

**Chap. 53.** AN ACT TO CHANGE THE NAME OF THE UNION STREET METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF SPRINGFIELD.

*Be it enacted, &c., as follows :*

Name changed.

SECTION 1. The name of the Union Street Methodist Episcopal Church of Springfield is changed to the State Street Methodist Episcopal Church of Springfield.

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

*Approved March 9, 1874.*

**Chap. 54.** AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE MASONIC BUILDING ASSOCIATION, IN NEW BEDFORD.

*Be it enacted, &c., as follows :*

Corporators.

SECTION 1. Charles L. Wood, Thomas Nye, Junior, Henry F. Thomas, Otis Seabury, William H. Reynard, their associates and successors, are made a corporation by the name of the Masonic Building Association, for the purpose of purchasing certain real estate in the city of New Bedford, and maintaining the same for the accommodation and purposes of a masonic hall, lecture rooms and any other lawful purposes, with the powers and privileges and subject to the duties, restrictions and liabilities set forth in the general laws which now are or may hereafter be in force, so far as applicable.

Name and purpose.

Powers and duties.

Capital stock and shares.

SECTION 2. Said corporation shall have a capital stock not exceeding fifty thousand dollars, divided into shares of one hundred dollars each, and may hold for the purpose aforesaid real and personal estate not exceeding the amount of the capital stock: *provided*, that said corporation shall incur no liability until ten thousand dollars of its capital stock has been actually paid in, in cash.

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

*Approved March 9, 1874.*

**Chap. 55.** AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE OLD COLONY RAILROAD COMPANY TO PURCHASE THE MIDDLEBOROUGH AND TAUNTON RAILROAD.

*Be it enacted, &c., as follows :*

Old Colony Railroad may purchase franchise and property of the Middleborough and Taunton R. R.

SECTION 1. The Old Colony Railroad Company is authorized to purchase the rights, franchise and property of the Middleborough and Taunton Railroad Corporation. And the said Middleborough and Taunton Railroad Corporation is authorized to convey and assign to the said Old Colony Railroad Company its franchises and property, and all the rights, easements, privileges and powers granted to it; and the said Old Colony Railroad Company shall, upon such conveyance being made to it, have and enjoy all the rights, powers, privileges, ease-

ments, franchises and property of said Middleborough and Taunton Railroad Corporation, and be subject to all the duties, liabilities, obligations and restrictions to which said last named corporation may be subject.

SECTION 2. The Old Colony Railroad Company, after the conveyance herein before provided for has been made, may locate, construct and maintain such new tracks as may be required for a direct and convenient connection of the tracks of the Middleborough and Taunton Railroad with the tracks of the Cape division of its own railroad.

May construct new tracks to make convenient connection of roads.

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

*Approved March 9, 1874.*

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE LOWELL AND ANDOVER RAILROAD COMPANY TO CROSS CERTAIN LAND OF THE COMMONWEALTH IN THE TOWN OF TEWKSBURY.

*Chap. 56.*

*Be it enacted, &c., as follows :*

SECTION 1. The Lowell and Andover Railroad Company may construct and maintain its railroad across the land in Tewksbury owned by the Commonwealth which is within the limits of the location of the railroad of said company as filed and recorded with the county commissioners for the county of Middlesex, upon such terms and conditions and for such compensation as may be prescribed by the governor and council.

May construct railroad across land of Commonwealth in Tewksbury.

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

*Approved March 9, 1874.*

AN ACT TO PROHIBIT THE HUNTING OR TAKING OF RABBITS OR HARES BY THE USE OF THE FERRET.

*Chap. 57.*

*Be it enacted, &c., as follows :*

Whoever hunts or takes a rabbit or hare with or by the aid of a ferret shall be punished by a fine of twenty-five dollars.

Penalty for hunting rabbits by aid of a ferret.

*Approved March 9, 1874.*

AN ACT TO UNITE THE AMERICAN EDUCATION SOCIETY, AND THE SOCIETY FOR THE PROMOTION OF COLLEGIATE AND THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION.

*Chap. 58.*

*Be it enacted, &c., as follows :*

SECTION 1. The American Education Society, and the Society for the Promotion of Collegiate and Theological Education, each a corporation heretofore established by the laws of this Commonwealth, are authorized to unite, and form one corporation, upon such terms as may be agreed upon between such societies, under the name of the American College and Education Society; and said corporation, so formed by said union, shall thereupon,

May unite and form one society under the name of the American College and Education Society.