

CHAPTER 371.

[Published April 7, 1864.]

AN ACT to amend the charter of the Tomah and Lake Saint Croix railroad company.

(See supplement to local laws.)

CHAPTER 372.

[Published April 25, 1864.]

AN ACT to authorize the city of La Crosse to aid in the construction of railroads.

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

SECTION 1. The common council of the city of La Crosse shall have power to submit to the tax payers, who are legal voters, residents of said city, the question whether said city shall issue bonds as hereinafter provided, to aid in the building and construction of a railroad or railroads already built and constructed, or which may hereafter be built and constructed, in the state of Minnesota, terminating on the west bank of the Mississippi river, opposite said city, or upon any of the islands adjacent thereto, or any railroad or railroads in the state of Wisconsin, running to or passing through said city, by giving at least three weeks' notice of the time and place of deciding said question, to be published in a public newspaper printed and published in the English language, and having a general circulation in said city, and stating in said notice the amount of said bonds, not, however, to exceed the sum of fifty thousand dollars. The question shall be decided by ballot, those voting in favor of issuing bonds voting "for issuing bonds," and those opposed thereto voting "against issuing bonds." If a majority of the votes cast on said question be in favor of issuing bonds, then said common council may, in the discretion of said council, by resolution entered upon the records of said council,

Council may submit question of aid to railroads to vote of tax payers.

Form of ballots, &c.

If vote favorable, council may issue bonds.

issue said bonds under the seal of said corporation, signed by the mayor of said city and countersigned by the clerk thereof.

When bonds payable, rate of interest, tax for interest and principal, &c.

SECTION 2. If said vote shall be in favor of issuing said bonds, said common council shall have power to issue the same, if in their discretion they shall deem it advisable so to do, payable in not less than five years, nor more than fifteen years from the date thereof, with coupons attached, drawing interest at a rate not to exceed seven per cent. per annum, payable semi-annually, and at such place or places as said council may deem expedient, and shall have power to lay a special tax on all property taxable in said city, to pay said bonds and the interest which may accrue thereon, and to create a sinking fund for that purpose, and to collect such special tax at such times and in such amounts, annually, as shall be necessary and expedient, in the opinion of the council; but said council shall not in any event have power to dispose of said bonds, nor any of them, for a sum less than the face thereof, together with the interest which may have accrued thereon at the time of the sale thereof, and the same shall be sold for cash only.

Bonds not to be sold at less than par.

Construction.]

SECTION 3. Persons paying or being liable to pay a poll tax or dog tax only, shall not be considered a tax payer within the meaning of this act.

Repeal.

SECTION 4. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with this act, for the purposes of this act only, are hereby repealed, and this act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

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CHAPTER 373.

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AN ACT for the relief of Platteville academy.

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

Interest re-
mitted.

SECTION 1. The commissioners of school and university lands are hereby authorized and directed to remit the interest due the state for the years 1864 and 1865,