

vided by law in case of special town meetings; and for this purpose every qualified elector may vote a separate ballot, upon which shall be written or printed, or partly written and partly printed, the following words: "For erection of permanent landmarks," or "Against erection of permanent landmarks," which ballots shall be counted and canvassed in the same manner as ballots for town officers are canvassed.

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

Approved March 11, 1876.

## CHAPTER 300.

[Published March 16, 1876.]

AN ACT to amend section one (1) chapter two hundred and ninety-nine (299), of the general laws of 1873, entitled, "An act to amend chapter fifty-six (56), general laws of 1870, entitled 'an act to provide for the incorporation and government of fire and inland navigation insurance companies.'"

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

Amended.

SECTION 1. Amend section one (1), of chapter two hundred and ninety-nine (299), of the general laws of 1873, by striking out of said section, all between the word "salaries," where it occurs in the twenty-second (22d) line of said section, and the word "provided," where it occurs in the thirty-seventh (37th) line of said section, so that the section, when amended, shall read as follows: Section 1. Section thirty-three (33), chapter fifty-six, general laws of 1870, is hereby amended by striking out the word "incorporated," where it occurs in the thirty-fourth (34th) line as printed, so as to read as follows: Section 33. It shall be the duty of every company transacting the business of insurance under this act, to include in its annual statement, a statement showing the amount received in the state during the year for which such statement is made, in cash for premiums, in premium notes, in cash notes, and the amount received from other sources; and showing also the amount paid in this state for salaries, commissions to agents, and for losses during the same period. And each such company, be-

What annual statements of insurance companies shall show.

fore receiving a license to transact business for the current year, shall pay to the state treasurer a sum equal to two per centum of the gross cash receipts of said company in this state, including all notes taken for premiums during the year for which such statement is made; *provided*, all companies chartered or organized under the laws of this state may be allowed to deduct from such gross receipts their office expenditures, and officers' salaries; *provided*, that this act shall not be construed to prohibit cities and villages having an organized fire department, from collecting the two (2) per cent. now allowed by law on the receipts of each insurance company within their respective limits, to be applied to the support of the fire department of such cities and villages.

Per centum to be paid as state tax.

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

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## CHAPTER 301.

[Published March 30, 1876.]

AN ACT to require village or city authorities to construct vaults or structures for the temporary keeping of dead bodies before interment, in certain cases.

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

SECTION 1. Whenever ten freeholders and tax-payers of any incorporated village or city of over five hundred inhabitants, shall petition to the authorities of said village or city, to have a vault or structure built in its public cemetery, then it shall become the duty of said authorities to cause to be constructed, and maintain after completion thereof, a vault or structure for the purpose for the temporary keeping of dead bodies before interment, said vault or structure to be so constructed as to preserve the dead bodies placed therein as much as possible from atmospheric influences; and such vault or structure shall be located in the public cemetery grounds of such cities or villages, and be a part of the cemetery.

Cities and villages may construct vaults for preservation of dead bodies.

SECTION 2. The expenses in constructing and maintaining such vault or structure shall be paid from

How expenses to be paid.