

CHAP. 309. sengers and property, at regular times, to be fixed by public notice; and shall furnish sufficient accommodations for the transportation of all such passengers and property, as shall, within a reasonable time previous thereto, be offered for transportation at the place of starting, and at usual stopping places established for receiving and discharging way passengers and freight for that train; and shall take, transport and discharge such passengers and property, at, from and to such places, on the due payment of the freight or fare, legally authorized therefor; and shall be liable to the party aggrieved, in an action for damages, for any neglect or refusal in the premises.

Bell or steam whistle.

SEC. 17. *And be it enacted*, That a bell shall be placed on each locomotive engine, and rung at the distance of at least one hundred rods from the place where the rail road shall cross any travelled public road or street, and be kept ringing until it shall have crossed such road or street, or a steam whistle shall be attached to each locomotive engine, and be sounded at least one hundred rods from the place where the rail road shall cross any such road or street, and shall be sounded at intervals until it shall have crossed such road or street, under the penalty of thirty dollars for the neglect of the provisions of this section, to be sued for before any justice of the peace of the election district or ward in which such neglect may happen, in ten days after such penalty was incurred, one half thereof to go to the informer, and the other half to the county or city in which such neglect may happen; and said company shall also be liable for all damages which shall be sustained by any person by reason of such neglect; and all penalties imposed by this act may be sued for in the name of the State, and if such penalty shall be for a sum not exceeding one hundred dollars, then such suit may be brought before a justice of the peace, and may be commenced by serving a summons on any director, agent or engineer of said company.

Dividends.

SEC. 18. *And be it enacted*, That the said board of directors, shall once in each year or semi-annually declare and make such dividend as they may deem proper of the net profits arising from the resources of the said company, first deducting the current and probable contingent expenses, and shall apportion the same amongst the stockholders of said company, in proportion to their respective shares.

Penalty for destroying property.

SEC. 19. *And be it enacted*, That in case any person shall wilfully, obstruct, injure, impair or destroy, any part of said road or any of the works, buildings, carriages,