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PUBLIC LAWS

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**Chapter 213.**

CHAP. 213.

An act to restrict the operation of clause eight, section four of chapter one of the revised statutes, relating to the words "insane persons."

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

The eighth clause of section four of chapter one of the revised statutes, so far as it authorizes the words "insane persons" to be construed to include an idiotic or non compos person, is hereby limited and restricted in its operation so that it shall not apply to chapter one hundred and forty-three of the revised statutes, relating to the insane hospital, nor to any acts amendatory thereof or additional thereto.

Eighth clause, sec. 4, ch. 1, R. S., construction of.

Approved March 3, 1874.

**Chapter 214.**

An act relating to ways across railroads.

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

Townways and highways may be laid out across, over or under any railroad track, in the manner provided by law for laying out such ways ; and the expense of building and maintaining so much of such way, so laid out, as is within the limits of such railroad, shall be borne by the railroad company whose track is so crossed.

Town roads crossing railroads, how built and maintained.

Approved March 3, 1874.

**Chapter 215.**

An act to amend section sixty-five of chapter eighteen of the revised statutes, relating to notice for damage on ways.

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

SECT. 1. Section sixty-five of chapter eighteen of the revised statutes, is hereby amended so as to read as follows :

Sec. 65, ch. 18, R. S., amendment of.

'SECT. 65. If any person receives any bodily injury, or suffers any damage in his property through any defect, or want of repair, or sufficient railing in any highway, townway, causeway or bridge, he may recover for the same in a special action on the case, to be commenced within one year from the date of receiving such injury, or suffering damage, of the county, town or persons obliged by law to repair the same, if such county, town or person had reason-

Persons injured by defective highways may recover damages.