

pany is located: *provided, however*, that any such company at its annual meeting may by a majority vote of the members present, authorize its directors to insure any farm property or detached dwelling-houses and contents in any adjoining town or towns, or in any incorporated city or village, which is located in or adjoining the towns in which such town insurance company is located: *provided*, such farm property or dwelling and contents shall be detached at least two hundred feet from any exposure; and all acts to which this section is amendatory shall be construed so as not to disorganize any town insurance company organized under the laws of Wisconsin for 1874, or previous; and all acts and proceedings of such town insurance companies are hereby legalized and declared valid to all intents and purposes.

Amended.

Election of directors.

SECTION 4. Section twelve of chapter three hundred and forty-four of the laws of Wisconsin for 1876, is hereby amended so as to read as follows: Section 12. The directors of such company shall be chosen by ballot, at the annual meeting thereof, which shall be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday of January in each year, unless otherwise ordered by a majority of the voters present at any such meeting, and every person shall have one vote for each two hundred dollars for which he or she may be insured, at such election, or in the transaction of any business of such company, but no person shall be allowed to vote by proxy, except women.

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

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CHAPTER 278.

AN ACT to amend chapter two hundred and sixty of the laws of Wisconsin for 1877, entitled "an act to revise, consolidate and amend the charter of the city of Stevens Point," approved May 17, 1858, and the several acts amendatory thereof.

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

Amended.

SECTION 1. Section fifteen of chapter four of said chapter two hundred and sixty of the laws of Wisconsin

sin for 1877, is hereby amended so as to read as follows: Section 15. The justices of the peace elected under this act shall have the same jurisdiction in civil and criminal cases and perform all duties of justices of the peace, as provided by the general laws of this state, and in addition thereto they shall have jurisdiction in all cases arising under the ordinances heretofore or hereafter passed by said city: *provided*, the mayor shall have power, if he shall deem it expedient, to designate and appoint one of said justices to try all cases and actions arising under this charter and the ordinances of this city, who thereupon shall have exclusive jurisdiction to try such actions, and shall hold his office at the station house, or such other place as shall be designated by the common council. Jurisdiction of
Justices.

SECTION 2. Section five of chapter ten of said chapter two hundred and sixty of the laws of Wisconsin for 1877, is hereby amended by inserting in the ninth line of said section, after the word "city," the words "*provided*, if the court, upon the trial of the case, shall be satisfied that the complaint was willful, malicious or without probable cause, the justice shall certify to that effect in his docket, and thereupon shall render judgment against the person making such complaint for all costs that may have accrued in the action." Malicious pro-
secution.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

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CHAPTER 279.

AN ACT to amend section four of chapter ninety-two of the laws of Wisconsin for 1874, entitled "An act to amend chapter one hundred and twenty-six, private laws of 1867, entitled 'An act to incorporate the Milwaukee and Brookfield Macadamized Turnpike Company.'"

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

SECTION 1. Section four of chapter ninety-two of the laws of Wisconsin for 1874, entitled "An act to amend chapter one hundred and twenty-six, private laws of 1867, entitled 'An act to incorporate the Milwaukee and Brookfield Macadamized Turnpike Company,'" is hereby amended by adding as follows: Amended.