

CHAPTER 844.

[Published April 20, 1864.]

AN ACT to incorporate the La Crosse medical college.

(See supplement to local laws.)

CHAPTER 845.

[Published April 12, 1864.]

AN ACT to provide for continuing the work on the state capitol.

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

SECTION 1. The governor, state treasurer, secretary of state, attorney general and bank comptroller, are hereby constituted a board of building commissioners, and are authorized and directed to let the contract to the lowest responsible bidder, for the completion of the south wing of the capitol, except the finishing of the basement, and the front veranda, steps and balcony, and also for the completion of the center part and rotunda up to the top of the roof of the east and west wings; the rotunda to be completed in such a manner that the work hereafter to be done in finishing the dome, shall not be interfered with thereby, and such contract shall require the full completion of the same on or before the thirty-first day of December, A. D. 1864.

Commissioners authorized to let contract for building south wing.

SECTION 2. Before advertising for proposals, the commissioners and the superintending architect may make such alterations in the plans and specifications, not materially altering the original plan, as to them may seem advisable.

Plans may be altered.

SECTION 3. In advertising for proposals, in making the contract, and in making payments for work under the same, the commissioners shall follow the provisions of an act entitled "an act to authorize the enlargement of the state capitol, and providing and appropriating

Act applicable.

Contract may be declared forfeited, &c.

means for the payment of the same," approved February 28th, 1857, so far as the same shall be applicable; and in addition to the requirements of said act, they shall require of the contractor or contractors reasonable security for the prompt and faithful prosecution and completion of the work under such contract, within the time and according to the conditions to be specified in such contract; and they shall reserve the right and have the power, if the contractors shall neglect or abandon the work, or fail to prosecute the same with such diligence and dispatch as will reasonably secure the completion of the work in the time specified in the contract, to declare such contract abandoned and forfeited, and they shall relet the same to such other suitable person or persons as will secure the completion of the work by the time specified in such contract; and no liabilities shall exist on the part of the state for any service rendered under or upon any contract so abandoned and forfeited: *provided*, that in case it shall become necessary to relet the work, the commissioners shall relet to the lowest responsible bidder or bidders, in the same manner as is provided for in section one of this act.

Appropriation.

SECTION 4. For the payment of the work as it progresses under the contract, there shall be and hereby is appropriated out of the state treasury, a sum sufficient to defray the cost of the work authorized and provided for in the first section of this act: *provided*, that the entire cost of said work, whether included in the specifications of the architect or not, shall not exceed the sum of sixty thousand dollars.

Limit to cost.

Monthly estimates.

SECTION 5. Once in each month the superintending architect shall estimate and report to the commissioners the amount of work performed and material furnished under the contract for such enlargement, and if they approve the same, the governor shall certify eighty-five per centum thereof to the secretary of state, who shall draw his warrant on the treasurer for the same. Upon the completion of the work, under such contract, the remaining fifteen per centum shall be certified and paid in like manner.

Architect—his salary, &c.

SECTION 6. The building commissioners are hereby authorized to employ an architect to superintend the work, whose compensation on his estimate shall be as follows: One per centum for details to larger scales, and one and one-half per centum for superintendence,

which shall be in full payment for all services performed by said architect; and the commissioners may, if in their judgment the public good requires it, discharge such architect and employ another in his place and stead, in which case the compensation of said architect for services rendered, shall be adjusted upon the same terms as are heretofore provided for the compensation of the architect, having regard to the amount of services rendered.

SECTION 7. The architect employed under this act is prohibited from receiving, directly or indirectly, any commission, bonus, reward or compensation from the contractor or contractors who may be employed in the construction of the work contemplated by this act, or of any part thereof, or from any one in the employ of or furnishing materials to such contractor or contractors.

Architect to receive no bonus.

SECTION 8. In case of violation of the foregoing section seven, the architect shall be discharged, and he shall forfeit all claim and right to compensation for services rendered up to the time of such discharge.

Forfeiture.

SECTION 9. This act shall not be construed so as to permit the foregoing named commissioners to let the contract herein provided for, for a larger sum than thirty-five thousand dollars, and any contract by them for any work herein specified, for a larger sum than thirty-five thousand dollars, shall have no binding force or effect upon this state.

Construction.

SECTION 10. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved April 2, 1864.

CHAPTER 346.

[Published April 21, 1864.]

AN ACT to legalize the official acts of the assessor of the town of Buena Vista, Richland county.

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

SECTION 1. That all of the official acts of the assessor of the town of Buena Vista, Richland county, and

Legalized.