

pany examined shall, either directly or indirectly, pay by way of gift, gratuity or otherwise, any other or further sum to said commissioner or examiners for services, extra services, or for purposes of legislation or on any other pretense whatever. Said commissioner, examiner, or any officer, clerk or other employe, of any insurance company, violating the provisions of this section, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor. Said commissioner of insurance, in his discretion, shall not be required to make an examination of such companies, organized outside of this state, in states where, under the laws thereof, they are similarly supervised by and under the proper officer, as in such laws provided; and such officer shall furnish, whenever required to do so by the commissioner of insurance, a certificate and statement exhibiting the solvency of such company. The secretary of state shall deliver to the commissioner of insurance all books, records and papers in his office relating to the subject of insurance to be kept and preserved by said commissioner in his office.

Stationery and office accommodations.

SECTION 4. The superintendent of public property is hereby directed to provide the commissioner of insurance with suitable accommodations in the capitol, for office purposes, and also to furnish him such stationery as he may need in the performance of his duties, and he shall be furnished with necessary postage and blanks in the same manner as other state officers are furnished.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect from and after its passage and publication.

Approved March 12, 1878.

[No. 205, S.]

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## CHAPTER 215.

AN ACT relating to the charter of the city of Portage, and amendatory of chapter one hundred and twenty-two of the laws of Wisconsin of 1876.

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

Amendment.

SECTION 1. Section seven of chapter three, of chapter one hundred and twenty-two of the laws of Wisconsin of 1876, is hereby amended, by inserting after the word "clerk," the word "treasurer."

SECTION 2. Section eleven of chapter seven, of <sup>Amended.</sup> chapter one hundred and twenty-two of the laws of Wisconsin of 1876, is hereby amended so as to read as follows: Section 11. The city treasurer, upon the receipt of such certificate copy of the tax list, shall proceed to collect the same and in like manner, and shall have like power and be subject to like requirements, liabilities and restrictions as town treasurers, except as otherwise provided in this act. The salary of the treasurer shall not exceed four hundred dollars per annum, and shall be payable semi-annually. All taxes may be paid to the treasurer before the first of January in each year without any addition thereto for treasurer's fees. The taxes paid after the first of January, five per cent. treasurers' fees shall be added thereto, which fees when collected shall be paid into the treasury of the city for the benefit of the general fund. <sup>Collection of taxes.</sup>

SECTION 3. Chapter eight, of said chapter one hundred and twenty-two of said laws of Wisconsin of 1876, is hereby amended by adding thereto another section which shall read as follows: Section 5. The common council shall have power to organize sack companies to consist of not more than thirty members each. Such companies shall constitute a part of the fire department, and at fires shall be subject to the control of the chief engineer. The members of said companies, either collectively or individually, are hereby authorized and empowered to act as a special police in and for the city of Portage, and are hereby vested with all the powers and authority which now is, are, or hereafter may be vested in any police officer of said city, and shall be entitled to all the rights and immunities of members of the fire department; at fires they shall take charge of all property which may be exposed or endangered, and shall, as far as may be in their power, preserve the same from injury or destruction. Said companies may from time to time adopt such by-laws and regulations as they may deem necessary, not inconsistent with the laws of this state. The members of said companies shall not be entitled to receive any pay or compensation for services rendered in their official capacity. They shall, in case of a riot or disturbance of the peace, have free access to all licensed places of amusement in the city, and shall perform such services as may be necessary for the peace and good order of the same. The members of said companies shall severally take an oath or affirmation that they shall faithfully discharge the duties of their said office, and when any <sup>Amended.</sup> <sup>Organization of fire companies.</sup>

member shall cease to be a member thereof, by resignation, expulsion or otherwise, a notice thereof shall be giving to the city clerk, and he shall preserve a list of all the members of each of said companies.

Repealed.

SECTION 4. Section eleven of chapter six of chapter one hundred and twenty-two of the laws of Wisconsin of 1876, is hereby repealed; all of section eight in the same chapter, after the word "chapter," where it occurs in the twenty-first line of said section, is also repealed.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

Approved March 16, 1878.

[No. 888, A.]

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## CHAPTER 216.

AN ACT to amend the charter of the city of Milwaukee, so as to authorize the purchase by said city of a certain steam fire engine, upon conditions therein named.

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

Purchase of fire engine authorized.

SECTION 1. The common council of the city of Milwaukee is hereby authorized to purchase from Thomas M. Corbett and Company the new steam fire engine now in use by the fire department of said city of Milwaukee, and known as "Steam Engine Number Seven," and built by said Thomas M. Corbett and Company: *provided*, that the purchase price of said engine shall not exceed the sum of four thousand two hundred and fifty dollars, and that therefrom be deducted the sum of seven hundred dollars, appraised value of the old steam fire engine, known as steamer "Germania," and the sum of two thousand three hundred and fifty dollars, which sum and steam engine said Thomas M. Corbett and Company received from said city of Milwaukee under a contract made between said parties for the rebuilding of said steam engine "Germania."

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

Approved March 16, 1878.