

fastened to well set posts not more than rod apart; all fences, consisting of not less than four barb wires with at least forty barbs to the rod the wires to be firmly fastened to posts not more than one rod apart, the top wire to be not more than 48 inches high and the bottom wire not less than twelve inches nor more than sixteen inches from the ground; and all fences consisting of rails, timbers, wires, boards, stone walls, or any combination thereof, or of streams, lakes, ditches, or hedges, which shall be considered by the fence viewers as equivalent to any of the fences herein described—shall be deemed legal and sufficient fences. In all cases where adjoining land owners disagree as to the kind of fence to be built on any division line, the matter shall be referred to the fence viewers who shall determine what kind of fence shall be built on such line and shall order such fence built according to law.

Approved April 23, 1915.

CHAPTER 283—H. F. No. 431.

An Act to authorize the reception of abstracts of title as evidence in actions wherein the title to land is in controversy.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

Section 1. Abstracts of title to be received in evidence.—In any action wherein the title to real property is in controversy, any abstract of title thereof, duly certified by any bonded abstractor or by any Register of Deeds of any county wherein said real property is situated, shall be received as prima facie evidence of all instruments therein referred to, together with the records thereof as recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds of such County.

Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved April 23, 1915.

CHAPTER 284—H. F. No. 585.

An Act defining slander, and fixing the penalty therefor.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

Section 1. Definition of slander and same declared to be a misdemeanor.—Every person who, in the presence and hearing of another, other than the person slandered, whether he be present or not, shall speak of or concerning any person, any false or defamatory words or language which shall injure or impair the reputation of such person for virtue or chastity or which shall