

tax on personal property, sufficient to raise the necessary sum of money for the support of said schools, which assessment shall not exceed one quarter per cent. and constitute a fund exclusively for the support of common schools. The trustees of said town are hereby empowered by ordinance, to direct whatever may be necessary to be done for successfully carrying into operation the provisions of this section. Further powers

SEC. 7. That this act shall take effect and be in force from and after the time that said act shall be accepted by a majority of the votes given by the voters of said town, at an election to be held for that purpose, previous to which election at least ten days notice shall be given by the president of the trustees of Alton, to be published in at least two of the public newspapers published in said town; Proviso.
Provided, The election shall be had before the first day of December, in the year of our Lord 1837.

APPROVED 2d March, 1837.

AN ACT to incorporate the Hennepin Bridge Company.

In force March
2d. 1837

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly*, That all such persons as shall become subscribers to the stock hereinafter mentioned shall be and they are hereby constituted and declared a body corporate and politic, by the name and style of the "Hennepin Bridge Company," from and after the passage of this act, and by that name they and their successors shall, and may hereafter have the succession, and shall in law be capable of suing and being sued, pleading and being impleaded, answer and be answered in all courts and places whatsoever; and they and their successors may have a common seal, and may alter and change the same at pleasure; and also, they and their successors, by that name and style shall be in law capable of purchasing, holding and conveying any estate, real and personal, for the use of said corporation; but the said real estateto be holden, shall be such only as shall be necessary to promote or attain the object of the corporation. Body politic & corporate.
Privileges
Amount of capital stock

SEC. 2. That the capital stock of said corporation shall be fifty thousand dollars divided into one thousand shares of fifty dollars each. And Bradstreet M. Hays, Samuel W. Koikland, Williamson Durley, Ammon Moon, James J. Holt, Benjamin R. Sheldon, Hugh N. Schooler, George B. Willis, Gardner T. Gochan, and Thomas Hartzell are hereby appointed commissioners to receive subscription for the Commissioners to receive subscriptions

Publication to
be made

Subscribe or
pay

Commissioners
to give notice
to meet

Time of hold-
ing elections

Directors to
elect president

To pass by-
laws

Proviso

Corporation
may erect
bridge

May take pos-
session of land

said stock; and such subscriptions shall be opened at such time and place as the commissioners or a majority of them shall appoint, by notice, to be published in the "Commercial Advertiser," a newspaper printed in Chicago, thirty days before the time appointed. If the requisite number of shares shall not be subscribed for at the time and place appointed for such subscription, said commissioners, or a majority of them, shall take such measures for completing such subscription as they may deem expedient and proper. Every subscriber shall, at the time of subscribing, pay to said commissioners the sum of one dollar for each share subscribed.

SEC. 3. As soon as five hundred shares shall be subscribed, the said commissioners shall give notice thereof, in manner aforesaid, and appoint the time and place in such notice for such subscribers to meet, for the purpose of choosing a treasurer, clerk, and seven directors. Every stockholder shall be entitled at such and all other elections, to one vote for each share, to the number of ten, and one vote for every five additional shares, which votes may be given in person or by proxy. At the election to be held as aforesaid, the said commissioners, or such of them as may attend shall be inspectors; and their certificate of the names of the persons elected shall be conclusive evidence of such election. The first Monday in the month in which such election shall be held shall be the anniversary day of all subsequent elections of such officers. A majority of the directors so chosen shall be a quorum, and shall be capable of transacting the business of the corporation; and any act of the majority of said directors when elected as aforesaid, shall immediately proceed to the choice of one of their members for president; and the said president and directors may meet from time to time, and shall have power to make such by-laws, rules and regulations as shall be deemed expedient and proper, for the well ordering of the affairs of the said corporation: *Provided*, The same be not repugnant to the constitution and laws of this state and the United States.

SEC. 4. The said corporation are hereby authorised and empowered to erect a bridge over the Illinois river, at Hennepin, which shall be of sufficient elevation to freely admit the passage of steamboats and other vessels of navigating said river at any stage of water. And also to cause to be kept lights during the night in some conspicuous place on said bridge, to enable boats to pass said bridge without injury.

SEC. 5. The said president and directors, or other persons employed by them, may enter upon and take possession of the land on each side of the river where such

bridge shall be erected. And the said corporation on taking possession of such land, and on receiving a conveyance thereof, shall pay the value of so much of the same as may be necessary for making and erecting said bridge; and establish a gate, toll-house, and other works necessary for said bridge; and in case of a disagreement between the parties as to such value, the same shall and may be ascertained by three disinterested freeholders of the county where such lands lie, who shall be appointed for that purpose by the county commissioners' court of the same county, on the application of either party, and shall be sworn to make a just valuation thereof.

Freeholders
appointed to
assess damages

SEC. 6. As soon as the bridge shall be completed, it shall and may be lawful for the said corporation to erect a gate at the end of said bridge, and to demand and receive the following rates of toll, viz: for each hog, sheep, or goat, two cents; for each head of neat cattle, four cents; for each horse, ass, or mule, four cents; for each one horse wagon, or other vehicle, twenty-five cents; for for each wagon or other vehicle drawn by two horses, or oxen, thirty-seven and a half cents; for each wagon or other vehicle, drawn by more than two horses or oxen, fifty cents; for each man and horse twelve and a half cents; and for each foot person, six and a fourth cents: *Provided*, That all persons citizens of Putnam county shall have a right to cross said bridge, in going to or returning from any muster or election in said county, and all grand and petit jurors in going to and returning from courts shall be permitted to cross said bridge free from toll.

Company to
erect bridge &
receive tolls

Proviso

Persons injur-
ing bridge to
forfeit

SEC. 7. If any person or persons shall willfully or maliciously do or cause to be done, any act whatsoever whereby the said bridge or any thing appertaining to the same shall be impaired, injured, or destroyed, the said person or persons so offending shall forfeit and pay to the said corporation treble the amount of damages occasioned thereby, to be recovered by the said corporation, with costs of suit, in an action of trespass, in any court having competent jurisdiction thereof.

To fix rates of
toll on bridge

SEC. 8. It shall be the duty of said corporation to affix, or post up, in a conspicuous place over the gate of said bridge, a sign-board with the rates of toll written thereon in large letters.

Toll-gatherer
subject to fine

SEC. 9. If any toll-gatherer shall unreasonably delay or hinder any traveller from passing said bridge or shall demand or receive more toll than is by this act established, he shall for every such offence forfeit and pay a sum not exceeding ten dollars, with costs of suit, to be sued for and recovered before any justice of the peace of the county, for the use of the person or persons so unlawfully delayed, hindered, or defrauded.

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