

CHAPTER 16.

(S. F. No. 472).

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE BETTER PROTECTION OF RAILROAD SWITCHES.

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52-NW . 133*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:*

SECTION 1. Any person or persons, railroad companies or corporations owning or operating any railroad or railroads in this state, shall be and are hereby required on or before the first (1st) day of June A. D. one thousand eight hundred and eighty-seven (1887), to so adjust, fill, block and securely guard the frogs, switches and guard rails on their roads in all yards, divisional and terminal stations, so as to thoroughly protect and prevent the feet of employes and other persons from being caught therein.

Shall adjust and securely guard switches.

SEC. 2. Any person or persons, railroad company or corporation, owning and operating a railroad in this state, who shall fail to comply with the provisions of this act, shall be fined in a sum of not less than five hundred (500) dollars nor more than two thousand (2,000) dollars, in the discretion of the court, for each offense and the neglect of any such person, company or corporation to comply with the provisions of this act, shall be deemed a violation of the same.

Penalty for neglect.

SEC. 3. All railroad companies owning or operating railroads or portions of railroads in this state, shall, in addition to the penalties prescribed in this act, be liable for any damage resulting from the failure to comply with the provisions thereof, such damage to be recovered by the persons injured or his or her legal representatives.

Liable for damages.

SEC. 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

When act to take effect.

Approved March 7th, 1887.

CHAPTER 17.

H. F. No. 836.

AN ACT REGULATING THE RATE OF TRANSPORTATION FOR MIXED CARLOADS OF CATTLE, LIVE-STOCK, &c., ON THE RAILROADS OF THIS STATE.

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

SECTION 1. That all railroad companies doing business in this state shall furnish to shippers of live-stock, horses,

Stock cars to be furnished.

cattle, sheep or swine, stock or cattle cars for the transportation of live-stock, cattle, sheep or swine, at proper points, to be designated by said railroad companies, on the line of such roads, and shall carry, convey and transport such live-stock, cattle, sheep or swine mixed on such cars, at the option and expense of the shipper for properly partitioning off such car for the transportation of such live-stock in such cars, to be transported to any point within this state, as may be shipped in said cars.

Violation of this act a misdemeanor.

SEC. 2. Any violation of the provisions of this act, or any refusal on the part of any officer or any employe of any of the railroad companies of this state to furnish such cars; accept, transport and convey such cars of mixed cattle to any point within this state, shall be deemed a misdemeanor; and upon conviction in any competent court in this state having jurisdiction thereof, such company shall forfeit and pay the sum of not less than one hundred (100) or more than five hundred (500) dollars; to be recovered by the party aggrieved, in the name of the state.

Rates.

SEC. 3. That the charge and rate of such cars of mixed live-stock for transportation, as aforesaid, may be the highest rate for transportation of either class or kind of such stock so transported in said mixed carloads by said railroad company.

When act to take effect.

SEC. 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved March 7, 1887.

CHAPTER 18.

[H. F. No. 903.]

AN ACT TO PREVENT ACCIDENTS FROM FIRE IN RAILWAY CARS, AND DEFINING THE DUTIES OF THE RAILROAD COMMISSIONERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

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

Heating and lighting passenger and sleeping cars.

SECTION 1. It shall be the duty of the railroad commissioners of the state to make careful and diligent inquiry into the construction of and the best means of heating and lighting passenger and sleeping cars, run on any of the railroads within this state, with special reference to the safety of the passengers travelling therein, and more particularly to their safety from accident by fire. And the said commissioners shall make a special report on the subject to the Legislature at the next regular session thereof;