# GENERAL STATUTES

OF THE

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3 at the time when such offence was committed, a conspicu-4 ous sign board, upon which was painted the following words 5 and figures: "\$10 fine for riding or driving on this bridge 6 faster than a walk."

56 1864-p. 108, Sect. 1.

SECT. 77. Whenever any bridge or ferry company or 2 individual is authorized by law to collect toll for the cross-3 ing of any bridge or ferry belonging to such company or 4 individual, any person who wilfully runs the toll gate of 5 such company or individual, and passes over such bridge or 6 ferry with the intention of avoiding the payment of the toll 7 prescribed by law, or who refuses to pay such toll when 8 thereto lawfully requested, shall forfeit and pay for the use 9 and benefit of the county wherein such bridge or ferry is 10 located, a fine of five dollars for each and every such of-11 fense, which fine shall be prosecuted and collected, together 12 with costs, in the same manner as the penalties prescribed 13 in the preceding sections.

## CHAPTER XIV.

### THE LAW OF THE ROAD.

C. S. p. 347, Sect. 1.

1 Section 1. When persons meet each other on any bridge 2 or road, traveling with carriages, wagons, sleds, sleighs, 3 or other vehicles, each person shall seasonably drive his 4 carriage or other vehicle to the right of the middle of the 5 traveled part of such bridge or road, so that the respective 6 carriages, or other vehicles may pass each other without 7 interference.

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1 SECT. 2. The driver of a carriage or other vehicle, pas-2 sing a carriage or other vehicle traveling in the same di-3 rection, shall drive to the left of the middle of the traveled 4 part of a bridge or road, and if the bridge or road is of 5 sufficient width for the two vehicles to pass, the driver of 6 the leading one shall not wilfully obstruct the same.

C. S. p. 347, Sect. 3.

- 1 SECT. 3. No person owning or having the direction or 2 control of any coach or other vehicle, running or traveling 3 upon any road in this state, for the conveyance of passengers, 4 shall employ or keep in employment any person to drive 5 such coach or other vehicle, who is addicted to drunken-6 ness, or to the excessive use of intoxicating liquors.
- 1 Sect. 4. Whoever offends against the provisions of the

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2 preceding sections shall for each offense forfeit a sum not
3 exceeding fifty dollars, and be further liable to any party
4 for all damages sustained by reason of such offense; Pro-C.S.P. 347, Sect. 2.
5 vided, That every complaint therefor shall be made within
6 three months after the offense is committed, and that every
7 action for damages shall be commenced within twelve
8 months after the cause of action accrues.

Sect. 5. No driver of a carriage or other vehicle used
for the conveyance of passengers, shall leave the horses attached thereto, while any passenger remains in or upon the
same, without making such horses fast with a sufficient halter, rope or chain, or without some suitable person to take
the charge or guidance of them, so as to prevent their running; and if any such driver violates the provisions of this
section, he and his employer, jointly and severally, shall
forfeit a sum not exceeding fifty dollars; but no prosecution shall be commenced therefor after the expiration of
three months from the time of committing the offense.

1 Sect. 6. The owners of every carriage or other vehicle
2 running or traveling upon any road or public highway, for
3 the conveyance of passengers for hire, shall be liable jointly
4 and severally, to the party injured, for all injuries and dam5 ages done by any person in the employment of such owners
6 as a driver, while driving such carriage, whether the act
7 occasioning such injury or damage is wilful, negligent or
8 otherwise.

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## CHAPTER XV.

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Section 1. Every poor person who is unable to earn a 2 livelihood in consequence of bodily infirmity, idiocy, luna3 cy, or other cause, shall be supported by the father, grand4 father, mother, grandmother, children, grandchildren,
5 brothers or sisters of such poor person, if they or ei6 ther of them is of sufficient ability, and every person
7 who fails or refuses to support his father, grandfather,
8 mother, grandmother, child or grandchild, sister or broth9 er, when directed by the board of commissioners of the
10 county where such poor person is found, whether such rel11 ative resides in the county or not, shall forfeit and pay to
12 the county commissioners for the use of the poor of their
13 county, the sum of fifteen dollars per month, to be recover-

c. s. p. 270, Sect. 1. 6 15