

tral office or telephone exchange if desired, and shall connect the telephone of such person, firm or corporation with the telephone of any other person, firm or corporation having a connection with the same, or a connecting exchange or central office, whenever requested so to do, without regard to the character of the messages to be transmitted, provided they are not obscure or profane; and every person or corporation neglecting or refusing to comply with any of the provisions of this act shall forfeit not less than twenty-five nor more than one hundred dollars for each and every day such neglect or refusal shall continue, one-half to the use of the person or corporation prosecuting therefor.

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

Approved March 23, 1882.

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CHAPTER 197.

AN ACT to amend section 3626 of chapter 155 of the revised statutes relating to pleadings in courts of justice.

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

Pleadings in
courts of jus-
tice.

SECTION 1. Subdivision 4 of section 3626 of chapter 155 of the revised statutes of 1878 is hereby amended so as to read as follows: 4. The answer may contain a denial of the complaint, or of any part thereof, and also notice, in a plain and direct manner, of any facts constituting a defense or counterclaim. The counterclaim must consist of one of the causes of action mentioned in section 2656. The pendency of an action commenced by an ordinary summons, shall not be pleaded in abatement of an action commenced by summons returnable in three days, or by warrant.

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

Approved March 23, 1882.

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CHAPTER 198.

AN ACT in relation to the trust fund therein named.

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

Trust fund.

SECTION 1. There is hereby appropriated to the corporation or corporations which shall have received

patents from the state for any lands granted by congress by acts of June 3, 1856, and May 5, 1864, lying north of the St. Croix river or lake, all moneys received into the state treasury belonging to what is known as the St. Croix trespass fund, collected from trespassers upon lands embraced in the patents to said corporations respectively, less each such corporation's equitable proportion, for the lands so patented, to be ascertained and determined by the governor, of the expenses from time to time paid or incurred out of said fund and chargeable to said fund in collecting the same and protecting said lands from trespassers, and all other expenses paid out of said fund and incurred being chargeable to the same, and less, also, any and all moneys heretofore paid out of said fund to any of said corporations. The said money shall be paid by the treasurer on the warrant of the secretary of state, which warrants shall be drawn in favor of the corporations entitled to the same, upon the order of the governor. And whenever and as fast as any of said corporations shall receive patents for any of said lands, the moneys received into the state treasury from trespassers upon the lands embraced in such patents shall be paid over to the corporation receiving such patents in the manner hereinabove provided. The governor shall have a right to exact from the corporations receiving such money such acquittances and releases of the state as he shall consider the interest of the state demands in the premises; provided, however, that there shall be retained in the treasury out of the moneys to be paid under the provisions hereof a sum not less at any time than twenty thousand dollars, until the road described in said act of June 3, 1856, north of the St. Croix river or lake, and in section 1 of said act of May 5, 1861, shall have been fully completed; and provided further, that no such corporation or corporations shall be entitled to receive its or their proportion of the said retained twenty thousand dollars until it shall have fully completed its railroad in accordance with the acts of congress making such grants and in accordance with the laws of this state.

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

Approved March 23, 1882.