

a bushel of sweet potatoes; fifty pounds for a bushel of rape seed, millet seed, buckwheat, beets, carrots or green cucumbers; forty-eight pounds for a bushel of barley, Hungarian grass seed or corn meal; forty-five pounds for a bushel of timothy seed; forty-four pounds for a bushel of hemp seed or parsnips; forty-two pounds for a bushel of common flat turnips; thirty-four pounds for a bushel of barley malt; thirty-two pounds for a bushel of oats; twenty-eight pounds for a bushel of dried apples or dried peaches; and eighty pounds for a bushel of unslacked lime."

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

Approved March 18, 1881.

[No. 218, A.]

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CHAPTER 122.

AN ACT to amend section one of chapter one hundred and sixty-six of the general laws of 1879, entitled "an act for the preservation of trout in the waters of Marathon and Sauk counties, Wisconsin."

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

SECTION 1. Section one, of chapter one hundred and sixty-six, of the general laws of 1879, is hereby amended so as to read as follows: Section 1. It shall be unlawful for any person to catch, or take in any manner, prior to the first of May, 1883, any brook or speckled trout in any brook or stream within the borders of Marathon and Sauk counties, Wisconsin. Waters where fishing is unlawful.

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

Approved March 18, 1881.

[No. 124, S.]

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CHAPTER 123.

AN ACT to amend an act entitled an act to revise, consolidate and amend the charter of the city of Racine, approved August 8, 1848, and the several acts amendatory thereof, approved March 11, 1876, and the several acts amendatory thereof.

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

SECTION 1. Section three, of title two, of chapter Amended. three hundred and thirteen, of the laws of 1876, as amended by chapter one hundred and eighty of the

laws of 1880, is hereby amended so that the same shall read as follows: Section 3. The mayor, city marshal, one alderman from each ward, one assessor, one justice of the peace and one supervisor from each ward, shall be elected at the annual municipal election, on the first Tuesday in April in each year. Said officers so elected shall enter upon the duties of their respective offices on the third Tuesday of April in the year of their election, and shall hold their respective offices for the term of one year and until their successors are elected and qualified, except justices of the peace and aldermen, who shall hold their respective offices for the term of two years and until their successors are elected and qualified, and assessors, who shall hold their offices for the term of three years and until their successors are elected and qualified. At the annual municipal election on the first Tuesday in April, 1880, there shall also be elected a city clerk who shall hold his office one year, and a city treasurer who shall hold his office two years and until the election and qualification of their respective successors; the term of each of said last named officers shall begin on the third Tuesday in April, 1880. After said municipal election of 1880, said clerk and treasurer shall each be elected biennially at the annual municipal election in alternate years, and shall hold their respective offices for two years and until the election and qualification of their respective successors.

SECTION 2. Title two of chapter three hundred and thirteen, of the laws of 1876, is hereby amended by adding at the end of the said title a new section, which shall read as follows: Section 17. All officers of said city, elected or appointed by the common council or appointed by the mayor for a full term, shall assume the duties of their respective offices on the first Tuesday after the second Monday in May in the year of their election or appointment. Said officers shall hold their said offices until the first Tuesday after the second Monday in May in the ensuing year, except the fire marshal who shall hold his office until the corresponding Tuesday in May in the second year after his election. All of said officers shall, however, hold their offices until the election and qualification of their successors. The term of office of all officers named in this section who are now in office, except the fire marshal, shall expire on the first Tuesday after the second Monday in May, 1881: provided, however, that said officers shall hold their offices until the election and

Elective officers.

Terms of office.

Clerk and treasurer elected biennially.

Commencement of term of office.

qualification of their respective successors. This section shall not be construed to abridge the powers of the council or mayor to suspend or remove any such officers in any case where such power is conferred by this charter or the ordinances of said city.

SECTION 8. Title six of said chapter three hundred and thirteen of the laws of 1876, as amended by chapter one hundred and eighty of the laws of 1880, is hereby amended by adding at the end of said title, six new sections which shall read as follows: Water supply. Section 30. The said common council shall have power to construct jets and fire hydrants for public use and fountains at such places in any of the streets, alleys and public grounds in said city, as the said common council may determine; said council shall also have power to lay water pipes in and through the public grounds, streets and alleys of said city, and to connect said pipes with any public artesian well or wells or waterworks in said city, also to connect said pipes with any artesian well or wells owned by private persons or corporations with whom the council may make contracts for the use of water. Said common council shall also have power to permit and allow private persons, firms and corporations, to tap or make connections with said water pipes and to use water therefrom, under such regulations as to the size and quality of service pipes, manner of connection and amount of water to be used, as the council may by ordinance or rules establish. Said council shall also have power to appoint agents or superintendents, from its own number, or otherwise, to carry into execution the powers granted by this section, and to provide by ordinance for the punishment by fines or penalties of any wrongful use of or injury to any artesian well owned by said city, or any of the pipes, hydrants, fountains or other property of said city in this section named. Section 31. The common council before laying water pipe along any street, alley or public place in said city, shall assess against the several lots, parts of lots or parcels of land which may front or abut on the proposed line of water pipe or which may be contiguous to and used in connection with any lot or parcel of land so fronting or abutting, the amounts which the said several lots, parts of lots or parcels of land may, in the judgment of the said council, be specially benefited by reason of laying such water pipe, not to exceed, however, the amount prescribed in the next section. Section 32. No lot, part of a lot or parcel of land shall

Water supply—
hydrants,
water-pipes,
etc.

Value of bene-
fits to be as-
sessed against
lots.

Assessment to exceed half the cost of laying water-pipes.

Assessment to be apportioned when lot is subdivided.

Recording and publication of assessment.

be assessed to an amount exceeding one-half of the cost, as estimated by the council, of furnishing and laying a water pipe, with an inside diameter of four inches, along the front of such lot or parcel of land, corner lots or parcels of land which front or abut on more than one street on which a line of water pipe is proposed to be laid, may be assessed for each such line of water pipe, but the aggregate of the assessment therefor, against any such corner lot or parcel of land, shall be as nearly as may be in just proportion to the amounts assessed against other lots, as compared with the special benefits derived by them respectively from the laying of such water pipe. Section 33. Whenever any lot or parcel of land shall be subdivided by sale or contract, or by use or occupation, in severalty, whether such subdivision shall occur before or after the assessment of special benefits as herein provided, the common council may, after ascertaining such fact, at any time before the return of the delinquent tax list to the county treasurer, make an equitable apportionment of the benefit tax against such lot or parcel of land among the different subdivisions thereof. Section 34. The city clerk shall record all such assessments in the proceedings of the common council, and notice shall be given to all persons interested by the publication of a notice setting forth the assessments so made, in detail, in the official city paper, and by the service of such notice on all resident owners of the lands assessed, personally if to be found, and if not found, by leaving a copy of said notice at the last and usual place of abode of such owner. Such publication and service shall be made within ten days after such assessment shall have been made. Any person feeling aggrieved by such assessment against his property may, within twenty days after such publication of said notice, appeal therefrom to the circuit court of Racine county. Such appeal shall be made and conducted in like manner, and like security for costs shall be required, as provided by law in cases of appeals from the assessments of benefits and damages made upon the opening of streets and public grounds. No irregularity or defect in the proceedings shall affect the validity of any such assessment, providing that the notice named in this section shall have been duly published and served. Such appeal shall not hinder or delay any of the proceedings for the collection of such assessment so appealed from, but in case the appellant succeed, the difference between the assessment of the council and the amount

finally adjudged, shall be adjusted in like manner as provided in section nine of this title. Section 35. Work to be let to lowest bidder. After the making of the said assessments, the common council shall let the work to the lowest responsible bidder, at least two weeks' notice of the receiving of such bids having been given in the official city paper; the common council may reject any and all bids if deemed too high, or for any neglect to furnish proper bonds for the performance of such contract. Said assessments shall be a lien upon the property assessed, and shall be collected in like manner as provided in section seventeen of this title. Any deficiency between the amount of the special assessments levied and the amount expended for such work, may be defrayed out of the ward fund of the proper ward, or by the levy of a special ward tax.

SECTION 4. Police fund. Section one of title thirteen of said chapter three hundred and thirteen, is hereby amended by striking out the following words and figures where they occur in said section, viz: "7. A sum not exceeding three thousand dollars for a police fund;" and by inserting in place thereof the following words and figures, viz: "7. A sum not exceeding three thousand five hundred dollars for a police fund."

SECTION 5. Salary of city clerk and comptroller. Section one of title twelve of said chapter three hundred and thirteen, is hereby amended by striking from said section the following words and figures where they occur in said section, viz: "To the city clerk and ex-officio comptroller, eight hundred dollars," and by inserting in place thereof the words and figures following, viz: "To the city clerk and ex-officio comptroller, nine hundred dollars."

SECTION 6. Providing for building engine house. Title thirteen of said chapter three hundred and thirteen, is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section, which shall read as follows: Section 9. The common council, by and with the consent of the aldermen of the second and third wards, are hereby authorized to transfer to the fire fund so much of the special cistern fund raised under the provisions of the next preceding section as is or may be apportioned for use in the second and third wards of said city, and to use the same for the purpose of building a new fire engine house in said city. The amount so transferred shall be levied by general tax at the next annual tax levy, and repaid to said special cistern fund. Said council is also authorized, with the consent of the aldermen of the sixth ward, to appropriate and use so much of said special cistern fund as is or may be ap-

portioned for use in the sixth ward, for the purpose of laying water pipes in the streets of said ward if, in the judgment of the council, such change in the use of such fund shall be deemed expedient.

Repealed.

SECTION 7. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with or repugnant to the terms of any of the sections of this act, are hereby repealed.

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

Approved March 19, 1881.

[No. 29, S.]

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CHAPTER 124.

AN ACT to provide for the separate publication of reports of Washburn observatory, and of the departments of agriculture and mechanic arts in Wisconsin university.

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

Publication of reports.

SECTION 1. The board of regents of Wisconsin university are hereby required to report to the governor, annually or oftener, the results of important investigations conducted by the director of Washburn observatory, and also the results of such experiments in said university relating to agriculture or the mechanic arts, as said board may deem to be of special value, for the promotion of the agricultural and mechanical interests of Wisconsin, and with the approval of the governor, not less than fifteen hundred of each of said reports may be printed by the state printer in separate form, on good book paper and otherwise in such manner and with such appropriate quality of binding as the commissioners of public printing shall order and prescribe.

Distribution of reports.

SECTION 2. Three hundred copies of each of the said reports provided to be printed in the preceding section of this act shall be for the use of the senate and five hundred copies for the use of the assembly; and the remainder shall be distributed in exchange for the publications of other scientific institutions, and for such other public purposes as the board of regents of said university may determine.

SECTION 3. There is hereby appropriated from the state treasury annually, out of any moneys not otherwise appropriated, a sufficient sum of money for the purposes of this act.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

Approved March 19, 1881.