

towns. And said committee are hereby authorized to cast the vote of said city and towns in the choice of directors of said railroad at the first meeting of the stockholders thereof, after the said city or town shall have subscribed, called for that purpose; and thereafter the vote of said city or towns in the choice of directors of said railroad shall be cast by the person or persons whom said city or towns may appoint.

Approved June 8, 1869.

Chap. 362 AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE ODD FELLOWS' HALL ASSOCIATION OF NEWBURYPORT.

Be it enacted, &c., as follows:

SECTION 1. William Forbes, Nicholas Várina, Thomas Mackinny, their associates and successors, are hereby made a corporation by the name of the Odd Fellows' Hall Association, in the city of Newburyport, for the purpose of erecting and maintaining a building in the city of Newburyport for the accommodation and purposes of an Odd Fellows' hall, lectures and other lawful purposes; with all the powers and privileges, and subject to all the duties, restrictions and liabilities set forth in all the general laws which now are, or hereafter may be in force, so far as applicable to such corporations.

SECTION 2. Said corporation shall have a capital stock not exceeding thirty 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. Said corporation shall incur no liability until five thousand dollars of its capital stock has been actually paid in in cash.

Approved June 8, 1869.

Chap. 363 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN OF WRENTHAM TO TAKE STOCK IN THE WRENTHAM BRANCH RAILROAD COMPANY.

Be it enacted, &c., as follows:

SECTION 1. The town of Wrentham is hereby authorized, when so voting at a legal town meeting duly called for the purpose, to subscribe for and hold shares in the capital stock of the Wrentham Branch Railroad Company, to an amount not exceeding five per centum of the assessed valuation of the said town; and said town may pay for such shares, so voted to be taken, out of its treasury, and is hereby authorized to raise by loan upon bonds, or tax, or otherwise, any and all sums of money which may be necessary to pay for the same, and may hold and dispose of the same like other town property.

SECTION 2. The said town of Wrentham may appoint a committee who shall subscribe in behalf of the town for such number of shares in the capital stock of said company as shall be voted by said town. And said committee are hereby authorized to cast the vote of said town in the choice of directors of said road, at the first meeting of the stockholders thereof called for that purpose; and thereafter the vote of said town, in the choice of directors of said road, shall be cast by the person or persons whom said town may appoint.

Committee to subscribe for stock and represent town at first meeting of stockholders.

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

Approved June 8, 1869.

AN ACT FOR THE SUPPRESSION OF COMMON GAMING-HOUSES.

Chap. 364

Be it enacted, &c., as follows:

SECTION 1. The provisions of the eighth section of the eighty-fifth chapter of the General Statutes shall apply to all persons who are found present at any game or sport played for money or other thing of value at a common gaming-house, and such persons may be arrested and punished in like manner as persons there found playing.

Persons in gaming-house when games are played for money, liable to arrest, &c.

SECTION 2. The second section of the one hundred and seventieth chapter of the General Statutes is hereby so far amended that all provisions relating to the search for and seizure of gaming apparatus or implements used, or kept and provided to be used, in unlawful gaming, in any gaming-house, or in any building, apartment or place resorted to for the purpose of unlawful gaming, shall also apply to the search for and seizure of all the furniture, fixtures and personal property found in such gaming-house, building, apartment or place at the time when any persons are there found playing at any unlawful game.

Amendment to G. S. 170, § 2. Provisions extended.

SECTION 3. After the seizure of any furniture, fixtures or personal property, as provided in the preceding section, application shall be made to a court of competent jurisdiction for a decree of condemnation of the same, and if, upon the hearing of said application, it shall be found and adjudged that the same, or any part thereof, was used as the furniture, fixtures or personal property of such gaming-house, building, apartment or place, and was found therein at a time when any persons were there found playing at any unlawful game, the same shall be adjudged forfeit, and the constable of the Commonwealth, or sheriff or their deputies, shall sell the same in such manner as the court shall order, and, after deducting all costs and expenses allowed by the court, shall pay the balance of the proceeds of such sale to the use of the county.

Furniture, &c., seized, may be sold under a decree of the court, and proceeds paid over to the use of the county.

Approved June 9, 1869.