

CHAPTER 52.

Published June 20.

An Act to authorize the Secretary of State to audit the accounts of the Madison Gas Light and Coke Company.

The people of the State of Wisconsin, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. It shall be the duty of the secretary of state to audit the accounts of the Madison Gas Light and Coke company for all gas consumed by the state, from and after the 19th day of July, A. D. 1855, and when such accounts are audited and allowed, they shall be paid by the state treasurer, on the order of the secretary of state, out of any money in the treasury, not otherwise appropriated; *Provided*, That no bill for gas shall be allowed by the secretary of state, for any lamps outside of the capital building during the adjournment of the legislature.

Secretary of state to audit accounts.

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

Approved March 29, 1856.

CHAPTER 53.

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An Act to authorize the Secretary of State to employ and pay clerks for the actual and necessary discharge of the duties of his office.

The People of the State of Wisconsin, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. There shall be annually appropriated to the Secretary of State, such sum as shall be actually and necessarily expended in his office for clerk hire. The sum drawn for such clerk hire shall be drawn on the certificate of the Secretary of State, in favor of the clerks entitled to the same respectively, and the amount of such cer-

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tificate, and the name in whose favor the same is drawn, with a detailed statement of the particular services rendered by the clerk or clerks, verified by the affidavit of the Secretary, shall be set forth in the annual reports of the Secretary of State and State treasurer.

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CHAPTER 54.

Published May 9.

An Act to divide the county of Portage and erect the county of Wood.

The people of the State of Wisconsin, represented in Senate and Assembly do enact as follows :

Boundaries of Wood county. SECTION 1. Towns twenty-one, twenty-two, twenty-three, twenty-four and twenty-five of ranges two, three, four and five, and towns twenty-one and twenty-two of range six east of the fourth meridian, and so much of town twenty-three as lies south-east of the Wisconsin river, in range six, are hereby detached from the county of Portage, and shall hereafter constitute a separate county under the name and title of Wood.

Rights, privileges, &c. SEC. 2. That said county of Wood is hereby erected, established and organized with all the rights, powers and privileges by law granted to other counties of this state, and subject to all general laws established for county government.

Election of officers. SEC. 3. That at the next general annual election, the electors in said county shall elect all and every of the county officers provided by law for county government, whose term of office shall commence on the first Monday of January next, and shall continue for two years thereafter.

County seat. SEC. 4. The present village of Grand Rapids is hereby constituted and declared the county seat of said county of Wood, and the said county of Wood is hereby attached to the seventh judicial circuit for judicial purposes, and the circuit court of the seventh judicial circuit of the state of Wisconsin shall hold its session at said county