

make such crossings, such corporations may divert any road or highway, so crossed or to be crossed, from its present or existing location; and for entering upon, taking or appropriating any buildings, gardens, yards or other lands which may be necessary for the new route and location of said road so diverted, said corporation may proceed as in case of land necessary for its railroad, under the powers given to it by law, but said corporation shall, without unnecessary delay, place such road or highway or stream in such condition as to not impair its former usefulness; and such corporation shall be liable for damage caused by the diversion of any stream; and when said new road is properly laid out, completed and constructed by said company with such overgrade or undergrade crossings, in a manner satisfactory to the county commissioners of the county where said road is located, it shall be the duty of the said county commissioner to close the old road and grade crossings; and it shall be lawful for such company to close the former grade crossing.

See sections 307 and 314.

1904, art. 23, sec. 261. 1888, art. 23, sec. 174. 1876, ch. 242, sec. 18.

**279.** Such corporation shall, as soon as convenient after its organization, establish a principal office at some point on the line of its road, and change the same at pleasure, giving public notice in some newspaper, of such establishment or change.

*Ibid.* sec. 262. 1888, art. 23, sec. 175. 1876, ch. 242, sec. 19.

**280.** Every railroad company organized under this article shall be required to erect at all points where its road shall cross any public road, at a sufficient elevation from such public road to admit of the free passage of vehicles of every kind, a sign with large and distinct letters placed thereon, to give notice of the proximity of the railroad, and warn persons of the necessity of looking out for the cars; and any company neglecting or refusing to erect such sign shall be liable in damages for all injuries occurring to persons or property from such neglect or refusal.

As to the investigation of accidents by the public service commission, see sec. 434.

*Ibid.* sec. 263. 1888, art. 23, sec. 176. 1876, ch. 242, sec. 20.

**281.** Each and every railroad company incorporated under this article, shall annually, in the month of January, make a full report of the condition of its affairs to the comptroller, showing the amount of the capital stock of such company; the gross amount of tolls or receipts, during the previous year; the cost of repairs and incidental expenses; the net amount of profits, and the dividends made, with such other facts as may be necessary to a full statement of the affairs and condition of such road; and the comptroller shall present an abstract copy of such report to the general assembly at each session thereof.

*Ibid.* sec. 264. 1888, art. 23, sec. 177. 1876, ch. 242, sec. 21.

**282.** Whenever the line of any railroad company now existing, or which may hereafter organize under this article, shall cross any canal