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OF THE
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CHAP. 49. decide upon its reasonableness, who, after notice and hearing, are to decide. When they decide that such a request is reasonable, or that a flagman is necessary for the public safety, at said crossing, they may order one to be stationed there upon said application, instead of gates, and the corporation is to comply with it and pay the costs; when they decide otherwise, the costs are to be paid by the applicants.'

Act to apply to pending cases.

SECT. 2. This act shall apply to any application for gates now pending before any board of county commissioners.

SECT. 3. This act shall take effect when approved.

Approved March 9, 1881.

Chapter 49.

An act to abolish continuance fees in certain Supreme Judicial and Superior Courts of the state.

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

Continuance fees abolished in certain courts.

SECT. 1. All fees for the continuance of causes in the supreme judicial and superior courts of the state in which the clerks are salaried officers, are hereby abolished.

Inconsistent acts repealed.

SECT. 2. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with this are hereby repealed.

Approved March 9, 1881.

Chapter 50.

An act for the better protection of life in buildings used for public purposes.

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

Inner doors of public buildings to open outward.

SECT. 1. Any church, theatre, hall or other building or structure intended to be used temporarily or permanently for any public purpose, or any school-house or school-room, public or private hereafter constructed, shall have all inner doors intended to be used for egress therefrom open outwards.

Outer doors to be kept open in certain cases.

SECT. 2. All outer doors of buildings or structures of the kind mentioned in section one of this act, constructed or hereafter to be constructed, shall be kept open when such

buildings or structures are used by the public, unless such doors open outwards, and except that fly-doors opening both ways may be kept closed. CHAP. 50.

SECT. 3. All hotels used for the accommodation of the public, and all shops, mills, factories and other buildings, more than two stories in height, in which any trade, manufacture or business is carried on, which requires the presence of workmen or other persons in any part of the building above the first story, shall be provided with such suitable and sufficient fire-escapes, outside stairs or ladders, as the municipal officers shall deem to be sufficient to afford safe and easy escape from the building in case of fire, and such fire-escapes or ladders shall be attached to the building or be stored outside of such building, and convenient thereto, as the municipal officers shall direct, and shall be of such length and number as said officers shall approve.

Suitable fire-escapes to be provided to hotels, factories, etc.

SECT. 4. Whoever violates the provisions of section one, two or three of this act, shall forfeit the sum of fifty dollars, and a further sum of five dollars per day for every day's continuance thereof, to be recovered by and for the use of the town or city where such building is located, in an action on the case, or by indictment.

Penalty for violation of former sections.

SECT. 5. Whenever complaint is made to the municipal officers of any town, that any building of the kind mentioned in sections one and three, now or hereafter to be constructed, is deficient in facilities for egress by reason of the inner doors thereof opening inwards, or for the want of fire-escapes, outside stairs or ladders hereinbefore specified, it shall be the duty of such municipal officers to give notice to all parties interested in said matter, and to inspect such building, and if they find the same so deficient they shall notify the owner, occupant, lessee, or other person having charge thereof, and require of him such changes as shall be necessary to make said doors open outwards, and to provide suitable and sufficient fire-escapes, outside stairs or ladders to be attached or stored as herein provided; and such person shall be allowed thirty days to make such changes and provisions, and if he shall neglect or refuse to make and provide the same within said time, he shall forfeit the sum of fifty dollars, and an additional sum of five dollars per day for every day's continuance of such neglect or refusal to comply with the pro-

Municipal officers on complaint, may notify interested parties to make necessary changes and provisions.

—penalty for neglect or refusal.

CHAP. 51. visions of this act, to be recovered by and for the use of the city or town where the building is located, in an action on the case or by indictment.

Approved March 9, 1881.

Chapter 51.

An act additional to chapter fifty-one of the Revised Statutes, and to other acts relating to the transportation of passengers and freight by railroad.

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

Sects. 76 and 77, ch. 51, R. S., and ch. 94, public laws 1879, to apply to all railroads.

SECT. 1. Sections seventy-six and seventy-seven of chapter fifty-one of the revised statutes of this state, and chapter ninety-four of the acts of eighteen hundred and seventy-nine, and all other chapters and acts relating to the transportation of passengers and freight by railroad, shall apply to, and may be taken advantage of, by any railroad in this state, whether it makes close connection with other railroads or not; and the railroad commissioners shall have the same authority and power as in cases where the railroads make a close and direct connection; and no railroad doing business within this state shall demand or receive of any other railroad doing business within the same, whether making direct connection or not, or from passengers over the same, or from freight forwarded over the same, higher rates of fare or of freight than it demands or receives of any other railroad within the state.

Equal advantages to be given to all railroads.

SECT. 2. No re-bate, drawback, allowance or other advantage shall be made or extended by any railroad in favor of another railroad doing business over the same, by which the operation of the foregoing section shall be changed or affected, or by which one railroad doing business over the same, shall receive any greater advantage than any other railroad doing business over the same, shall receive.

Penalty for violation.

SECT. 3. Any railroad company chartered under the laws of this state, which shall refuse to receive, transport or deliver any freight, merchandise or passengers according to the provisions of this act, and under the terms thereof, or which shall demand or receive from any other railroad in this state, for the transportation of its passengers or freight, any sum in excess or violation of said provisions, shall, for