

swamp and overflowed lands now owned by the state in La Crosse county, and that have not been once sold, and all such lands that have been once sold and forfeited to the state and are now held by the state, to the uniform price of fifty cents per acre, with the amount of unpaid taxes added thereto : *provided*, that the above reduction shall not apply to any of said lands now under contract, and which may hereafter become forfeited to the state, until the expiration of two years after such forfeiture.

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

Approved March 15, 1878.

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CHAPTER 176.

AN ACT to cause a survey of a certain creek in the city of Manitowoc, and to regulate and record the course of such creek.

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

SECTION 1. The board of alderman of said city is Survey. hereby authorized to cause the ditch, drain, stream or creek emptying into Lake Michigan across block three hundred and twenty-two in said city, to be surveyed, which survey, when adopted by said board and recorded in the book of maps of said city, shall be deemed *prima facie* evidence of the existence of such creek or stream of water, and the true and correct course of the same : *provided, however*, that no such survey shall be adopted until the same shall have been open to public inspection at least ten days in the office of the city clerk. Public notice of the time when and where such plat or survey shall be open to inspection shall be given by publishing said notice in the official papers of said city.

SECTION 2. The damage to property owners arising Damaged from keeping said ditch, drain or stream or creek open, if the same cannot be agreed upon by the city authorities, shall be assessed by three disinterested freeholders of the city of Manitowoc, to be appointed by the county judge. The sum assessed as damages as aforesaid, and all the costs of laying out and other proceedings, shall be borne by the first drainage district of said city. Any

party feeling aggrieved by the report of the commissioners appointed as aforesaid, may, within ninety days after the commissioners make their report, apply to the circuit court of Manitowoc county for the appointment of other commissioners, who shall be freeholders of said city, who shall proceed to make a new assessment of damages. The expenses of the commissioners appointed by the circuit court shall be borne by the losing party.

Ditch may be opened.

SECTION 3. When said ditch, drain, or stream shall be located and adopted as aforesaid, the city authorities are authorized to cause the same to be opened and kept open, and to cause any party obstructing the same to be punished according to law.

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

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CHAPTER 177.

AN ACT to appropriate to the Northern Hospital for the Insane a sum of money, therein named, for the payment of current expenses, for permanent improvements, and for miscellaneous purposes.

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

Appropriation.

SECTION 1. There is hereby appropriated to the Northern Hospital for the Insane, out of any money in the general fund not otherwise appropriated, the sum of eighty-one thousand, nine hundred and eighty dollars, for the following purposes, viz.: For the payment of current expenses for the year ending March 1st, 1879, seventy-six thousand eight hundred and eighty dollars; for permanent improvements and miscellaneous purposes, five thousand one hundred dollars.

How drawn.

SECTION 2. All sums appropriated for the payment of current expenses by this act shall be drawn from the treasury not oftener than quarterly in advance. All other sums may be drawn as needed.

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

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