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PUBLIC LAWS

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**Chapter 184.****CHAP. 184.**

An act to amend section twenty-nine of chapter eighty-one of the revised statutes, relating to attachment of personal property.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows :*

SECT. 1. Section twenty-nine of chapter eighty-one of the revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out the following words in the first line of said section, "living animals or goods," and inserting instead the following words, 'any personal property,' so that said section, as amended, shall read as follows :

R. S., chap. 81, sect. 29, relating to attachment of personal property, amended.

'Sect. 29. When any personal property liable to perish, be wasted, greatly reduced in value by keeping, or kept at great expense, is attached, and the parties do not consent to a sale thereof, the same may be examined and appraised before or after the entry of the action, as follows.'

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect when approved.

Approved February 15, 1871.

**Chapter 185.**

An act fixing the time when acts of incorporation shall become null and void.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows :*

SECT. 1. That all acts of incorporation hereafter granted by the legislature shall be null and void in four years from the day when the same take effect, unless such corporations shall have organized and commenced actual business under their charters.

Limitation of acts of incorporation.

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect when approved.

Approved February 15, 1871.

**Chapter 186.**

An act concerning the liability of railroads for defective crossings.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows :*

SECT. 1. In any action against the inhabitants of a town for damages alleged to have occurred by reason of a defect in a railroad crossing, constituting a part of a highway which said town is obliged to keep in repair, the railroad company owning or occupying such crossing, may be notified of the pendency of the suit, and may take upon itself the defence of the same.

Railroad companies may assume the defence of suits against towns for defective railroad crossings.