

several state institutions under the supervision of the board of control are hereby returned to the general fund of the state treasury, to-wit: state hospital for the insane; for new pumping station and for iron fire escapes, northern hospital for the insane; for roof of section north wing and for repairs to sewer, school for the deaf; water supply for fire protection, school for the blind; water supply for fire protection, industrial school for boys; for central heating plant, state prison; for land purchase and state public school for fire escapes.

Unexpended  
balances re-  
turned.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

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## CHAPTER 277.

AN ACT for a tax on the property in this state of equipment companies and amendatory of section 1, chapter 114, of the laws of 1899.

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

SECTION 1. Section 1 of chapter 114, of the laws of 1899 is hereby amended by adding the words "or shippers" after the word "carriers" so that said section when amended shall read as follows: section 1. Any person, or any joint stock company, partnership, association, or corporation, wherever organized or incorporated whose principal business is furnishing or leasing any kind of railroad cars to common carriers or

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shippers except sleeping cars, to be used on, or in the operation of the line of any railroad company wholly or partly within this state, not being the owner or lessee of such railroad, shall be deemed an equipment company.

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

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## CHAPTER 278.

AN ACT to amend section 764a of the statutes of 1898, relating to fees and salaries in the register of deed's office in counties in this state having a population of one hundred and fifty thousand and upwards.

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

Amending portion.

SECTION 1. Section 764a of the statutes of 1898, is hereby amended as follows: insert after the word "five" in the twelfth line of said section the words "and not more than thirteen." Strike out the word "forty" where it occurs in the twelfth line and insert the word "fifty." Strike out the word "five" where it occurs in the twenty-fourth line, and insert the words "seven and one-half." Strike out the word "two" where it occurs in the twenty-fifth line, and insert the word "three." Strike out the word "thirty" where it occurs in the twenty-sixth line, and insert the words "thirty-seven and one-half." Strike out the word "forty" where it occurs in the thirty-sixth line and insert the word "fifty." Strike