

not to be issued except on payment in cash of the par value thereof. Not to be issued under par.

SECT. 2. The said corporation shall have all the rights and privileges and be subject to all the duties, liabilities and restrictions, set forth in the forty-fourth chapter of the Revised Statutes, and to so much of the thirty-eighth chapter as may be applicable to said corporation. Duties, liabilities, etc.

SECT. 3. Any marine insurance company now incorporated, or which may hereafter be incorporated in the city of Boston, may invest so much of its capital stock, or of its surplus capital, not exceeding two per cent. of its capital, as it may deem expedient, in the capital stock of said Merchants' Steam Tow Boat Company. Marine Insurance Companies may invest in capital stock, &c.

SECT. 4. This act shall take effect from and after its passage. [*Approved by the Governor, April 6, 1855.*]

An Act to Punish certain Frauds and Cheats.

Chap. 135

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows :*

SECT. 1. Any person or persons who shall, by the game of three-card monte, so called, or by any other game, device, sleight of hand, pretensions to fortune-telling, trick, or other means whatever, by the use of cards, or other implements or instruments, obtain from any other person or persons any property of any description, shall be punished as in case of larceny of property of like value. Games punishable as larceny.

SECT. 2. Justices of the peace within their respective counties, and the several police courts established by law in their respective counties, shall have jurisdiction of the offence herein created, to the same extent as they now have jurisdiction in cases of larceny, and all the proceedings before such courts and justices shall be the same as in prosecutions for larceny, so far as the same may be consistent with the provisions of this act, and nothing herein contained shall be so construed, as to restrain either the right of any person accused under the provisions of this act, to appeal from the judgment of such justice or court, or the power of said justice or court to bind any person or persons accused as aforesaid, to answer in a higher court. Justices, &c., to have jurisdiction. Appeal, &c. [*Approved by the Governor, April 6, 1855.*]