

shall be computed at double the rate for straight matter on first publication. A line shall be construed to mean twelve and one-half or thirteen ems pica in length, and all such legal notices shall be set in single column wherever possible.

Sec. 2. All Acts and parts of Acts in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Sec. 3. EMERGENCY.) This Act is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

Approved March 6th, 1923.

RAILROADS

CHAPTER 271.

(H. B. No. 4—Heaton.)

CONDITIONAL SALES OF RAILROAD EQUIPMENT.

An Act to Amend and Re-enact Section 4625 of Chapter 14, of the Compiled Laws of North Dakota for the year 1913, relating to conditional sale contracts given by railroad corporations.

Be It Enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the State of North Dakota:

Sec. 1. AMENDMENT.) Section 4625, Compiled Laws for 1913, is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

Sec. 4625. CONDITIONAL SALE VALID.) In all cases where railroad equipment and rolling stock may have been or shall be sold to any person, firm or corporation to be paid for in whole or in part in installments, or shall be leased, rented, hired or delivered on condition that the same may be used by the person, firm or corporation purchasing, leasing, renting, hiring or receiving the same, and that the title to the same shall remain in the vendor, lessor, renter, hirer or deliverer of the same until the price agreed upon or rent for such property shall have been fully paid, such condition in regard to the title so remaining in the vendor, lessor, renter, hirer or deliverer until such payments are fully made shall be valid for all intents and purposes as to subsequent purchasers in good faith, and creditors; provided, that the term during which the installments or rents are to be paid shall not exceed fifteen years and such contract shall be in writing and acknowledged.

Sec. 2. Whereas, the law of this state should be made uniform with the laws of other states as to the term during which the installments or rents under such contract may be paid, it

is hereby declared that this Act is an emergency measure, and shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approval.

Approved January 26th, 1923.

CHAPTER 272.

(S. B. No. 369—Hamilton, by Request.)

GRADE CROSSINGS.

An Act Relating to Dangerous Railroad Grade Crossings over State Highways, and Providing for the Protection of Such Crossings.

Be It Enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the State of North Dakota:

Sec. 1. The Board of Railroad Commissioners of the State of North Dakota upon written application made to it by the State Highway Commission, the Board of County Commissioners of any County, the Board of Supervisors of any Township or upon its own motion shall investigate and determine whether any railroad grade crossing over any state, county or township highway in the state is dangerous to life and property, and may order the same protected in any manner said Board of Railroad Commissioners may find reasonable and proper, including requiring the railroad company to separate the grades.

Sec. 2. The Board of Railroad Commissioners shall give the railroad company interested such notice of said investigation as it deems reasonable and an opportunity to be heard before any order is made. The railroad company interested may, within thirty days after the service of a copy of such order upon it, appeal to the district court of the county wherein such crossing is situated.

Sec. 3. This Act is hereby declared an emergency measure and shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approval.

Approved March 7th, 1923.