

## CHAPTER 117.

[Published March 10, 1875.]

AN ACT to encourage the building of narrow-gauge railroads, and to secure cheap transportation to the people.

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

SECTION 1. Any county, town, incorporated city or village in this state, is hereby authorized and empowered to aid in the construction of any narrow-gauge railroad in this state, to be constructed by any company, under and by authority of any law of this state, as provided by an act entitled, "an act to authorize municipal corporations to aid in the construction of railroads," approved March 25, A. D. 1872, and all acts amendatory thereof.

Counties, towns, cities and villages authorized to aid in construction of narrow-gauge railroads

SECTION 2. Any municipal corporation named in the foregoing section, may, by agreement between the railroad company and such municipality, take first-mortgage bonds or capital stock, or part first-mortgage bonds and part capital stock, on the railroad so aided, in lieu of the stock of such company, for the aid so subscribed. The agreement between such railroad company and such municipality shall be arrived at as provided in sections three (3) and four (4), of the act aforesaid, and all the conditions, restrictions, provisions, instructions, forms and requirements, of every kind and nature, in the act hereinbefore mentioned, shall apply to this act, and be complied with, both on the part of the railroad company and the municipality subscribing such aid, meaning and intending hereby only to change said act, approved March 25, A. D. 1872, so as to authorize the receiving of first-mortgage bonds, by municipal corporations subscribing aid to narrow-gauge railroads, in lieu of the stock of such company, the better to secure such municipalities against any possibility of loss in subscribing aid to narrow-gauge railroad companies.

Corporation may take first mortgage bonds or capital stock for aid subscribed.

SECTION 3. And to further secure the people against extortionate rates of freight and passenger fare, all railroad companies, before asking aid under this act, shall, by resolution of their board of directors, fix the maximum rate of passenger fares and rates of freight of all classes, to be charged by such

Railroad companies shall fix rates of passenger fares and freights.

Same not to exceed rates fixed by law of state.

company for the period of ten years from the date of such resolution; *provided*, the passenger fare and rate of freight so fixed, shall at no time exceed the rates fixed by the laws of this state; and such company shall cause such resolution to be recorded in the recorder's office of each county of this state through which their road shall pass, and the rates and fares so fixed shall be binding upon such company, its successors or assigns, for the time so fixed in such resolution. That is to say, such company shall not exceed such maximum rate as determined by their resolution, but may, at their option, lower or reduce either passenger fare or rates upon freight, and such resolution by the railroad company shall be made a part of the proposition to, and agreement with, the municipality subscribing aid to said company.

Counties, towns, &c. subscribing aid to receive license money paid by railroad to the state.

SECTION 4. And be it further enacted, that each county, town, incorporated city or incorporated village, subscribing aid to narrow-gauge railroads under this act, shall, from year to year, and each year for the period of ten (10) years, in proportion to the aid each municipality shall subscribe for the capital stock of such railroad, receive from the State Treasurer the money paid to the state by the railroad so aided for license or tax.

Proper officer to forward and state treasurer to keep record of bonds issued in aid of railroad.

SECTION 5. It shall be the duty of the proper officer of each municipality subscribing aid to narrow-gauge railroads under this act, at the time of issuing their bonds to the railroad company, in payment for the capital stock of such railroad company, to forward to the State Treasurer a statement showing the number of each bond, date, par value, interest it bears, and when payable. And it shall be the duty of the State Treasurer to keep a record of the same in a book kept for that purpose in his office, and each year for the period of ten years from the date of such bonds, and immediately upon receiving the license or tax money from the railroad company so aided, to ascertain the amount due each municipality, upon the basis of the amount subscribed by each municipality in aid of such company, and shall pay the amount so ascertained to the proper officer of each municipality, taking therefor his receipt; *provided*, no county, city, town, village, school district or other municipal corporation, shall grant to said railroad companies an amount, including existing indebtedness, in the aggregate exceeding five per centum on the value of the taxable property therein,

Indebtedness not to exceed 5 per cent. of value of property.

to be ascertained by the last assessment for state and county taxes previous to the incurring of such indebtedness.

SECTION 6. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

Approved March 2, 1875.

## CHAPTER 118.

[Published March 8, 1875.]

AN ACT to cure all defects or irregularities in the proceedings relative to tax-sales in the city of Racine.

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

SECTION 1. The sales of property in the city of Racine for the years of 1869, 1870, 1871, 1872, 1873, 1874 and 1875, for the non-payment of taxes thereon, are hereby legalized and declared regular in all respects, notwithstanding the time for the collection thereof was extended by the city council beyond the time then authorized by statute, and returns made in accordance therewith. Sales of property legalized.

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

Approved March 2, 1875.

## CHAPTER 119.

[Published March 18, 1875.]

AN ACT to prevent gambling in railroad cars.

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

SECTION 1. Any person, corporation or company running or operating any railroad in this state, who shall suffer the game called three card monte, or any game or games whatsoever, to be played for gain, or Unlawful for railroad companies to permit gambling on trains or premises.