

CHAPTER 35.

RELATING TO RIPARIAN OWNERS.

S. F. 144. AN ACT in Relation to Riparian Owners on the Mississippi and Missouri Rivers.

SECTION 1. *Re it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa* That all owners and lessees of lands, or lots, situate upon the Iowa banks of the Mississippi and Missouri rivers, upon which property there is now, or may hereafter be, carried on any business which is in any way connected with the navigation of said rivers, or to which the said navigation is a proper or convenient adjunct, are hereby authorized to construct and maintain, in front of their said property, piers, cribs, booms, and other proper and convenient erections and devices for the use of their respective pursuits and the protection and harbor of rafts, logs, floats, and other water-crafts: *Provided*, That the same present no material or unreasonable obstruction to the navigation of the stream, or to a similar use of adjoining property.

Land-owners upon the Mississippi and Missouri may erect piers, cribs, booms, &c., when.

Proviso: not to obstruct navigation.

Owners to receive compensation for railroad right of way.

Code: title X., ch. 4.

SEC. 2. It shall not be lawful for any person or corporation to construct or operate any railroad or other obstruction between such lots or lands and either of said rivers, or upon the shore or margin thereof, unless the injury and damage to such owners occasioned thereby shall be first ascertained and compensated in the manner provided by chapter 4, title 10 of the code.

Approved March 18th, 1874.

CHAPTER 36.*

STOPPING OF FIRES IN CITIES AND TOWNS.

H. F. 360. AN ACT to make Cities and Towns responsible for the Value of Buildings destroyed for the Purpose of preventing the Spread of Conflagrations.

SECTION 1. That whenever, for the purpose of staying the progress of a conflagration, the authorities of any city or town, whether acting under special charter or not, shall order or cause to be destroyed any house or building not already on fire and adjoining or in the vicinity of such conflagration, the owner thereof shall be paid for such property by such city or town, *provided* he shall make his claim within thirty days from the date of the destruction of the same, and if said city or town shall fail to make payment, when such claim is made, and satisfactory proof furnished of the value of the said property so destroyed, the party owning such house or building shall have the right to recover, by

Owners of property destroyed to prevent spread of fire to receive pay from city or town.

* This bill, through some oversight, passed through all the forms of enactment without, however, an enacting clause. In this form it is here presented.