

respect hereby ratified, made valid and confirmed from the date of such sale. And all and every promissory note, bill, draft, cause in action, security and evidence of debt of whatever character heretofore taken by him or by the state of Wisconsin, or at any time acquired by said state in consideration of, or on account of, or in any way relating to such sale, are hereby ratified, adopted and made valid in all respects from the date of such sale, or from the date of such writing, as fully in all respects, as if the said Bashford had possessed full authority to make such sale, for cash or upon credit, as he might elect, and to take such promissory note, bill, draft; cause in action, security or evidence of debt.

SECTION 2. This act shall in no way discharge any liability heretofore existing on the part of the agent aforesaid to the state.

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

Approved March 15, 1880.

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CHAPTER 244.

AN ACT to authorize the city of Boscobel to invest its surplus bridge funds.

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

Interest to be used in repairing bridge.

SECTION 1. The mayor and common council of the city of Boscobel be, and they are hereby authorized and empowered to invest the surplus moneys arising from tolls or other income from the toll bridge, owned by said city, over the Wisconsin river, in United States bonds, said bonds with the interest to be used solely to liquidate the indebtedness of said city incurred by the building or repairing of said bridge.

Bonds held by treasurer.

SECTION 2. Said bonds shall be held by the treasurer of said city subject to the order of the mayor and common council thereof, for purposes as stated in section three of this act.

Council may sell bonds.

SECTION 3. The common council shall have full power to sell, and, through the mayor and clerk of said city to assign any and all such bonds held by the city and convert the same into cash whenever it shall be necessary to do so, to liquidate any bridge bond or other obligation of the city contracted for building or repairing said bridge or any property thereto belonging.

SECTION 4. All acts and parts of acts conflicting with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed. Repealed.

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

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CHAPTER 245.

AN ACT to amend chapter six of chapter one hundred and eighty-four of the laws of 1874, entitled an act to revise, consolidate and amend the charter of the city of Milwaukee, approved February 20, 1852, and the several acts amendatory thereof.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter six of chapter one hundred and eighty-four of the laws of 1874, entitled an act to revise, consolidate and amend the charter of the city of Milwaukee, approved February 20, 1852, and the several acts amendatory thereof, is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section at the end thereof to read as follows: Section 29. The common council of the city of Milwaukee is hereby authorized to purchase in the name of said city a tract of land in the first, third or seventh ward of said city suitable for a public park: *provided*, such purchase shall be first recommended by a majority of the aldermen of said three wards. A majority of the aldermen of said three wards may by lease in writing authorize the erection and maintenance for a term of years on said tract of land or any part thereof, by any corporation, society, or individuals, of a suitable exhibition or exposition building or buildings for the purpose of exhibiting, improving and encouraging arts, manufactures and agriculture by displaying the products thereof, and for such social, scientific, literary, musical, and other lawful conventions and meetings as may be agreed upon by said aldermen and said corporation, society or individuals by the terms of said lease. Said common council is hereby authorized and empowered, at the time of levying other city taxes for the year 1881, to levy a tax upon all taxable property, real and personal, in said first, seventh and third wards, sufficient to raise such amount as shall be necessary to make such purchase: *provided*, said tax shall not exceed two mills on the dollar of said taxable property of said wards named. At the expiration of any lease

Council may purchase certain land.

Exposition building.

Tax levy.