

hundred and sixteen of the revised statutes, as conflicts with the provisions of this act, is hereby repealed.

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

Approved April 2, 1864.

## CHAPTER 351.

[Published April 23, 1864.]

AN ACT to amend the act to incorporate the Wisconsin state telegraph company.

(See supplement to local laws.)

## CHAPTER 352.

[Published April 23, 1864.]

AN ACT to provide for a tract index.

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

SECTION 1. The register of deeds in each county in this state shall, as soon as practicable after the first day of June, A. D. 1864, procure at the expense of said county and keep in his office a suitable book or books, substantially bound, and so ruled and arranged that opposite to the description of each quarter section of land, sectional lot, and town, city and village lot, (which descriptions shall be arranged in numerical order,) shall be a blank space of at least forty square inches, in which he shall enter in red ink the letter or letters, numeral or numerals indicating the volume, and in black or blue ink the class of records referred to, (designating mortgages by the letter "M.," deeds by the letter "D.," and miscellaneous by the abbreviation "Mis.,") together with the page of said volume upon which each and every

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deed, mortgage or other instrument affecting the title to or incumbering the whole or any part or subdivision thereof, shall heretofore have been or may hereafter be recorded; for which services the said register shall be entitled to receive from said counties the sum of two cents for each necessary entry in said index of records, made prior to the time at which this act takes effect, and shall be entitled to demand and receive of the grantee or grantees in each instrument thereafter recorded, the sum of three cents for each entry in said index, made necessary by recording said instrument: *provided*, that in case the county board of supervisors shall, (as they are hereby authorized to do,) before the first day of June, A. D. 1864, purchase a correct and reliable abstract of title to the real estate of said county, then and in that case the register of deeds shall not make the entries herein provided for of records referred to in said abstract; *and provided, further*, that the purchase price of said abstract shall not exceed the sum to which the register of deeds would be entitled for making the necessary entries in the index herein provided for, of the records referred to in said abstract of title.

SECTION 2. The index provided for in this act, shall be open to the free inspection of all persons during reasonable business hours.

SECTION 3. The provisions of this act shall not extend or apply to the register of deeds of any county which now has in the office of register deeds a general tract or numerical index of deeds, and a general tract or numerical index of mortgages of any kind, nor to any county whose county board of supervisors, or a majority thereof, shall on or before the first day of December, A. D. 1864, fail to accept and ratify the same, by ordering the register of deeds to comply with its requirements.

Approved April 2, 1864.