

fund not otherwise appropriated “for the sole purpose of liquidating the indebtedness of said society, and then only after the secretary of said society has certified the amount of said indebtedness to the secretary of state.”

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

Approved March 23, 1883.

[No. 338, A.]

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CHAPTER 147.

AN ACT authorizing and empowering the chairmen of town boards of supervisors to administer oaths in certain cases.

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

May administer oaths.

SECTION 1. The chairmen of town boards of supervisors are hereby empowered and authorized to administer oaths or affidavits in all matters coming before said boards.

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

Approved March 23, 1883.

[No. 339, A.]

[Published April 4, 1883.]

CHAPTER 148.

AN ACT to amend section 1236 of chapter 52 of the revised statutes, entitled “Of highways and bridges.”

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

Relating to highways and bridges.

SECTION 1. Section 1236 of chapter 52 of the revised statutes, is hereby amended by striking out the words “overseer of such first named district,” where they occur in the fourteenth line in said section, and insert in lieu thereof, the words “supervisors of the town in which said road districts are located,” so that said section when so amended shall read as follows: Section 1236. It shall be lawful for any overseer of highways, or any person acting under his direction, to enter upon any lands adjoining to or near the highway in his district, and construct such drains or ditches as may be necessary for the improvement or preservation of such highways; and any such over-

seer, or person, as aforesaid, may enter upon any unimproved lands adjoining to or near the highway in his district, and gather or dig any stones, gravel or sand, and cut any wood or trees, and take away the same for the purpose of making or improving such highway; but such overseer or other person shall carefully avoid doing any unnecessary injury upon the same, and in case there shall be within the limits of the highway in any road district any stone, gravel or sand suitable for the improvement of any highway, the same may be taken to improve any highway in any adjoining road district, but the consent in writing of the supervisors of the town in which the said road districts are located, shall be first obtained therefor.

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

Approved March 23, 1883.

CHAPTER 149.

Eau Claire (See vol. 2.)

[No. 23, A.]

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CHAPTER 150.

AN ACT to enable the Northern Pacific Railroad Company to perfect title to lands in Douglas county.

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

SECTION 1. Any conveyance heretofore made by the county of Douglas to the Northern Pacific Railroad Company, under and in pursuance and satisfaction of resolutions of the county board of said county, dated September 7th, 1880, and January 18th, 1882, is hereby declared to be valid and effectual, to vest in the Northern Pacific Railroad Company, the title to the lands conveyed or attempted to be conveyed by such conveyance; and any assignment of tax certificates heretofore made to the said railroad company, upon the property, or any thereof, embraced in and conveyed by said conveyance, pursuant to and in satisfaction of, and compliance with said resolutions, is hereby declared to be valid.

May perfect title.