

to appear, and testify at the court in which such cause is pending.

Penalty for neglecting to attend at court.

SECTION 2. If the person on whom such summons is served, and to whom is paid or tendered double the fees allowed by law for travel and attendance of witnesses in the supreme judicial court of this Commonwealth, besides double travelling expenses for the whole distance out and home by the ordinary travelled route, shall neglect without a reasonable excuse, to attend as a witness at the court in such summons mentioned, he shall forfeit a sum not exceeding three hundred dollars for the use of the Commonwealth.

Approved May 29, 1873.

Ch. 320. AN ACT TO AMEND CHAPTER FIFTY-FIVE OF THE GENERAL STATUTES RELATING TO LIMITED PARTNERSHIPS.

Be it enacted, &c., as follows:

Certificate to be acknowledged by all the partners and filed in the secretary's office.

SECTION 1. No limited partnership hereafter established shall be deemed to have been formed until a certificate made as provided in the third section of chapter fifty-five of the General Statutes, shall have been acknowledged by all the partners before a justice of the peace and filed in the office of the secretary of the Commonwealth and recorded in said office in a book to be kept for that purpose, and open to public inspection. If a false statement is made in such certificate, all the persons interested in the partnership shall be liable, as general partners, for all the engagements of the partnerships.

Certificate to be published in a newspaper in county where principal place of business is situated.

SECTION 2. The partners shall, once a week for six successive weeks immediately after such filing and recording, publish a copy of the certificate above mentioned in a newspaper published in the county where their principal place of business is situated; or if no such paper is there published, then in a newspaper published in the city of Boston. If such publication is not so made, the partnership shall be deemed general.

Certificate to be made and published when partnership is continued beyond original time.

SECTION 3. Upon every renewal or continuation of a limited partnership beyond the time originally agreed upon for its duration, a certificate thereof shall be made, acknowledged, filed and published in like manner as is herein provided for the original formation of limited partnerships; and every such partnership not renewed in conformity with the provisions of this section shall be deemed a general partnership.

Names of general partners only to be used.

SECTION 4. The business of the partnership shall be conducted under a firm in which the names of the general

partners only shall be inserted, without the addition of the word company or any other general term. If the firm consists of more than three general partners, all their names need not be inserted in the style of the firm. If the name of any special partner is used in such firm with his consent or privity, he shall be deemed and treated as a general partner, but if his surname is the same as that of any general partner in the firm such surname may be used in the style of the firm.

SECTION 5. No dissolution of a limited partnership hereafter established shall take place except by operation of law before the time specified in the certificate before mentioned, unless a notice of such dissolution is filed and recorded in the office of the secretary of the Commonwealth, nor unless such notice is also published once a week for six consecutive weeks in some newspaper published in the county where the principal place of business of such partnership is situated, or, if no such paper is there published, then in some newspaper published in the city of Boston.

Dissolution of a limited partnership.

SECTION 6. Sections four, five, six, seven and ten of the fifty-fifth chapter of the General Statutes, and so much of section one of said chapter as prohibits the formation of limited partnerships for the purpose of banking are repealed: *provided, however,* that the provisions of said sections four, seven and ten shall continue to apply to partnerships formed before the passage of this act.

Repeal.

Approved May 29, 1873.

AN ACT REQUIRING RETURNS IN RELATION TO STEAM-BOILERS.

Be it enacted, &c., as follows:

SECTION 1. The assessors of each city and town shall, in each year, at the time of making the returns required by the first section of chapter two hundred and eighty-three of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and sixty-five, return to the tax commissioner a statement showing the whole number of steam-boilers located in their respective cities and towns on the first day of May then next preceding; by whom and when built, and the aggregate estimated amount of horse-power which such boilers are capable of furnishing. Such return shall also state the number of accidents causing permanent injuries to persons which have arisen from the use of such boilers during the year, with the causes thereof, as far as may be ascertained by the assessors.

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Returns to be made by assessors to tax commissioner concerning steam-boilers.