

such answer served within nine months after the recording of such tax deed.

SECTION 2. This act shall apply to all actions now pending, and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

Approved March 28, 1882.

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### CHAPTER 251.

AN ACT to amend chapter 250 of the laws of 1874, entitled an act to provide for the improvement of certain parts of the west branch of the Wolf river.

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

Improvement  
of west branch  
of Wolf river.

SECTION 1. Section 1 of chapter 250 of the laws of 1874, shall be amended so as to read as follows: Frederick Davis, Lyman Barnes, Daniel L. Libbey, J. M. Bray, R. McMillen, Myron H. McCord, and Leander Choate, their associates, successors and assigns shall be entitled and are hereby authorized to improve the west branch of the Wolf river in the state of Wisconsin, from the north line of town twenty-eight (28) north, of range fourteen (14) east, to the north line of town thirty (30) north, of range thirteen (13) east, or any portion thereof, by cleaning or straightening the channel thereof, closing sloughs, erecting side, rolling and flooding dams or otherwise, and to keep and repair and to operate any dams now on said river which have been heretofore built, operated or maintained under and by virtue of said chapter 250 of the laws of 1874, or by the grantees named in this act, and to keep in repair and operate the same; and are hereby authorized and entitled to have, receive and collect for the use and enjoyment of such improvements a toll of twenty-five cents per thousand feet, board measure, for all logs, timber and lumber passing through, enjoying or using said improvements; provided, however, that said works and improvements shall be so operated and maintained as to render the floating and driving of logs down and out of that part of said river, practicable and reasonably certain; and provided further, that when any part of such river is so improved, so that logs and timber can be run out of the same, the party so improving the same shall be entitled to receive such tolls from any party enjoying the same in running out logs or timber, and it shall be lawful for the party making such im-

provements, their successors or assigns to take possession of all logs or timber put into said stream, to be floated down and out of the same, the owner or agents of which shall not have made adequate provisions for driving, by furnishing all necessary tools, men, teams, equipments and provisions for breaking roll ways at the proper time and in making in due time a thorough drive of such logs or timber out of such stream or river without hindering the main drives, and to drive the same down and out of said stream so improved, and for such services, expenses and outlays, shall charge and receive for the same the actual costs incurred thereon and therefor.

SECTION 2. This act is intended to be confirmatory Confirmatory. of chapter 250 of the laws of 1874, and to confirm, ratify and vest in Frederick Davis, Lyman Burns, Daniel L. Libbey, J. M. Bray, R. McMillen, Myron H. McCord and Leander Choate, all rights, privileges and franchises acquired by them, their assignors or associates under and by virtue of said chapter 250 of the laws of 1874, reserving to the legislature the right to repeal or alter the provisions of this act, whenever in its judgment the public interest shall so demand.

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

Approved March 28, 1882.

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### CHAPTER 252.

AN ACT to authorize the construction of additions to the state capitol for the use of the Supreme Court and the State Historical Society.

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

SECTION 1. The governor, secretary of state, state treasurer and attorney general, together with such member of the State Historical Society as its executive committee shall select, and two persons to be selected by the judges of the Supreme court are hereby constituted a board of commissioners for the construction of two transverse wings to the state capitol building, one on the north and the other on the south side thereof. All above the first or principal floor of one of said wings shall be for the use of the State Historical Society, and of sufficient capacity for its present and future collections; and all above the first or principal floor of the other of said wings shall be set apart for

Building transverse wings of capitol.