

and secretary's certificate, one of which shall be deposited and kept in the office of the proper clerk of the circuit court, in the same manner and for the same purpose as hereinbefore mentioned, one of which shall be kept in the office of every such agent or other person, to be submitted to any persons for examination who may desire to procure from such agent or agents, or other persons, a policy of insurance or renewal thereof, if demanded by him or them."

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

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CHAPTER 276.

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AN ACT to provide against the purchase of tax deeds or tax certificates, by county officers or their deputies or clerks.

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

No county treasurer, clerk of board or their deputies to purchase lands sold for taxes.

SECTION 1. It shall not be lawful for any county treasurer, or clerk of the county board of supervisors, or any of their deputies or clerks, or any other person for them, or any of them, to purchase, directly or indirectly, property sold for taxes at any tax sale, or to purchase any tax certificate or tax deed held by the county, except for and on behalf of the county, as now provided by law. Every violation of the provisions of this section, shall be deemed a misdemeanor, and shall be punished as provided by section two of this act.

Penalty.

SECTION 2. Any officer or person who shall violate any of the provisions of this act, shall, upon conviction thereof in any court of competent jurisdiction, be fined not less than one hundred dollars nor more than three hundred dollars, or be imprisoned in the county jail for not less than one month nor more than six months, at the discretion of the court.

Certain tax deeds &c. invalid.

SECTION 3. Any tax certificate or tax deed issued in violation of the provisions of this act, is hereby declared null and void, and no money received into the

county treasury for any such tax certificate shall be refunded to the purchaser, or to any person on his behalf.

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

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CHAPTER 277.

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AN ACT authorizing the St. Croix and Lake Superior railroad company to protect their lands and the timber thereon.

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

SECTION 1. The St. Croix and Lake Superior railroad company is hereby authorized and empowered to preserve and protect the timber growing or being upon any of the land heretofore granted by congress to the state of Wisconsin, to aid in the construction of railroads, approved June 8d, 1856, and which are situated within fifteen miles of the located line of such company's railroad ; and for that purpose may exercise all the powers which the agents of the state might do, and may prosecute in the name of the state of Wisconsin, any person or persons who shall cut or carry away any timber or logs growing on or being upon said lands, or who shall commit any trespass or injury to the same, before any court or magistrate having jurisdiction of the action, and shall recover from such person or persons triple damages for the wrongs and injury done, or such damage as the state might or ought to recover if prosecuting for such triple damages in its own behalf.

May prosecute in the name of the state, for cutting or carrying away timber, &c.

SECTION 2. The said company is hereby further authorized to prosecute in the name of the state of Wisconsin, any person or persons who may cut or carry away any timber or logs from off any of said lands, according to the provisions of section fifty-three of chapter one hundred and sixty-five of the revised statutes.

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SECTION 3. Said company shall have the power to seize and take into its possession, by its authorized agent

May take and sell timber, &c. cut on lands.