

Chap. 64 AN ACT TO PREVENT THE SPREAD OF CONTAGIOUS DISEASES THROUGH THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows :

Contagious diseases in public schools.

The school committees shall not allow any pupil to attend the public schools while any member of the household to which such pupil belongs is sick of small-pox, diphtheria or scarlet fever, or during a period of two weeks after the death, recovery or removal of such sick person.

Approved March 7, 1884.

Chap. 65 AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE SALARY OF THE CLERK OF THE POLICE COURT OF HOLYOKE.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows :

Salary established.

SECTION 1. The annual salary of the clerk of the police court of Holyoke shall be one thousand dollars.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Approved March 7, 1884.

Chap. 66 AN ACT RELATING TO CLERICAL ASSISTANCE IN THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF, AND FOR LECTURES BEFORE, THE BOARD OF AGRICULTURE.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows :

Clerical services.

SECTION 1. The secretary of the board of agriculture may expend for other clerical services in his office, and for lectures to be given before the board at its annual and other meetings, a sum not exceeding eight hundred dollars per annum.

Lectures.

Repeal.

SECTION 2. So much of section four of chapter twenty of the Public Statutes as is inconsistent with this act is hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Approved March 7, 1884.

Chap. 67 AN ACT IN ADDITION TO THE ACTS TO SUPPLY THE CITY OF HOLYOKE WITH PURE WATER.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows :

May take waters of Whiting Street Brook.

SECTION 1. The city of Holyoke by its water commissioners, for the purposes mentioned in chapter sixty-two of the acts of the year eighteen hundred seventy-two, may take and hold the waters of the "Whiting Street Brook," so called, in the cities of Holyoke and Northampton, and may convey the same into and through all parts of said city of Holyoke; and may also take and hold by purchase

or otherwise, all lands, rights of way and easements, necessary for raising, flowing, holding, conveying and preserving such waters; and may erect thereon suitable dams, buildings, fixtures and structures, and make excavations and embankments, procure and operate machinery, and provide such appliances as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this act; and may construct and lay down conduits, pipes and other works, under or over any lands, water-courses, public or private ways, and along any such way, in such manner as not unnecessarily to obstruct the same; and for the purpose of constructing, maintaining and repairing such conduits, pipes and other works, and for all proper purposes of this act, may dig up, raise and embank any such lands, street, highway, alley or other way in such manner as to cause the least hindrance to public travel thereon: *provided*, that all work of construction, maintenance and repairs, done and performed in the public highway in the city of Northampton, shall be executed in the place designated by and agreeably to the order of the mayor and aldermen of the said city of Northampton.

May take and hold lands.

May construct and lay down conduits, pipes and other works.

Work done in Northampton subject to order of mayor and aldermen.

SECTION 2. The city of Holyoke shall, within ninety days after the taking of any lands, water-rights, rights of way or easements as aforesaid, otherwise than by purchase, file in the registry of deeds for the county within which are situated such lands, rights or other property, a description thereof, sufficiently accurate for identification, with a statement of the purposes for which the same were taken, signed by the water commissioners of said city.

A description of the land, etc., taken to be filed in the registry of deeds.

SECTION 3. The said city shall pay all damages sustained by any person in property by the taking and holding of any water, water-rights, land, right of way or easement, or by any other thing done by said city under the provisions of this act. Any person sustaining damages as aforesaid, who fails to agree with said city as to the amount of damages sustained, may have the same assessed and determined in the manner provided by law when land is taken for the laying out of highways, on application at any time within one year from the taking of such land or other property, or the doing of other injury under the authority of this act; but no such application shall be made after the expiration of said one year.

Damages to be paid by the city.

Application for damages to be made within one year.

SECTION 4. For the purpose of paying all necessary expenses and liabilities incurred under the provisions of

May issue bonds not exceeding \$30,000.

Holyoke Water
Loan.

this act, said city by its water commissioners, shall have authority to borrow from time to time such sums of money as they shall deem necessary, to an amount not exceeding thirty thousand dollars, and to issue therefor bonds, notes or certificates signed by the said water commissioners and countersigned by the mayor and auditor of said city, to be denominated on the face thereof the "Holyoke Water Loan Act of eighteen hundred and eighty-four," payable after one year, in instalments of not less than five thousand dollars each year, and bearing interest at a rate not exceeding six per cent. per annum. The said city by said water commissioners may sell or pledge the same or any portion thereof, or make other proper disposal of the same for the above purpose. The loan herein authorized may be paid as herein provided year by year from the sinking fund created in section seven of chapter sixty-two of the acts of the year eighteen hundred seventy-two: *provided*, that it can be so paid after contributing not less than one per cent. per annum to said sinking fund, from the surplus receipts of the water works for that year, on the whole amount of the water debt outstanding; otherwise the said debt herein authorized shall be paid by taxation.

Sinking fund.

Proviso.

Penalty for
polluting water
or injuring
property.

SECTION 5. Whoever wilfully or wantonly corrupts, pollutes or diverts any of the waters taken or held under this act, or injures any structure, work or other property, owned, held or used by said city, under the authority and for the purposes of this act, shall forfeit and pay to said city three times the amount of damages assessed therefor, to be recovered in an action of tort; and upon conviction of either of the above wilful or wanton acts shall be punished by fine not exceeding one hundred dollars or imprisonment not exceeding six months, or both said penalties.

Water commis-
sioners to ex-
ercise rights,
etc., granted.

SECTION 6. The water commissioners of the city of Holyoke shall superintend and direct the performance of all the works, matters and things mentioned in this act, and exercise all the rights, powers and privileges hereby granted and not otherwise specifically provided for herein. They may fix and establish a reasonable compensation for their services, subject to the concurrent vote of the city council, said compensation to be paid as a part of the current expenses of the water works.

SECTION 7. This act shall take effect upon its acceptance by a two-thirds vote of each branch of all the members of the city council of said city present and voting thereon, if accepted within three years from its passage.

Subject to acceptance by a two-thirds vote within three years.

Approved March 7, 1884.

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE COURT LITTLE JOHN, NUMBER SIX, INDEPENDENT ORDER OF FORESTERS TO CHANGE ITS NAME.

Chap. 68

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. The Court Little John, Number Six, Independent Order of Foresters is hereby authorized to change its name to Court Little John, Number Fifty, United Order of Foresters.

Name changed.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Approved March 10, 1884.

AN ACT RELATING TO INSTRUCTION IN THE ELEMENTARY USE OF HAND-TOOLS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Chap. 69

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section one of chapter forty-four of the Public Statutes, relating to the branches of instruction to be taught in public schools, is amended by striking out, in the eighth line, the words "and hygiene," and inserting instead the words "hygiene and the elementary use of hand-tools," and in any city or town where such tools shall be introduced, they shall be purchased by the school committee, at the expense of such city or town, and loaned to such pupils, as may be allowed to use them, free of charge; subject to such rules and regulations as to care and custody as the school committee may prescribe.

Elementary use of hand-tools may be taught in the public schools.

Approved March 10, 1884.

AN ACT IN ADDITION TO AN ACT TO REGULATE THE SALE OF COAL BY MEASURE.

Chap. 70

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. The capacity of the baskets or measures mentioned in chapter two hundred and eighteen of the acts of eighteen hundred and eighty-three, shall be plainly marked or stamped thereon by the sealer of weights and measures. Coal sold in accordance with the provisions of said chapter two hundred and eighteen shall be delivered to the purchasers thereof in the same baskets or measures that are used in measuring such coal.

Capacity of measure to be stamped thereon.

Coal to be delivered in same basket in which measured.