

indebtedness existing for and on account of the bridge recently built across the Wisconsin river, in township thirty-one (31) north, of range six (6) east, in said county, and to construct a bridge across the Wisconsin river at West Merrill, in said county.

Bonds limited
in amount.

SECTION 3. Said bonds are hereby further limited to such an amount as will not exceed, with other county indebtedness remaining after the extinguishment of the indebtedness above provided for, five (5) per cent. of the valuation of the taxable property of said county, as ascertained by the last assessment for the purpose of taxation previous to the issue of said bonds.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.
Approved March 31, 1883.

[No. 119, A.]

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CHAPTER 240.

AN ACT to provide for the examination of the assignor and others in cases of voluntary assignment.

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

Relating to
voluntary
assignments.

SECTION 1. Whenever an assignment for the benefit of creditors has been, or shall be made pursuant to chapter 80 of the revised statutes and the amendments thereto, the assignee, or any creditor of the assignor, upon application to the circuit judge of the proper circuit or to a county judge or court commissioner of the county where the assignment is filed, may have an order for the inspection of the books of the assignor, and for the examination upon oath, of the assignor and of other witnesses, before the officer issuing such order as to the business affairs and conditions of the assignor before and after such assignment, as to all matters pertaining to the assigned property and as to the indebtedness of the assignor. The assignor and other parties so ordered to be examined, upon being served with a copy of such order, shall attend and submit to such examination, and their attendance may be compelled in the manner provided by law in like cases. Where such examination is had at the instance of the assignee the expense thereof shall be chargeable to the estate; and when at the instance of a creditor, at the ex-

pense of such creditor or of the estate depending upon whether the officer before whom the same is taken, shall determine and certify such examination to have been instituted for the benefit of the creditors at large under said assignment.

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

Approved March 31, 1883.

[No 45, A.]

[Published April 3, 1883.]

CHAPTER 241.

AN ACT to amend subdivision seven of section 1772, revised statutes, in relation to incorporations.

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

SECTION 1. Amend subdivision 7 of section 1772 of the revised statutes, by adding thereto the following: For filing every such articles of incorporation with the secretary of state, the incorporators shall pay into the state treasury the sum of ten dollars (\$10), and for filing with the secretary of state an amendment to articles already filed, they shall pay the sum of five dollars (\$5), and no articles or any such amendments shall be filed, unless such fees be first paid, so that said subdivision 7 of section 1772 of the revised statutes, when so amended, shall read as follows: Subdivision 7. Such other provisions or articles, if any, not inconsistent with law, as they may deem proper to be therein inserted for the interests of such corporation, or the accomplishment of the purposes thereof, including, if desired, the duration of its existence. In case the corporation is formed without capital stock, the articles shall fix the time and place for the first meeting for the election of officers; and the signers of such articles shall give notice thereof to the members in the manner provided in the next section. Such original articles, or a true copy thereof, verified as such by the affidavit of two of the signers thereof, shall be recorded by the register of deeds of the county in which such corporation is located; and no corporation shall, until such articles be so left for record, have legal existence. A like verified copy shall, within thirty days, be filed with the secretary of state, and for a failure so to do, each signer of any such articles shall forfeit

Relating to
incorporations.