

tions in respect thereto, as the common council of the city in which such railroad shall be constructed may from time to time, by ordinances, prescribe, and to the payment of such license fee to the city in which such road may be constructed, for each and every car run thereon, as may be prescribed by the common council of such city.

Legalized.

SECTION 16. Any grant or grants heretofore made by any municipal corporation (and not yet repealed or rescinded) or which may be hereafter made, of the use of any street or streets therein, to any street railroad company hereafter organized, or which may be hereafter organized, for the purpose of constructing or maintaining and operating a street railroad, are hereby declared valid and binding upon such municipal corporation, and all obligations imposed by the terms of such grant or grants upon any such street railway company, or by them assumed as a condition, or in consideration of such grant or grants, shall, if such grant or grants be accepted by such company, be, in like manner, fully binding upon such company.

Privileges and powers.

SECTION 17. Any company heretofore incorporated under any law of this state, for the purpose of constructing or maintaining and operating a street railroad, shall be entitled to all the privileges and powers conferred by this act upon such corporation.

SECTION 18. This act shall be in force from and after its passage and publication.

Approved March 20, 1878.

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CHAPTER 316.

AN ACT to define the liabilities of railroad companies in relation to wages due their employes.

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

Accrued wages of laborers to be paid.

SECTION 1. Whenever any railway company in this state shall be placed by any court of this state in the hands of a receiver, whether upon foreclosure or creditors' bill, it shall be the duty of such receiver to report immediately, to the court so appointing him, the amount due by said railroad company, or by the person or persons who were operating said road at the

date of such receiver's appointment, to employes and laborers upon said road, and it shall be the duty of said court to order the said receiver to pay out of the first receipts and earnings of said railway after paying current operating expenses under his administration, the wages of all employes and laborers which had accrued within six months prior to the appointment of such receiver.

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

Approved March 20, 1878.

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CHAPTER 317.

AN ACT relating to the elective franchise, and amendatory of chapter two hundred and sixty-four of the laws of Wisconsin for 1877.

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

SECTION 1. The mayor of every incorporated city ^{Inspectors.} and the president of every incorporated village in this state, except in the cases hereinafter mentioned, shall present to the common council of such city, or the board of trustees of such village, at their first regular meeting in September of each year, and in case such common council or board of trustees hold no regular meeting during September, then at a special meeting of such common council or board of trustees, which shall be held the last Tuesday in September of each year, the names of three persons for inspectors of elections, and the names of two persons for clerks of elections, for each election precinct in said city or village. Such inspectors shall be electors in the ward for which they shall be appointed inspectors; shall be able to read and write the English language understandingly; shall not be candidates to be voted for at any election for which they may be appointed inspectors; and not more than two of such inspectors shall belong to the same political party. Such clerks shall be electors in wards for which they shall be appointed clerks; shall be able to read and write the English language understandingly; shall not be candidates to be voted for at any election for which they may be appointed clerks, and shall be of opposing political parties. Such com-