

be a woman ;” so that said section when so amended shall be and read as follows: Section 378. The government of the university shall vest in a board of regents, to consist of one member from each congressional district and two from the state at large, at least one of whom shall be a woman, to be appointed by the governor; the state superintendent and the president of the university shall be ex-officio members of said board; said president shall be a member of all the standing committees of the board, but shall have the right to vote only in case of a tie. The term of office of the appointed regents shall be three years from the first Monday in February in the year in which they are appointed unless sooner removed by the governor; but appointments to fill vacancies before the expiration of the term shall be for the residue of the term only.

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

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CHAPTER 256.

AN ACT to amend section 4590 of the statutes of 1898 as amended by chapter 128 of the laws of 1899, relating to obscene books, papers and literature.

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

Penalty for possession or sales, etc. SECTION 1. Section 4590 of the statutes of 1898, as amended by chapter 128 of the laws of 1899, is hereby further amended, by adding thereto the following: “Any person who shall sell, lend, give away, or show, or shall have in his possession with intent to sell, give away, or show, or shall advertise or otherwise offer for loan, gift or distribution, any book, pamphlet, magazine, newspaper, or other printed paper devoted principally to the publication of criminal news, police reports, or accounts of criminal deeds, or pictures and stories of deeds of bloodshed, lust or crime, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof, shall be sentenced

to pay a fine of not less than fifty nor more than five hundred dollars.”

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

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CHAPTER 257.

AN ACT providing for the furnishing and use of safe scaffolding, hoists, stays, ladders, or other mechanical device used in the construction of a building and providing a penalty for a violation thereof.

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

Safety appliances to be provided. SECTION 1. A person employing or directing another to perform labor of any kind in the erection, repairing, altering or painting of a house, building or structure shall not furnish or erect, or cause to be furnished or erected for the performance of such labor, scaffolding, hoists, stays, ladders or other mechanical contrivances, which are unsafe, unsuitable or improper, and which are not so constructed, placed and operated as to give proper protection, to the life and limb of a person so employed or engaged. Scaffolding or staging swung or suspended from an overhead support, more than twenty feet from the ground or floor, shall have a safety rail of wood, properly bolted, secured and braced, rising at least thirty-four inches above the floor or main portions of such scaffolding or staging and extending along the entire length of the outside and the ends thereof, and properly attached thereto, and such scaffolding or staging shall be so fastened as to prevent the same from swaying from the building or structure.

Complaints; power and duty of factory inspectors. SECTION 2. Whenever complaint is made to the factory inspector that the scaffolding, or the part thereof declared to be unsafe. After ladders, irons, or ropes of any swinging or stationary scaffolding used in the construction, alteration, repairing, painting, clean-