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ACTS AND RESOLVES

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OF THE

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Chapter 336.

An Act in addition to section seventy-six of chapter fifty-one of the Revised Statutes in relation to Railroads crossing each other at grade.

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

When railroads cross each other at grade, the parties operating the railroad last located there, shall build and maintain a suitable signal station at such crossing, at which a competent signal officer shall be kept at the joint expense of the parties operating the railroads. The signal shall not be set for a train to cross, until the engine of such train shall have arrived within five hundred feet of the intersection and stopped; and no train or engine shall cross the track of the other road, until the proper signal for it to cross shall have been set in position by the signal officer. Only one train or engine shall be allowed to cross under one setting of the signal unless coming from opposite directions on the same railroad. When the signal has been set for the trains on one of the railroads, it shall not be changed until those trains shall have passed entirely over the crossing. When trains on both railroads approach the crossing at about the same time, preference shall be given to passenger trains and the signal shall be set for the trains on each road in alternate order.

Regulations at railroad crossings.

Signals for approaching trains.

Preference given to passenger trains at crossings.

Approved March 5, 1885.

Chapter 337.

An Act to amend section fifteen of chapter twenty-six of the Revised Statutes, and imposing additional penalties against persons kindling fires on lands not their own.

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

Section fifteen of chapter twenty-six of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding at the end of said section the words, 'or he shall be imprisoned not more than three years,' so that said section, as amended, shall read as follows, namely :

'SECT. 15. Whoever kindles a fire on land not his own, without consent of the owner, forfeits ten dollars; if such fire spreads and damages the property of others, he forfeits

Sec. 15, ch. 26, R. S., amended

Penalty for kindling fire on land, without consent of owner.

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not less than ten nor more than five hundred dollars, and in either case he shall stand committed until fine and costs are paid, or he shall be imprisoned not more than three years.'

Approved March 5, 1885.

Chapter 338.

An Act relating to Skating Rinks.

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

Keepers of skating rinks shall obtain license from municipal officers,

—fees.

—penalty.

Hours for closing rinks, fixed.

—penalty.

SECT. 1. Every person who keeps a roller skating rink or room, shall obtain a license from the municipal officers of the city or town where such rink is located and shall pay therefor such sum as said municipal officers may deem proper. Any person keeping a roller skating rink without such license, shall be fined ten dollars for each day it is so kept, to be recovered by complaint, indictment, or action of debt, to the use of the prosecutor.

SECT. 2. Every person so licensed shall keep such rink closed between ten o'clock in the evening, and sunrise, unless express permission in writing, to keep it open a longer time, is obtained from the municipal officers of the city or town where such rink is located. Any person violating this section, shall be fined ten dollars for every such offense, to be recovered as provided in the preceding section.

Approved March 6, 1885.

Chapter 339.

An Act to amend section eighty-eight of chapter forty-nine of the Revised Statutes, relating to Insurance Companies.

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

Sec. 88, ch 49, R. S., amended.

Section eighty-eight of chapter forty-nine of the revised statutes, is hereby amended by striking out the word "takes" in the fourth line, and inserting in place thereof the word 'issues,' so that said section as amended, shall read as follows :