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made, shall be noted in the aforesaid "court record," so that the court record will show where all minute entries can be found in each matter or proceeding of record therein.

SECTION 3. When any witness is sworn or examined in any matter or proceeding, in the several county courts of this state, the testimony of the witness shall be reduced to writing and filed with the other papers in the matter or proceeding.

Testimony of  
witnesses to be  
reduced to writ-  
ing.

SECTION 4. All wills admitted to probate and all orders made in any matter or proceeding, shall be recorded in full, in books of record, to be kept in the county judge's office for that purpose.

Wills to be re-  
corded.

SECTION 5. In case any county judge shall neglect or refuse to comply with the provisions of this act, he shall forfeit a fine and penalty of not less than one hundred dollars in each case of such neglect or refusal, to be collected in the same manner that other penalties and forfeitures are now collected by law.

Penalty for neg-  
lect to comply  
with this act.

SECTION 6. The county of Milwaukee is hereby excepted from the operation of this act, and none of the provisions thereof shall apply to the county judge of Milwaukee county.

SECTION 7. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved March 6, 1868.

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## CHAPTER 141.

[Published March 13, 1868.]

AN ACT to provide for the taxation of telegraph companies, and to repeal chapter 160 of the general laws of 1867, entitled "an act to provide for the taxation of telegraph companies."

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

SECTION 1. The several telegraph and other companies now engaged in the business of telegraphing in this state, or which may hereafter engage in such business therein, shall, on or before the tenth day of January

Must report  
number of  
miles of tele-  
graph lines to  
treasurer.

in each year, make out and return to the treasurer of this state a true and just statement of the number of miles of telegraph line owned and controlled by their respective companies within this state for the preceding year, up to the first day of January, which statements shall be verified by the affidavits of the respective secretaries and treasurers; and each of said companies shall on or before the day aforesaid, pay to the treasurer of this state, for the use of the state, a sum equal to one dollar per mile of said line, which shall be in full of all taxes upon said companies.

Amount per  
mile to be paid.

SECTION 2. Chapter 160 of the general laws of 1867, entitled "an act to provide for the taxation of telegraph companies," is hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

Approved March 6, 1868.

## CHAPTER 142.

[Published March 13, 1868.]

AN ACT to amend chapter 121 of the revised statutes, entitled "of the jurisdiction of justices in criminal cases, and of the proceedings therein," and to repeal chapter 321 of the laws of 1860, entitled "an act to amend chapter 121 of the revised statutes, entitled 'of the jurisdiction of justices in criminal cases, and of the proceedings therein.'"

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

Amended.

SECTION 1. Section thirty, of chapter one hundred and twenty-one, of the revised statutes of this state, is hereby amended so as to read as follows, to wit: "In all cases of conviction under the provisions of this chapter, where no other punishment is prescribed by law, the justice shall enter judgment for fine and costs of prosecution against the defendant, and shall commit him until the judgment is satisfied: *provided*, that when the fine imposed is five dollars or less, such commitment shall terminate, and such defendant shall be discharged at the end of five days, upon his complying