

nor shall any patent right dealer be required to take out a license to sell his own invention."

Showmen re-  
quired to pro-  
cure license.

SECTION 4. Section 5 of said chapter seventy-two of the laws of 1870, is hereby amended by adding the following words: "Also every owner or manager of a so-called side-show, or every person exhibiting for money any wild animal or any object of curiosity, shall procure a state license as a public showman, and shall pay into the state treasury therefor the sum of twenty dollars.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved March 8, 1877.

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## CHAPTER 297.

AN ACT to amend section 9 of chapter 3, of chapter 184 of the laws of 1874, entitled "An act to revise, consolidate and amend the charter of the city of Milwaukee," approved February 20, 1852, and the several acts amendatory thereof.

*The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:*

Amended.

Common coun-  
cil to let con-  
tract for doing  
advertising of  
city.

SECTION 1. Section 9, of chapter 3 of chapter 184, of the laws of 1874, is hereby amended so as to read as follows: Section 9. At the last meeting of the said common council held prior to the expiration of the term of the present board of aldermen, the said common council shall direct the clerk of said city to advertise in one English and one German newspaper, published in the said city, for proposals to do the advertising for the said city for the next ensuing year thereafter, of all ordinances and notices as are now required to be published by the provisions of said charter. The said proposal shall call for bids from the English and German newspapers published daily in said city at least two consecutive years prior to said letting, and shall require the delivery of such proposals by each of the said newspapers in writing, duly sealed and directed to the said clerk, on or before the first Tuesday of April, 1877. No bid shall be considered by the said clerk unless accompanied by a certificate from the city treasurer, showing that the bidder has deposited with him five hundred dollars in money

Bids to be ac-  
companied by  
deposit.

or United States bonds, and a written agreement, executed by said bidder, under seal, to the effect that if such bid be excepted, and after being notified thereof, such bidder shall fail to enter into a contract and execute a bond as required by this act within the time prescribed by said clerk in said proposals, or if such bidder, after executing such contract and bond, shall fail to comply therewith, then in either such case the said five hundred dollars shall become absolutely forfeited to the said city, and shall be no part of the penalty or damages which may be recovered upon such contract or bond. If a bid be rejected, the said certificate of the city treasurer and such agreement and bond shall be returned to the bidder, otherwise the same shall be retained until such contract and bond be fully complied with as hereinafter provided for, when said five hundred dollars shall be returned to the contractor, and the said clerk shall, on the said first Tuesday, at twelve o'clock at noon, in the presence of the mayor, open all such proposals, and the said clerk shall thereupon, in the presence of the mayor, enter upon his minutes a record of all the said proposals respectively, with the price for which each such newspaper shall offer to do the same, and thereupon the clerk shall also enter upon his said minutes an order awarding such printing to the one English newspaper and one German newspaper so published in the said city and shall respectively offer to do such printing at the lowest price for the year ensuing the expiration of the contract of the present official newspapers of the said city. If, however, any two or more bids shall be for the same price, then in that case the said printing shall be so let to the one having the largest circulation in said city, and the newspapers to which such printing shall be awarded as aforesaid, shall each thereupon give bond in the sum of two thousand dollars for the faithful performance of their said contracts, said bond to be approved by the mayor of said city. And that such newspapers shall thereupon become liable to print and publish all such ordinances and notices as are required by law, for the compensation specified in such proposals, and shall receive no other compensation therefor.

Duty of clerk  
in considering  
proposals and  
letting contract

SECTION 2. And each year after the year 1877, at such last meeting of the said common council, and prior to the first meeting in each year, the said council, clerk and mayor shall in like manner designate one newspaper in English and one in German, published daily in said city as the proper official newspapers for the said

Contract to be  
let annually.

city, and shall award the said printing of the said city in the same manner and to the lowest bidder as provided in this act; *provided*, that the said common council in its discretion may reject any or all bids that shall be deemed by them exorbitant or too high, and in case of the rejection of all bids for such cause, it shall thereupon be the duty of said common council to re-advertise for proposals for such printing in the same manner as provided by this act.

Repealed.

SECTION 3. All acts relating to the city of Milwaukee inconsistent with this act are hereby repealed.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

Approved March 8, 1877.

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[Published March 21, 1877.]

## CHAPTER 298.

AN ACT relating to the revision of the statutes, and amendatory of chapter 203, of the laws of 1875.

*The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:*

Revisers may procure additional clerical assistance.

SECTION 1. The revisers appointed in pursuance of chapter 203, of the laws of 1875, or that may be appointed under any act amendatory thereof, are authorized to expend such sum for additional clerk hire as the justices of the supreme court shall deem just and reasonable, to be audited by the secretary of state upon the written allowance of such justices and paid out of the state treasury out of any moneys belonging to the general fund, not otherwise appropriated; *provided, however*, that not more than one thousand dollars shall be expended for such additional clerk hire.

Supreme court may appoint additional revisers.

SECTION 2. If in the opinion of a majority of the justices of the supreme court, it shall be necessary to do so, to ensure a report from the revisers by the first day of the next session of the legislature, so that such legislature may be able to act upon the proposed revision of the statutes, the said supreme court is hereby authorized and empowered to appoint such additional member or members of said board of revisers (not exceeding in all two such additional revisers) for such length of time, and assign to them such duties, with