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CHAPTER 14.

THE LAW OF THE ROAD.

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§ 1945. **Persons with vehicles meeting to turn to the right.**

When persons meet each other on any bridge or road, travelling with carriages, wagons, sleds, sleighs, or other vehicles, each person shall seasonably drive his carriage or other vehicle to the right of the middle of the travelled part of such bridge or road, so that the respective carriages or other vehicles may pass each other without interference.

(G. S. 1866, c. 14, § 1; G. S. 1878, c. 14, § 1.)

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§ 1946. **Driver passing vehicles to turn to the left.**

The driver of a carriage or other vehicle, passing a carriage or other vehicle travelling in the same direction, shall drive to the left of the middle of the travelled part of a bridge or road; and if the bridge or road is of sufficient width for the two vehicles to pass, the driver of the leading one shall not wilfully obstruct the same.

(G. S. 1866, c. 14, § 2; G. S. 1878, c. 14, § 2.)

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§ 1947. **Employment of intemperate drivers—Penalty.**

No person owning or having the direction or control of any coach or other vehicle, running or travelling upon any road in this state, for the conveyance of passengers, shall employ or keep in employment any person, to drive such coach or other vehicle, who is addicted to drunkenness, or to the excessive use of intoxicating liquors.

(G. S. 1866, c. 14, § 3; G. S. 1878, c. 14, § 3.)

§ 1948. **Penalty for violation of preceding sections.**

Whoever offends against the provisions of the preceding sections shall for each offence forfeit a sum not exceeding fifty dollars, and be further liable to any party for all damages sustained by reason of such offence: provided, that every complaint therefor shall be made within three months after the offence is committed, and that every action for damages shall be commenced within twelve months after the cause of action accrues.

(G. S. 1866, c. 14, § 4; G. S. 1878, c. 14, § 4.)

§ 1949. **Horses not to be left unfastened—Penalty.**

No driver of a carriage or other vehicle, used for the conveyance of passengers, shall leave the horses attached thereto, while any passenger remains in or upon the same, without making such horses fast with a sufficient halter, rope or chain, or without some suitable person to take the charge or guidance of them, so as to prevent their running; and if any such driver violates the provisions of this section, he and his employer, jointly and severally, shall forfeit a sum not exceeding fifty dollars; but no prosecution shall be commenced therefor after the expiration of three months from the time of committing the offence.

(G. S. 1866, c. 14, § 5; G. S. 1878, c. 14, § 5.)

§ 1950. **Owners liable to passengers for injuries caused by drivers.**

The owners of every carriage or other vehicle running or travelling upon any road or public highway, for the conveyance of passengers for hire, shall be liable jointly and severally to the party injured, for all injuries and damages done by any person in the employment of such owners as a driver, while driving such carriage, whether the act occasioning such injury or damage is wilful, negligent or otherwise.

(G. S. 1866, c. 14, § 6; G. S. 1878, c. 14, § 6.)