Corporations entitled to benefits of chapter 24, laws of 1870.

roads," and the acts amendatory thereof, shall not be construed as repealing the provisions of the act to which this act is amendatory, or as affecting any of the proceedings heretofore had pursuant thereto, but every county, town, city or village which shall have granted aid under the provisions of this act, upon filing proof of the same in the office of the secretary of state, shall be entitled to all the benefits conferred by section four (4), of chapter, twenty-four (24), of the general laws of 1870, as amended by section four (4), of chapter forty-eight (48), of the general laws of 1871, and shall be subject to the same restrictions by that section imposed.

Section 2. This act shall take effect and be in force

from and after its passage and publication.

Approved March 8, 1876.

CPAPTER 181.

[Published March 18, 1876.]

AN ACT to amend sections 8, of chapter 15, of the revised statutes, entitled, "Of towns and town officers, powers and duties of towns."

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

Amended.

Duty of town clerk to give notice of election.

How election to be conduct-

Section 1. Section 8, of chapter 15, of the revised statutes, entitled as above, is hereby amended by adding at the end of said section the following: in case twelve electors of any town shall sign and file with the town clerk of said town, not less than four weeks, nor more than six weeks previous to any annual town meeting, a written request, asking that the place of holding the annual town meeting for the ensuing year be decided by ballot, it shall be the duty of the town clerk, within one week from the day of the filing of the said request, to post notices in at least four public places in said town, stating that the place of holding the annual town meeting for the following year will be decided by ballot, at the town meeting then about to be held. A separate ballot box shall be provided at the polls of the town meeting, and each elector shall be entitled to deposit therein a ballot designating the building or public hall within said town, at which he desires the next annual town meeting to be held, and at the close of the polls, the place thus receiving the largest number of votes, shall be announced as the place of holding the annual town meeting for the ensuing year, and said town meeting shall be ordered to be there held."

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

Approved March 8, 1876.

CHAPTER 182.

[Published March 17, 1876.]

AN ACT relating to the invention and encouragement of steam or other mechanical agents on highways, and amendatory of chapter one hundred and thirty-four (134), laws of 1875.

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

Section 1. Section first (1), of chapter one hundred Amended. and thirty-four (134), of the laws of 1875, is hereby amended by adding after the word "invent," in the fifth (5th) line in said section, the words: And within Inventor to one year after the passage of this act shall file with file statement. the secretary of state a statement of his intention to compete for the said bounty, and that he has made progress in the construction of a machine.

Section 2. This act shall take effect and be in force

from and after its passage and publication.

Approved March 8, 1876.

CHAPTER 183.

[Published March 17, 1876.]

AN ACT to legalize the acts of United States Court Commissioners, for the eastern district of the State of Wisconsin, in certain cases.

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

Section 1. All acts of any commissioner and mas-Acts legalized. ter in chancery, appointed by the circuit or district