of any such violation or neglect, or making or permitting any such false statement liable to the state for the penalties herein provided.

Sec. 4. Any violations of the provisions of this act shall Penalty render any officer or director of any such railroad company as aforesaid, guilty of any such violation liable to indictment, and on conviction shall be punished by a fine of not more than five thousand (5000) dollars or imprisonment in the state prison not more than three (3) years, or both such fine and imprisonment in the discretion of the court.

SEC. 5. This act shall take effect and be in force from when act to and after its passage.

Approved March 7, 1887.

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CHAPTER 13.

[S. F. No. 16.]

AN ACT TO DEFINE THE LIABILITIES OF RAILROAD COMPANIES IN RELATION TO DAMAGES SUSTAINED BY THEIR EMPLOYEES.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota.

SECTION 1. Every railroad corporation owning or operating a railroad in this state shall be liable for all damages sustained by any agent or servant thereof by reason of the negligence of any other agent or servant thereof, without contributory negligence on his part, when sustained within this state, and no contract, rule or regulation between such corporation and any agent or servant, shall impair or diminish such liability.

Provided, That nothing in this act shall be so construed as to render any railroad company liable for damages sustained by any employee, agent, or servant while engaged in the construction of a new road or any part thereof, not open to public travel or use.

SEC. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved February 24, 1887.

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