under the provisions of said section 4, the sum of seventy-eight thousand dollars, and having given the security to indemnify and save harmless the state against all expenses and liability incurred in feeding said laborers, as contemplated in and provided by said section 4 the said company shall be deemed in all courts and places the assignee and

owner of any and all claims and demands which shall be paid out of said fund to sub-contractors and supply and material men to the full extent that any such claim or demand shall be so paid, and of all right of action on account thereof belonging to said sub-contractors and supply and material men or their assignees, including said labor claims so paid out of said fund, and said Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis and Omaha Railway Company may sue for and recover against any person or persons, corporation or corporations, liable in any way or manner for such claims and demands for the full amount so paid thereon, with interest from the time of such payment, and it may assign and transfer such claims and demands, and its assignee or assignees shall be entitled in like manner to enforce the same by action or by way of set off or counterclaim, and each and every of said claims and demands so paid, in whole and in part, out of said fund under said act shall not thereby be extinguished, but shall be held and treated in all courts and places as sold and transferred to the said Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis & Omaha Railway Company. The certificate of payment of the agent appointed under said act to investigate the claims and demands therein mentioned of the amount paid to any claimant under said act, or his assignee, approved by the governor, shall be prima facie evidence in all courts and places of the amount due to such claimant and from whom due, and that such claim or demand has been transferred to and is owned and held by the Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis & Omaha Railway Company.

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

Approved March 29, 1882.

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CHAPTER 268.

AN ACT to amend section 1833 of chapter 87 of the revised statutes, entitled of railroads.

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

SECTION 1. Section 1833 of chapter 87 of the revised statutes entitled "of railroads," as amended by chapter 260 of the laws of 1880, is hereby amended by striking therefrom the words: "Any railroad corporation whose line is wholly within this state may lease or purchase the railroad, franchises, immunities

In regard to railroads.