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ACTS AND RESOLVES

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CHAP. 43. thereof the words, "on or before the tenth day of May," so as to provide that the several duties imposed upon the assessors of towns, in said section, shall be performed on or before the tenth day of May in each year.

SECT. 5. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after the first day of January, eighteen hundred and fifty-four.

[Approved March 30, 1853.]

Chapter 43.

An act amendatory of "an act to provide for the education of youth," approved August twenty-seven, eighteen hundred and fifty.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows:

School money,
how raised, &c.

SECT. 1. The word "forty" in the seventh line of section five, article one, of the act to which this is amendatory, is hereby stricken out, and the word "fifty" inserted instead, so that the section, as amended, shall read as follows, to wit:—Section 5. Every town shall, annually, raise and expend, for the maintenance of the schools therein, to be taught by masters and mistresses, duly qualified, a sum of money, exclusive of the income of any corporate school fund, or of any grant from the revenue, or funds from the state, or of any voluntary donation, devise or bequest, or of any forfeitures accruing to the use of schools, not less than fifty cents for each inhabitant; the number to be computed according to the last census of the state, under which the representation thereof in the legislature shall have been apportioned.

Supervisor of
public schools.

SECT. 2. The words "containing two thousand inhabitants or more," in the first line of section nine, article one, of the act to which this is amendatory, are hereby stricken out, so that the section, as amended, shall read: "Section 9. Any town, instead of the committee named in the preceding section, may choose some competent individual, annually, an inhabitant of said town, who shall be constituted a supervisor of the public schools of the town; the same to be duly sworn, and to have all the powers, privileges and duties, and in respect of all the provisions of this act, to stand in the place of a superintending school committee, as by law provided."

SECT. 3. The words "six and fifteen," in the third and fourth lines of section fourteen, article one, of the act to which this is amendatory, are hereby stricken out, and the words

"four and twenty-one" inserted instead, so that the section as amended, shall read: "Section 14. Any town is hereby authorized and empowered to make all needful provisions and arrangements, concerning habitual truants and children between the ages of four and twenty-one years, not attending school, without any regular and lawful occupation, and growing up in ignorance; and may also make all such ordinances and by-laws respecting such children, as shall be most conducive to their welfare, and the good order of such town; and there shall be annexed to such ordinances, suitable penalties, not exceeding, for any one breach, a fine of twenty dollars; *provided*, that said ordinances and by-laws shall be approved by the court of county commissioners for the county, and shall not be repugnant to the laws of the state.

Habitual truants, provisions for.

SECT. 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its approval by the governor.

[Approved March 30, 1853.]

Chapter 44.

An act concerning the effects of passengers transported by railroad corporations and other common carriers.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows:

SECT. 1. Every railroad corporation, and the proprietors of every steam-boat in this state, engaged in the transportation of passengers, shall, in the months of January and July in each year, publish a description list of all trunks, carpet bags, valises, parcels, and passengers' effects whatsoever, which may at any time have been left, and shall on such day remain unclaimed at any passenger station or office, or otherwise in the possession of such corporation, or proprietors, or their agents, the said list to indicate all such specific marks as may serve to identify the same, said publication to be made in one newspaper at least in every county of the state, in which such railroad corporation or steam-boat proprietors may have a passenger station or office.

Unclaimed baggage, advertisement of.

SECT. 2. If, at the expiration of six months after such advertisement as aforesaid, any of the articles so advertised shall still remain unclaimed, then the railroad corporation, or steam-boat proprietors, in whose possession they may be, shall give notice to the mayor or aldermen of the city, or the selectmen of the town, in which respectively such articles may be; and the

—how disposed of.