

whether such property is owned by said company, or its members collectively, or has been issued to it or any of its officers, for its use by state or United States authority, and may sue for and recover possession of the same, whenever wrongfully withheld from his custody, or the custody of the company, in an action before any competent court or magistrate.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.
Approved April 6, 1885.

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CHAPTER 299.

AN ACT to amend the charter of the city of Fond du Lac.

(See Vol. 2.)

[No. 346, A.]

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CHAPTER 300.

AN ACT to amend section 3, chapter 85, of the private and local laws of 1870, relating to the incorporation of the Sheboygan Mutual Benevolent Association.

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

Power to establish by-laws and to use common seal.

SECTION 1. Section 3, of chapter 85, of the private and local laws of 1870, is hereby amended so as to read as follows: "The said corporation shall further have power to establish for its government a constitution and by-laws, not inconsistent with the constitution and laws of this state, to have and to use a common seal, and to alter the same at pleasure, and to take, by gift, grant or devise, and to hold and convey real and personal

property not exceeding in value eight thousand dollars.

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

Approved April 4, 1885.

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CHAPTER 301.

AN ACT to require the county clerk of Marathon county, to execute to the state certain tax deeds, to declare their effect, and to limit the time for bringing actions to invalidate the same.

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 county clerk of the county of Marathon, in behalf of said county, to execute to the state, upon the demand of the attorney general, a tax deed or deeds upon the outstanding tax certificates delivered to the secretary of state, under section 2, chapter 22, general laws of 1867, and to execute to the state tax deeds valid in form, in place of tax deeds invalid in form, heretofore issued by such clerk to the county of Marathon, for the forty thousand five hundred and forty acres of land, described in the deeds executed to the state by the clerk of said county, as being the conveyance authorized by section 1, of said chapter.

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SECTION 2. The tax deed or deeds upon such certificate shall be substantially in the general form prescribed by law, or other equivalent form, except so far as change may seem necessary to conform to the facts of the case, and reciting, where such is the fact, that the deed is made in place of an informal or insufficient one, previously issued to the said county for the same lands, with reference to the volume or volumes wherein such deeds were recorded; and such deed or deeds, duly executed, witnessed, acknowledged and recorded, shall vest in the state an absolute estate, in fee simple, in the lands therein described, and shall be presumptive evidence of the truth of

Form of tax deeds.