

## CHAPTER 16.

[Published February 7, 1835.]

AN ACT to incorporate the Wisconsin soldiers' home.

*(See supplement to local laws.)*

## CHAPTER 17.

[Published February 6, 1835.]

AN ACT to authorize the city of Watertown to raise money by wards, for the payment of bounties to volunteers for military service of the United States, and to provide for the levy and collection of the same.

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

SECTION 1. The qualified electors of any ward of the city of Watertown, in this state, shall have power, at any meeting of such electors, called and held as hereinafter provided, to vote to raise by a tax, to be levied upon the taxable property in such ward, such sum or sums of money as they may deem necessary to pay bounties to volunteers in the service of the United States, who may have enlisted or shall hereafter enlist and become credited to such ward upon its quota, under the call of the president of the United States for volunteers, made December 19th, 1864, or under any call which may hereafter be made by the president for volunteers for the military service of the United States: *provided*, that not more than two hundred dollars shall be paid to any one volunteer out of such bounty tax so voted.

Tax may be voted to pay bounties to volunteers.

Limit to bounties.

SECTION 2. A meeting of the qualified electors of any such ward, in said city of Watertown, may be held for the purpose aforesaid, upon a written petition to the clerk of said city, signed by five or more qualified electors and freeholders in such ward, which petition shall set forth the purpose for which such meeting is asked by the petitioners, together with the amount of money sought to be raised by tax at such meeting for

Petition for and notice of meeting.

such purpose; and it shall be the duty of the clerk of said city, upon presentation to him of such petition, to call a meeting of the qualified electors of such ward, by posting notices of the same in three or more public places in such ward, stating the time when and the place where such meeting will be held, and the object of the same, together with the amount of the tax proposed, to be posted not less than five nor more than fifteen days previously to the time appointed for holding such meeting; and each meeting shall be held at the place designated therefor in the petition asking for the same.

Inspectors and clerk of election.

Form of ballots.

Board of Commissioners.

How election to be conducted.

Record of proceedings.

SECTION 3. The aldermen of the respective wards of said city shall constitute the board of inspectors for such meetings, and they shall take the usual oaths or affirmations prescribed by the general laws of the state to be taken by the inspectors of elections, and shall have power to appoint a clerk of such election, and to administer the necessary oaths. Such election shall be by ballot, and the elector shall declare his intention by inscribing on his ballot, "for tax," or "against tax," or words of similar import. And such electors shall also at the same time choose a board of three commissioners to take charge of the procurement of recruits for such ward. Such board shall be chosen by ballot, to be taken in a separate box from that in which the ballot upon the question of tax is taken. The names of the commissioners voted for by each elector, shall be inscribed on the ballot, and the three persons having the highest number of votes cast at such election shall constitute such board; and in case of a tie vote, the choice between the persons receiving an equal number of votes, shall be determined by the casting of lots by the board of inspectors; and vacancies in such board of commissioners, occasioned by the absence or refusal of any person so chosen to act, or by any other cause, shall be filled by appointment by the aldermen of the ward in which they were chosen; (and) provided, that such election shall in all other respects be held and conducted in the same manner and under the same penalties, and vacancies in the board of inspectors thereof filled and the votes canvassed, as required by the laws of this state regarding elections; and a complete record of the proceedings of every such meeting shall be kept, in which shall be stated the amount of each tax voted thereat, and the purpose for which the same

was voted, and the names of the persons chosen to superintend recruiting in such ward, and such proceedings shall be signed or attested by the officers, and filed and recorded in the office of the clerk of said city; and *provided, further*, that the electors assembled at any such meeting, not less than twelve in number, may, before proceeding to vote on the question of raising any such tax, agree or determine upon a less sum to be voted for any such purpose than the amount named therefor in the petition aforesaid.

Less bounty may be agreed upon.

SECTION 4. Whenever any such tax shall have been voted by any ward in said city, it shall be the duty of the common council of said city, when they levy the next annual tax upon said ward, to order said tax to be carried out upon the assessment roll of such ward by the clerk of said city, in a separate column, as a ward tax, and the same shall be collected in like manner as other taxes for ward purposes, and the same, when collected, shall constitute a bounty fund for the ward in which the same was levied and collected, for the payment of bounties or the redemption of bounty scrip, as the case may require. And the common council of said city shall in all cases order a sufficient sum, aside from such tax so voted by and levied upon any ward of said city, to be levied upon the taxable property of such ward, to pay any interest that shall accrue upon any scrip or order issued for the benefit of such ward, pursuant to this act: *provided*, that no greater sum shall be levied upon any ward than shall have been expended by the same for the procurement of recruits, as hereinbefore provided, except for the purpose of paying interest as aforesaid.

Levy and collection of tax.

Payment of interest on scrip.

Limit to amount to be levied.

SECTION 5. Whenever any such tax shall have been voted by any ward in said city, it shall be the duty of the mayor in said city to issue orders for the payment thereof, in sums not exceeding one hundred dollars, and drawing not more than seven per cent. interest, which orders shall be countersigned by the clerk of said city, directed to the treasurer thereof, and payable by the terms thereof to bearer, out of the bounty fund of the particular ward for which the same shall have been issued, on the first day of December next and following the issue of the same. Said orders shall be delivered to the city treasurer of said city, and by him negotiated at no less than their par value, and the proceeds thereof

Orders for payment of tax—amount, how signed, and when payable.

Negotiation of orders.

Orders receivable  
for war taxes.

Limit to amount  
of orders to be  
issued.

When bounty to  
be paid.

Duties of com-  
missioners.

Penalties.

Treasurer may be  
required to give  
additional bonds.

passed to the credit of the particular ward for which the same were issued, under the style of bounty fund, as aforesaid: *provided*, that such orders shall be received in payment of war taxes in the several wards for which the same was issued; *and provided*, that no more orders shall be issued by such mayor or negotiated by said treasurer, than shall be certified by the board of commissioners for the respective wards of said city to be necessary for the purpose of filling the quota of their several wards.

**SECTION 6.** The treasurer of said city shall pay to each person volunteering for and recruited to any ward of said city, or to his order, as the case may require, out of the bounty fund of such ward, the bounty which may be agreed to be paid such recruit by the board of commissioners for such ward, at the time of the procurement of such volunteer: *provided*, that such payment shall only be made upon the production of the certificate of muster and credit of such volunteer to such ward, and the order of the board of commissioners for the amount of bounty agreed to be paid.

**SECTION 7.** A board of commissioners provided for in this act, elected in any ward, shall have power to act in the premises until the ward shall vote a further tax and shall choose a new board, in the manner provided in this act; and such commissioners shall receive such compensation for their services, to be paid out of the funds of their respective wards, as the common council of said city may allow, not to exceed one dollar per day for time actually spent, and their actual expenses.

**SECTION 8.** Any person or persons intrusted with the same, who shall willfully misapply or misappropriate any tax or portion thereof, levied and collected under this act, or who shall willfully misapply or misappropriate any scrip issued for the payment of any such tax or the proceeds of such scrip, shall be deemed guilty of embezzlement; and any officer of said city who shall willfully fail and neglect to perform any duty imposed upon him by the terms of this act, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and liable to indictment and punishment therefor, as provided by law in cases of misdemeanor.

**SECTION 9.** No tax to pay bounties shall be voted, levied or collected hereafter in the said city of Watertown, except in pursuance of this act; and the common

council of said city may, in its discretion, require of the treasurer of said city additional bonds for the faithful performance of the duties imposed upon him by the terms of this act.

Approved February, 2, 1865.

## CHAPTER 18.

[Published February 9, 1865.]

AN ACT to amend chapter 352 of the private and local [general] acts of 1863, entitled "an act to incorporate the Phoenix lead-mining and smelting company," approved April 2, 1863.

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

SECTION 1. The directors of the Phoenix lead mining and smelting company are hereby authorized to increase the capital stock of said company to two millions of dollars, which shall be represented by twenty thousand shares, of one hundred dollars each.

Increase of capital stock.

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

Approved February 2, 1865.

## CHAPTER 19.

[Published February 7, 1865.]

AN ACT to authorize school district number four, in the town of Beloit, to purchase a school house, and to lease the land upon which the same is situated, and to levy and collect a tax for the same.

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

SECTION 1. The district board of school district number four, in the town of Beloit, in the county of Rock, or a majority of said board, are hereby authorized and empowered to purchase for said district a certain

May purchase certain building and lease ground