

CHAP. 309.

Company liable to pay laborer for amount due him by contractor, &c.

Directors to be chosen annually.

Power of directors to elect president.

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General meeting.

Statement of affairs of company.

Removal from office.

President and directors to appoint officers.

on such execution shall be the amount recoverable, with costs against the stockholders.

SEC. 9. *And be it enacted*, That as often as any contractor for the construction of any part of said rail road, shall be indebted to any laborer, for thirty or any less number of day's labor performed in constructing said road, such laborer may give notice of such indebtedness to said company, in the manner herein provided, and said company shall thereupon become liable to pay such laborer the amount due him for such labor, and an action may be maintained against said company therefor; such notice shall be given by said laborer to said company, within twenty days after the performance of the number of days labor for which the claim is made; such notice shall be in writing, and shall state the amount and number of days labor, and the time when the same was performed for which the claim is made; and the name of the contractor from whom due, and shall be signed by said laborer or his attorney, and shall be served on an engineer, agent or superintendent employed by said company, having charge of the section of the road on which such labor was performed, personally, or by leaving the same at the office or usual place of business of such engineer, agent or superintendent, with some person of suitable age, but no action shall be maintained against said company under the provisions of this section, unless the same is commenced within thirty days after notice is given to the company, by such laborer as above provided.

SEC. 10. *And be it enacted*, That at the regular annual meetings of the stockholders of said company, it shall be the duty of the president and directors in office, for the preceding year, to exhibit a clear and distinct statement of the affairs of the company; that at any called meeting of the stockholders, a majority of those present may require similar statements from the president and directors, whose duty it shall be to furnish them, when thus required; and that at all general meetings of the stockholders, a majority (in value) of all the stockholders in said company, may remove from office any president, or any of the directors of said company, and may appoint others in their stead.

SEC. 11. *And be it enacted*, That the said president and directors, or a majority of them, may appoint all such officers, engineers, agents or servants whatsoever, as they may deem necessary for the transaction of the business of the company, and may remove any of them at their pleasure; that they, or a majority of them, shall have power to determine by contract, the compensation