

Appropriations
for telegraph,
steam shovel,
locomotive, etc.

provement of the Troy and Greenfield Railroad and Hoosac Tunnel: — For telegraph construction purposes, a sum not exceeding two thousand dollars, to be paid from the Troy and Greenfield Railroad fund, the excess if any from the revenue. For extension of side tracks and extension of yard at North Adams, a sum not exceeding eighty-four thousand dollars. For stone ballast in the tunnel, a sum not exceeding two thousand dollars. For fifty feet of arching in the little tunnel, a sum not exceeding eight thousand five hundred dollars. For four iron plate girder bridges, a sum not exceeding four thousand dollars. For fencing, a sum not exceeding five hundred dollars. For one locomotive, a sum not exceeding six thousand dollars. For one steam shovel, a sum not exceeding seven thousand five hundred dollars. For dump cars, a sum not exceeding ten thousand dollars. For double tracking any portion of the Troy and Greenfield Railroad east of the eastern portal of the Hoosac Tunnel, a sum not exceeding two hundred thousand dollars.

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

Approved May 13, 1881.

Chap. 290

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE SALARIES OF THE STANDING JUSTICE AND CLERK OF THE POLICE COURT OF LYNN.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Salaries
established.

SECTION 1. The salary of the standing justice of the police court of Lynn, shall be one thousand six hundred dollars per year; the salary of the clerk of the police court in the city of Lynn, shall be one thousand dollars per year.

Repeal.

SECTION 2. So much of section two of chapter two hundred and thirty-four of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and seventy-nine as is inconsistent with this act is hereby repealed.

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

Approved May 13, 1881.

Chap. 291

AN ACT IN RELATION TO ELECTIONS IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Certain officers
to be appointed
for each voting
precinct.

SECTION 1. In each voting precinct in the city of Boston there shall be the following election officers, that is to say: — The mayor at some time before the first day of October in each year, shall with the approval of the board of aldermen appoint for each voting precinct one warden, one deputy warden, one clerk, one deputy clerk, two inspectors and two deputy inspectors, qualified voters

in the ward of which each precinct forms a part, who shall be men of good repute and standing, and shall equally represent each of the two leading political parties. Each of said officers shall be sworn to the faithful performance of his duties, and shall hold office for one year from said first day of October in the year in which he is appointed and until a successor is appointed or he is removed. Either of said officers may be removed at any time by the mayor, with the approval of the board of aldermen, upon written charges of incompetence or official misconduct, preferred either by the city clerk or by not less than six qualified voters of the ward in which the officer is appointed to act. In case of any vacancy occurring before the first day of November in any year, or in case either of said officers shall decline to act and shall give notice thereof to the city clerk on or before said first day of November, the mayor with the approval of the board of aldermen shall appoint some person of good repute and standing to fill said office; and in making such appointment it shall be his duty to preserve the just and equal representation of the two leading political parties in the precinct offices. Every person so appointed shall be sworn to the faithful discharge of his duties. In case of a vacancy in the office of warden, clerk or inspector of a precinct on the day of any election, the person appointed as deputy of said warden, clerk or inspector shall act in his place, and shall have the same powers and be subject to the same duties and liabilities as the officer for whom he acts. No deputy precinct officer shall have power to act in any official capacity, or while the polls are open, or during the counting of the votes, be admitted to the space reserved for the precinct officers, except while filling a vacancy as aforesaid; and he shall receive no compensation, except for attendance at the opening of the polls, or for services while acting for the officer whose place he fills. In case the warden and deputy warden, or the clerk and deputy clerk, or one of the inspectors and his deputy are absent at the time designated for the opening of the polls on the day of any election, a suitable person shall be elected by the voters of said precinct, by nomination and hand vote, with full power to act for the time being in place of the absent officer. The wardens, clerks and inspectors appointed by the mayor or otherwise, as herein provided, shall have the same powers and, except as otherwise provided, be subject to the same duties and liabilities as the wardens, clerks and inspectors now holding office in said city.

Officers to
be sworn.

May be removed
for cause.

Vacancies.

If warden, clerk,
etc., are absent,
officers to be
elected by hand
vote.

Supervisors at elections to be appointed, upon petition of voters.

SECTION 2. Upon the petition in writing of ten qualified voters of the city of Boston, presented to the mayor at least fourteen days before any election of state, county or municipal officers, he shall appoint, subject to the approval of the board of aldermen, for each voting precinct, two citizens, residents of said city, to act as supervisors at the said election of state, county or municipal officers. Said supervisors shall be appointed from each of the two leading political parties, and shall serve without compensation. Said supervisors shall attend at the several precincts for which they are appointed, and, while the polls are open, shall occupy such a position near and in view of the ballot boxes, but outside of the space occupied by the precinct officers, as the warden may designate. After the polls are closed the said supervisors shall be admitted within the enclosed space occupied by the precinct officers, and shall witness the counting of the ballots and the delivery of the check lists and ballots to the officers designated to receive the same; and they shall, within twenty-four hours after the closing of the polls, send to the city clerk, upon a form provided for that purpose, a certificate of the fact of their attendance at the polls, and a statement of the manner in which the election was conducted, together with such other information as the city clerk may require.

Duties.

Ballot boxes and stamps.

SECTION 3. The city clerk shall send to the officers of each precinct, before the opening of the polls on every election day, such stamps and ballot boxes as may be approved by the board of aldermen. No ballot shall be removed from the ballot box in any precinct while the polls are open, and the ballots, upon the closing of the polls, shall be counted by the precinct officers in the presence of the supervisors. Nothing herein contained shall exclude the voters of the precinct while the ballots are being counted. Immediately after the closing of the polls the precinct officers shall cause the check lists in their respective precincts to be sealed up and delivered to a police officer, who shall convey the same forthwith to the office of the city clerk. After the ballots have been counted they shall be sealed up in an envelope, as now provided by law, or in the ballot boxes if the board of aldermen shall so direct; and such envelopes or boxes shall then be endorsed as now provided by law, and shall forthwith be delivered to a police officer, who shall convey the same without delay to the office of the city clerk. The board of aldermen may pass such regulations in re-

Ballots to be sealed up.

Regulations to

gard to the use of the stamps and ballot boxes, and the manner of receiving, counting and returning the votes, as they may deem expedient, provided such regulations are not inconsistent with the provisions of law; and if any person wilfully neglects or refuses to comply with any of such regulations, he shall be punished by a fine not exceeding one hundred dollars, or by imprisonment in the house of correction not exceeding six months.

be observed,
under penalty.

SECTION 4. It shall be the duty of the superintendent or other chief executive officer of the police force of said city, under the direction of the police commissioners, to detail a sufficient number of police officers, not less than two for each voting precinct, who shall be stationed at such voting precincts on the day of election, to preserve order and to protect each and all of said election officers and supervisors from any interference with, or obstruction in, the performance of their respective duties.

Police officers
to be present
voting places.

SECTION 5. Whoever wilfully obstructs any officer mentioned in this act in the performance of his duties, and whoever being an election officer named in this act shall wilfully or negligently violate any of the provisions of this act, or of any act of which this is an amendment, or to which it is an addition, or of any act in addition thereto and in amendment thereof, he shall for each offence be punished by a fine of not less than twenty nor more than two hundred dollars, or by imprisonment in the house of correction for a term not exceeding one year.

Penalty for neg-
lect of official
duty, and for
obstructing
officer in per-
formance of
duty.

SECTION 6. All acts or parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

Repeal.

SECTION 7. This act shall take effect upon its passage.
Approved May 13, 1881.

AN ACT TO PREVENT DECEPTION IN SALES OF BUTTER AND CHEESE.

Chap. 292

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. Whoever, by himself or his agents, shall sell, expose for sale, or have in his possession with intent to sell, any article, substance or compound, made in imitation or semblance of butter or as a substitute for butter, and not made exclusively and wholly of milk or cream, or containing any fats, oils or grease not produced from milk or cream, shall have the words "adulterated butter," or if such substitute is the compound known as oleomargarine, then the word "oleomargarine," stamped, labelled or marked, in printed letters of plain Roman type not less than one inch in length, so that said word cannot

Sale of an imita-
tion of butter.

Oleomargarine.