

CHAPTER 31.

Published April 29.

An Act to protect the Capitol Square, and the public property therein.

*The people of the State of Wisconsin, represented in Senate and Assembly do enact as follows:*To protect
capitol square.

SECTION. 1. Any person who shall girdle, or in any way willfully injure the trees growing upon the Capitol Square, in the city of Madison, or who shall willfully break, destroy, or in any way injure the fences enclosing said square, or the chains or posts enclosing the grass plots in said square, shall be liable to a penalty of not less than five dollars, to be recovered before any court of competent jurisdiction; and the superintendent of public property is hereby authorized to proceed on behalf of the state, for any violation of the provisions of this act.

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

Approved March 27, 1856.

CHAPTER 32.

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An Act to provide for the erection and maintenance of guide boards along leading and important public highways.

The people of the State of Wisconsin represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. It shall be the duty of the chairman of the town board of supervisors of each town in this state, within six months from and after the passage of this act, to cause to be erected at the intersection of all main traveled roads within his town with other legally laid out roads, suitable and intelligible post guides or guide boards showing direction and distance from the point of such inter-

section to adjoining or important towns, the expense to be paid from the treasury of the town.

SEC. 2. Any chairman of a town board of supervisors who shall neglect the duty required by section one of this act, shall forfeit and pay for each month's neglect of such duty, and for each instance of such neglect, for the time aforesaid, a fine of five dollars, to be recovered before any justice of the peace of the county, on complaint of any person of lawful age who shall prefer such complaint, one half of said fine to go to the complainant, and the remaining half to the school fund, and the officer who shall be adjudged to pay any fine as provided in this section shall also be adjudged to pay the costs of prosecution.

SEC. 3. It shall be the duty of the chairman as aforesaid to keep in repair all guide boards erected as provided in section one, subject to the same penalty for neglect of duty as provided in section two of this act; the cost of such repairs shall be paid by the town.

SEC. 4. If any person shall deface, injure or destroy guide-post or guide-board, erected in any town of this state, and shall neglect for the space of ten days thereafter to repair and restore the same to as perfect condition as it was previous to such defacing, injuring or destruction, such person shall be adjudged, on complaint of any person, to pay damages to three times the cost of repairing and restoring such guide-boards as aforesaid, together with cost of prosecution; such damages to be recovered before any justice of the county.

SEC. 5. It shall be the especial duty of any town supervisor who has knowledge that an offence mentioned in section four has been committed within his town, to make diligent effort for the detection of the person by whom such offence was committed, and to prosecute for and collect the damages for the use of the town.

SEC. 6. That all acts and parts of acts contravening the provisions of this act, are hereby repealed.

SEC. 7. This act shall be published immediately after its passage, and shall be in force from and after its publication.

Approved March 27, 1856.