

CHAPTER 214.

[Published March 29, 1873.]

AN ACT to provide for the purchase of four hundred copies of Webster's unabridged dictionary.

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

SECTION 1. The state superintendent of public instruction is hereby authorized and directed to purchase, on behalf of the state, four hundred copies of the latest edition of Webster's unabridged dictionary, at a cost, delivered at his office, not to exceed eight dollars per copy.

SECTION 2. The said dictionaries, when procured, shall be distributed in accordance with the provisions of chapters sixteen and thirty-two of the general laws of 1867.

SECTION 3. There is hereby appropriated, out of the income of the school fund, a sum sufficient to pay for the dictionaries above provided for.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

Approved March 17, 1873.

CHAPTER 215.

[Published March 25, 1873.]

AN ACT to amend sections five and eight of chapter one hundred and three of the general laws of 1872, entitled "an act authorizing the formation of town insurance companies."

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

SECTION 1. Section five of chapter one hundred and three of the general laws of 1872 is hereby amended so as to read as follows: Section 5. Every person so insured shall give his undertaking, bearing even date with the policy so issued to him, binding himself, his heirs and assigns, to pay his *pro rata* share to the company of all losses or damages by fire or lightning, which may be sustained by any member thereof, and every such undertaking shall, within five days after the

Amended—
shall give undertaking for
payment of
losses.

execution thereof, be filed in the office of the secretary of such company, and shall remain on file in such office except when required to be produced in court as evidence. He shall also, at the time of effecting such insurance, pay such per centage in cash, and such reasonable sum for a policy as may be required by the rules or by-laws of the company.

SECTION 2. Section eight of said chapter is hereby amended so as to read as follows: It shall be the duty of the secretary, whenever such assessment shall have been completed, to immediately notify every person composing such company, by letter sent to his usual post office address, of the amount of such loss, and the sum due from him as his share thereof, and of the time when and to whom such payment is to be made, but such time shall not be less than sixty nor more than ninety days from the date of such notice, and every person designated to receive such money may demand and receive two per cent. in addition to the amount due on such assessment as aforesaid, for his fees in receiving and paying over the same.

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pany.

SECTION 3. Section ten of said chapter is hereby amended so as to read as follows: No company founded under this act shall insure any property out of the town or towns in which the said company is located, nor shall they insure any property other than detached dwellings and their contents, and farm buildings and their contents, and live stock while on the premises or running at large, and hay and grain in the bin or stack: *provided, however,* that if a majority of the directors of such company, deem it proper to insure country stores and their stock, school houses and churches, it shall be lawful for them to insure the same, not to exceed fifteen hundred dollars in any one risk, but they shall not insure any property within the limits of any incorporated village or city in this state.

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shall not insure
property out of
town—class of
property to be
insured.

SECTION 4. Section eleven of said chapter is hereby amended so as to read as follows: The directors of each company so formed shall be chosen by ballot, at the annual meeting thereof, which shall be held on the first Tuesday of January in each year, unless otherwise determined by a majority of the voters in such company, and every person shall have one vote for each two hundred dollars for which he may be insured, but no person shall be allowed to vote by proxy at such election.

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chosen.

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

Approved March 17, 1872.