

same; to purchase and hold real estate to the amount of fifty thousand dollars, and personal estate, to the amount of twenty-five thousand dollars; to elect a treasurer, secretary, and other officers, the election of which shall be provided for in the by-laws of said association, the meetings for the election of such officers to be called at the times and in the manner provided in such by-laws; to empower such officers, or other members, or any attorney, agent, or representative of said association, to transact the business, manage and apply the funds, discharge the functions, and promote the objects thereof; and to commence and defend suits.

Real and personal estate.

SECTION 3. Any member of said corporation may cease to be a member thereof, by giving written notice to that effect to the president, treasurer, secretary or other officers, and paying the amount due from him to the association.

Member of corporation may withdraw upon payment of dues.

SECTION 4. The first meeting of the members of said corporation may be called by any one of the persons named in the first section, by giving one or more week's notice by advertisement in any newspaper printed in Boston.

First meeting of corporation.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved March 18, 1874.*

AN ACT CONCERNING THE SALARIES OF THE CLERKS OF THE COURTS FOR THE SEVERAL COUNTIES.

*Chap. 67.*

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

SECTION 1. Hereafter, if the fees received by any of the clerks of the courts for the several counties do not amount to the salary established by law, then such clerk shall be charged with all the fees, whether the same be collected or not, and receive from the county treasurer the difference between the amount of his fees and the salary established by law.

Clerks of courts to be charged with all fees, whether collected or not.

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

*Approved March 18, 1874.*

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE MILL OWNERS' MUTUAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY TO EXTEND ITS BUSINESS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

*Chap. 68.*

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

SECTION 1. The Mill Owners' Mutual Fire Insurance Company is authorized in addition to the powers granted to them by virtue of their charter, to issue policies against losses by fire upon any property named in said charter,

May issue policies upon property in New York, New Jersey, etc.

situated in the New England states, and in the states of New York, Pennsylvania and New Jersey: subject, however, to the duties, liabilities and restrictions which by law appertain thereto.

Policies legalized.

SECTION 2. All policies issued and contracts for insurance made by said company in any of the states mentioned in section one are legalized and made valid.

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

*Approved March 18, 1874.*

*Chap. 69.* AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE BOSTON AND PROVIDENCE RAILROAD CORPORATION TO HOLD STOCK IN STEAMBOAT COMPANIES.

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

May take stock in company running steamboats to New York in connection with railroad.

SECTION 1. The Boston and Providence Railroad Corporation may purchase or subscribe for and hold shares to an amount not exceeding ten per cent. of its capital stock as now authorized in the capital stock of any incorporated company running steamboats in connection with the lines of which the railroad of said corporation forms a part to the islands in Vineyard Sound and to the city of New York: *provided*, said Boston and Providence Railroad Corporation at any legal meeting of its stockholders called for that purpose shall elect so to do by a vote of a majority of all the stock of said railroad.

Proviso.

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

*Approved March 18, 1874.*

*Chap. 70.* AN ACT CONCERNING THE BREAKING AND ENTERING OF RAILROAD CARS.

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

Penalty for breaking and entering railroad car in the night-time, with intent to commit a felony.

SECTION 1. Whoever breaks and enters in the night-time, any railroad car, with intent to commit the crime of larceny or any other felony, shall be punished by imprisonment in the state prison not exceeding ten years, or by fine not exceeding five hundred dollars and imprisonment in the house of correction not exceeding two years.

Penalty for breaking and entering in the day-time.

SECTION 2. Whoever enters in the night-time without breaking, or breaks and enters in the day-time, any railroad car, with intent to commit the crime of larceny or any other felony, shall be punished by imprisonment in the state prison not exceeding five years, or by fine not exceeding five hundred dollars, and imprisonment in the house of correction not exceeding two years.

*Approved March 18, 1874.*