

certify that the persons who acknowledged such instrument were known to the officer taking such acknowledgment to be the persons who executed such instrument; or in any other case where the execution or acknowledgment of such instrument shall be in some respect informal, all such conveyances, assurances, releases or instruments which have now been recorded for twenty years, and in case of such instruments which have not been recorded twenty years, or which shall hereafter be executed and recorded, when the same shall have been recorded for the space of twenty years are hereby legalized and made as valid and effectual to all intents and purposes as if such instruments had or shall have been duly and formally executed and acknowledged, and the record thereof shall have the same force and effect as evidence as though they had been originally executed and acknowledged according to law. Provided, however, that nothing herein contained shall in any manner affect any pending suit or proceeding, or the right or title of any purchaser in good faith for a valuable consideration without notice; and nothing in this act contained shall be taken as declaring or implying that any such conveyance, assurance, release or instrument is or shall be invalid by reason of any such defect.

Certified improperly, acknowledgment insufficient.

When recorded twenty years legalized and valid, and to be evidence of one execution.

Not to affect suits pending.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.
Approved April 15, 1889.

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CHAPTER 405.

AN ACT to authorize Geo. W. Mason and Allan Burdett, their associates and assigns, to maintain dams across and otherwise improve Skinner creek, in Price county, Wisconsin.

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

SECTION 1. George W. Mason and Allan Burdett, their associates and assigns, are hereby author-

Geo. W. Mason et al. may build dam and improvement on Skinner Creek, Price county.

ized, for the purpose of improving the navigation of Skinner creek in Price county, Wisconsin, so as to make it feasible for driving logs, to maintain dams across said creek, and otherwise improve said creek, on sections nine (9), fifteen (15), and nineteen (19), in township number thirty-six (36), range number two (2) west, on such lands in said sections as may be owned by them or leased by them for such purpose. And they shall maintain suitable slides in said dams for running logs, timber and lumber over the same and shall keep the same in repair.

How built.

May purchase or lease dams.

SECTION 2. Said George W. Mason and Allan Burdett, their associates and assigns, are also authorized and empowered to purchase or lease such dams now constructed upon said creek, for the purpose of improving the same for log driving, and to operate and maintain the same. And after purchasing or leasing such dams and the construction of the dams herein authorized to be constructed, so as to make said Skinner creek feasible for driving logs they are hereby authorized and empowered to demand, receive and collect from the owners of all logs, timber and lumber passing over such dams, or driven by the aid of the same, as a compensation for maintaining and keeping up the same, the sum of fifteen cents per thousand feet board measure, the amount to be ascertained by scale from landing in the woods if there be any, if not, in any other practicable way. And the aforesaid persons, their associates and assigns, shall have a lien on all logs, timber or lumber run over said dams or driven by the aid of the same until the charges aforesaid shall be fully paid, which lien may be enforced in the same manner as the lien of labor on logs except as to the time of filing said lien, which may, under the provisions of this act, be filed at any time within six months after the last logs of any mark shall have passed over said dams or been driven by the aid of said dams.

May collect tolls.

When may take possession and drive logs out of stream; compensation.

SECTION 3. If any other person or corporation shall land logs in said stream in such manner as to obstruct the driving of other logs down and out of the same, and shall neglect or refuse to drive said logs when the water is at a proper stage for such purpose either by the natural swelling of the stream or by the use of said dams

or any one of them, so that said logs are an obstruction to the proper driving of the logs therein owned or under the control of said George W. Mason and Allen Burdett, their associates or assigns, then said George W. Mason and Allen Burdett, their associates or assigns, may, in order to facilitate their drive take possession of and drive all such logs down and out of said stream, and as a compensation for such services, they shall be entitled to collect and receive either from the owners of such logs, or the contractors or persons in possession of the same, the reasonable and proportionate share of the costs of driving all such logs down and out of said stream, and they shall have a lien on all logs so driven until the charges for driving aforesaid shall be fully paid, which lien may be enforced in the same manner and at the same time and in the same proceeding as the lien for tolls as provided in section 2, of this act.

SECTION 4. The control of said dams, slides and gates of the same, shall belong to the said George W. Mason and Allan Burdett, their associates and assigns, and be under their exclusive control; and provided, further, that the right of the legislature is hereby reserved to alter, amend and repeal this act at any future time.

Control of
dams, etc.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.
Approved April 15, 1889.

[No. 293, A.]

[Published April 18, 1889.]

CHAPTER 406.

AN ACT to amend section 4575, of the revised statutes, relating to minors.

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

SECTION 1. Section 4575, of the revised statutes of 1878, is hereby amended by inserting after the words, "billiard table," where the same appear in

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4575, R. S.