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An Act defining the law of Roads, and prescribing the regulations of Public Carriages.

↳ [Chapter 24, Revised Statutes.]

(1.) SEC. I. Whenever any persons shall meet each other on any bridge or road, traveling with carriages, wagons, sleds, sleighs, or other vehicles, each person shall seasonably drive his carriage or other vehicle to the right of the middle of the traveled part of such bridge or road, so that the respective carriages, or other vehicles aforesaid, may pass each other without interference.

Persons traveling with carriages, &c., to drive to the right.

(2.) SEC. II. Every person offending against the provisions of the preceding section, shall, for each offense, forfeit a sum not exceeding twenty dollars, and shall also be liable to the party injured for all damages sustained by reason of such offense.

Penalty for neglect.

(3.) SEC. III. No person owning or having the direction or control of any coach or other vehicle, running or traveling upon any road in this territory, for the conveyance of passengers, shall employ or continue in employment any person to drive such coach or other vehicle, who is addicted to drunkenness, or to the excessive use of intoxicating liquors; and if any such person shall violate the provisions of this section, he shall forfeit a sum not less than ten, and not exceeding fifty dollars, and shall be liable for all damages sustained.

Person owning vehicle for conveyance of passengers not to employ drunken driver.

(4.) SEC. IV. It shall not be lawful for the driver of any carriage or other vehicle used for the conveyance of passengers, to 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 shall violate the provisions of this section, he and his employer or employers jointly and severally, shall forfeit a sum not exceeding twenty dollars; but no prosecution shall be commenced therefor after the expiration of three months from the time of committing the offense.

Penalty for driver leaving horses without fastening.

(5.) SEC. V. The owners of every carriage or other vehicle, running or traveling upon any road or public highway, for the conveyance of passengers for hire, shall be liable jointly and severally, to the party injured in all cases, for all injuries and damages done by any person in the employment of such owners as a driver, while driving such carriage, to any person or to the property of any person, whether the act occasioning such injury or damage be willful, negligent, or otherwise, in the same manner as such driver would be liable.

Owner liable for damages occasioned by driver.