

from interposing the defense of usury in any action brought to enforce the payment of any of the securities issued under and by virtue of this act.

SECTION 7. The capital stock of the said company may from time to time be increased by a vote of the stockholders representing a majority of the whole stock, at any special meeting called for that purpose, not exceeding one million dollars. Capital stock may be increased

SECTION 8. All the rights and privileges conferred by this act, are conferred upon the said corporation organized on the 31st day of October, A. D. 1864, under chapter 73 of the revised statutes; and all the acts of the said corporation since their said organization, not inconsistent with this act or the provisions of said chapter 73, are hereby declared to be binding. Rights declared binding.

SECTION 9. It is hereby declared that in the judgment of the legislature, the objects of this corporation cannot be attained under general laws. Objects not otherwise attainable.

SECTION 10. This act is hereby declared to be a public act, and its provisions shall be liberally construed in all courts of this state, and copies of the same printed by authority of the legislature, shall be evidence thereof in all cases. Act to be liberally construed.

SECTION 11. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved March 8, 1865.

## CHAPTER 103.

[Published March 18, 1865.]

AN ACT to incorporate the Turners' society, of La Crosse.

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

SECTION 1. George A. Metzger, Joseph Gutman, John C. Fuehr, Frederick Tillman, Gustav Carl, and others, who have united themselves into an association for the purpose of teaching and learning gymnastics, and for cultivating and improving the faculties of the body, as well as of the mind, by gymnastic exercises, and by establishing a reading room and a library, and Corporators, and corporative powers.

for other similar purposes, and their associates, are hereby created a body politic and corporate, located at the city of La Crosse, and known by the name of the Turners' society, of La Crosse.

Name.

Further powers.

SECTION 2. The said corporation shall have power to contract and be contracted with, to plead and be impleaded (*with*), to answer and be answered unto, to defend and to be defended, in all courts of law and equity in this state, and shall have perpetual succession, and be vested with all the powers and privileges necessary to carry out and fulfill the objects of their incorporation.

May hold real estate, borrow money, execute mortgages, &c.

SECTION 3. Said corporation shall have a common seal, and shall have power and authority to acquire, purchase, receive, possess, be seized with and enjoy property, real and personal, not exceeding in value one hundred thousand dollars; and the said corporation may alter said common seal, and sell, rent, convey or otherwise dispose of its real and personal estate, at pleasure; also, borrow money for the use of said corporation, execute, sign, seal and deliver deeds, mortgages and other instruments in writing, as the case may require.

By-laws, &c.

SECTION 4. Said corporation shall have further power to establish for its government a constitution and by-laws, not inconsistent with the constitution or laws of this state or of the United States, and make all such rules and regulations as may be deemed necessary to fully carry into effect the objects of said corporation.

Board of direct-

SECTION 5. The members of said corporation shall have power to assemble at such times and places as may be agreed upon, and they may elect any number of discreet persons, members of said corporation, not less than three nor more than nine in number, as trustees of said corporation, to take and have the charge and management of the real and personal property belonging thereto, as the laws of this state require, and to transact all business properly appertaining to their said office.

Other officers, and their duties.

SECTION 6. It shall be lawful for said corporation to elect and appoint such other officers as the condition and circumstances of the corporation may require, and to prescribe their powers and duties, and require bonds and security for the faithful performance of their duties, in such penal sum and with such sureties as they

may require, and also prescribe the term of their office: *provided, however*, that the trustees shall hold their offices in conformity with the law, for at least one year, and until their successors are elected and qualified.

SECTION 7. All property, real and personal, of said corporation, shall be devoted to the purposes of such corporation, and all real and personal estate which has been or may hereafter be lawfully conveyed by devise, gift, grant, purchase or otherwise to said corporation, or to any person or persons in trust for said corporation, shall descend, with all improvements and appurtenances, in perpetual succession to and be held by said trustees, in trust for said corporation. Descent of property.

SECTION 8. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

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## CHAPTER 105.

[Published March 21, 1865.]

AN ACT to incorporate the Crawford county woolen company.

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

SECTION 1. Edward Davis, J. S. Rogers, Thomas W. Tower, John H. Tower, and such other persons as may hereafter be associated with them as stockholders, and their successors forever, are hereby created a body politic and corporate, by the name of the "Crawford county woolen factory," with perpetual succession, and by that name shall have all the privileges, franchises and immunities incident to a corporation, and may have a corporate seal and alter the same at pleasure, and by their said name shall be capable of purchasing, leasing, holding and conveying any estate, real and personal, for the use and benefit of said corporation. Corporators.  
Name and powers.

SECTION 2. The place of business of said company shall be in the county of Crawford, in this state; and said corporation shall have full power to contract and be contracted with, to sue and be sued, to implead and be impleaded, to answer and be answered unto, in all Place of business  
Further powers.