

strued as to prohibit any employer from making a contract with his male employees, over the age of twenty-one years, to work by the hour for such time as may be agreed upon.

1888, ch. 455.

3. If any such corporation or manufacturing company within the limits of this State, or any officer, agent or servant of such corporation or manufacturing company in this State, shall do any act in violation of any of the provisions of this article he or they shall be deemed to have been guilty of misdemeanor, and shall, on conviction thereof in a court of competent jurisdiction, be fined not less than one hundred dollars for each and every offence so committed, together with the cost of such prosecution, one-half of said fine to go to the informer and one-half to the school fund of the county in which said offence shall have been committed.