

CHAPTER 324.

[Published March 17, 1874.]

AN ACT to amend section one of chapter ninety of the general laws of 1873, entitled "an act to confer certain benefits upon the Wisconsin State Agricultural Society."

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

Two thousand dollars appropriated to the Wisconsin State Agricultural Society.

SECTION 1. Section one of chapter ninety of the general laws of 1873, entitled "an act to confer certain benefits upon the Wisconsin State Agricultural Society," is hereby amended so as to read as follows: "There is hereby appropriated to the Wisconsin State Agricultural Society, out of the general fund not otherwise appropriated, the sum of two thousand dollars, for the benefit and promotion of agriculture, and the kindred arts."

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

Approved March 12, 1874.

CHAPTER 325.

[Published March 26, 1874.]

AN ACT to amend chapter 64 of the general laws of 1871, entitled an "act to authorize town supervisors to construct drains in certain cases.

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

Penalty for obstructing any ditch or water course.

SECTION 1. Whoever shall willfully fill up or place any obstruction in any ditch, drain or water course laid out and opened under the provisions of the act of which this is amendatory, shall for every such offense forfeit the sum of ten dollars; also be liable for all damages that parties may sustain by reason of said obstruction; and the supervisors shall cause the same to be immediately removed.

Persons aggrieved may make complaint to supervisors.

SECTION 2. In every case where a ditch has been laid out and opened, and the same has from any cause become obstructed so that the natural flow of the water is prevented, any person or persons feeling themselves

aggrieved thereby may make complaint to the supervisors of the town, who shall view the same, and on being satisfied that said ditch is so obstructed, they shall make an order under their hands directing the owner or occupant of the lands through which said ditch is located, and where such obstruction is, to forthwith remove the same, having reference to the season of the year and the condition of the ground, and they shall cause a copy of such order to be served upon said occupant or owner, they shall state the nature of the obstruction with reasonable certainty, and the time they have limited for removing the same, and if said obstruction be not removed within the time limited by the supervisors in their order, such occupant or owners shall forfeit the sum of fifty cents for every day during which such obstruction shall continue, or if the obstruction be not removed at the time fixed by the board for removing the same, they may cause the same to be removed, and the expenses for removing the same shall be a charge on the lands through which said ditch runs, and where said obstruction is, and the supervisors shall order the town clerk to add the same to the tax roll of his town as provided in section nine of the act of which this is amendatory, and the money when collected, shall be paid out on the order of the supervisors for the purpose of defraying the expenses of removing said obstruction.

Supervisors to make order.

Serve copy of order of owners or.

Penalty for failure to remove obstruction.

May cause obstructions to be removed, and expense of removal charged against the land.

SECTION 3. If the owner or occupant, upon whom a copy of such order shall be served, shall deny the obstruction, he may appeal from the decision of the supervisors at any time within fifteen days after a copy of the order in the preceding section has been served on him, such appeal shall be conducted so far as applicable in this case as provided in cases of appeal in sections ten and eleven of the act of which this is amendatory.

In case the owner denies the obstruction.

SECTION 4. If the jury find an obstruction to the natural flow of the water in said ditch, they shall make and subscribe a certificate under their hand, in writing, of the particulars thereof, and also fix a time when such obstruction shall be removed, which shall be filed in the office of the town clerk, and the owner or occupant of the lands shall remove the same within the time limited by said jury in said certificate, and in case the said owner or occupant fail to remove the same as provided by the certificate of said jury, the supervisors may cause the same removed and the expenses for removing the same collected and paid over as provided in section two of this act.

Duty of jury if an obstruction be found.

How same may be removed.

If no obstruction is found.

SECTION 5. If the jury find that no obstruction has been made, they shall certify the same; they shall also ascertain what damages the owner or occupant has sustained by reason of such proceedings, also, their fees, together with that of the constable and justice of the peace, which said expense shall be paid by the town and charged to the parties complaining of said obstruction.

Complaining parties to pay costs.

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

Approved March 12, 1874.

CHAPTER 326.

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AN ACT to provide for the enlargement of the Wisconsin State Hospital for the Insane.

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

May let contract.

SECTION 1. The trustees of the Wisconsin State Hospital for the Insane are hereby authorized and empowered to contract for the construction of a building in connection with, and in the rear of the main building of said hospital, for the purpose of a kitchen, amusement Hall for the patients, lodging rooms for the employes, and other necessary rooms to supply the wants and increase the capacity of said hospital.

Advertise for proposals.

SECTION 2. The board of trustees or such building committee as they may appoint, shall advertise for proposals for doing said work and furnishing material for the same, in one or more contracts, for three consecutive weeks, in at least three daily newspapers printed in this state, before any contract shall be let for the erection of said building. Such proposals shall be received at such time, place and manner as shall be stated in such advertisement, and the contract shall be awarded to the lowest and best bidder, who shall give bonds in such reasonable sum for the faithful performance of the work, as said trustees or the building committee shall require. If the person first designated as the lowest and best bidder shall fail or neglect to give the bond required, the trustees or building committee shall, in their discretion, re-advertise or let the work to the next lowest bidder who will execute the bond re-

Contract awarded to the lowest bidder on execution of bond.

May re-advertise if bond is not given.