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CHAP. 136. court of competent jurisdiction; and all penalties recovered shall be for the use of the county where the offence is committed.

SECT. 3. This act shall take effect when approved.

Approved February 26, 1873.

Chapter 136.

An act to amend section eight of chapter four of the revised statutes, relating to town meetings.

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

Amendment.

Section eight of chapter four of the revised statutes, is hereby amended by adding to said section the following words, 'and on the day of election they shall be in session and proceed as is provided in section nine,' so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

Selectmen of towns of more than 500 and less than 1,000 voters, to be in open session not less than one day.

'SECT. 8. In every town containing more than five hundred and less than one thousand voters, the selectmen shall be in open session on one or more secular days next preceding such election, for the purpose aforesaid, and on the day of election they shall be in session and proceed as is provided in section nine.'

Approved February 26, 1873.

Chapter 137.

An act relating to recognizances and testimony.

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

Commissioners, appointment of.

SECT. 1. The supreme judicial court in session in each county shall appoint from the number of justices of the peace for that county, one or more commissioners whose duties and powers shall be as prescribed in the following section, and who shall hold office at the pleasure of the court.

—may admit party to bail.

SECT. 2. When a person is confined in a jail for a bailable offence or for not finding sureties on a recognizance, any commissioner appointed under this act on application may inquire into the case and admit any such person to bail, and exercise the same power as any justice of the supreme judicial court can, and may issue a writ of habeas corpus and cause such person to be brought before them for this purpose, and may take such recognizance.

—may issue writ of habeas corpus.

SECT. 3. Section thirty-four of chapter ninety-nine of the revised statutes is hereby repealed, but such repeal shall not take effect in any county until a commissioner or commissioners have been appointed under this act.

CHAP. 138.

Sec. 34, ch. 99,
R. S., repealed.

SECT. 4. Section eighty-two, chapter eighty-two of the revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out all after the word "witness" in the sixth line, so that the last clause of said section as amended shall read, 'and the husband or wife of either party may be a witness.'

Husband or wife
may be witnesses.

SECT. 5. Section nineteen, chapter one hundred and thirty-four of the revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out all after the word "witness" in the twelfth line, so that the last sentence of said section shall read, 'the husband or wife of the accused shall be a competent witness.'

Husband or wife
of the accused,
competent wit-
nesses.

Approved February 26, 1873.

Chapter 138.

An act to amend section twenty-three of chapter seventy-seven of the revised statutes, relating to interest on reports of referees.

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

Section twenty-three of chapter seventy-seven of the revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out the words "or acceptance," and inserting instead thereof the words, 'such verdicts or making such reports,' so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

Amendment.

'SECT. 23. Interest is to be allowed on verdicts and amounts reported by referees to be due, from the time of finding such verdicts or making such reports, to the time of judgments.'

Interest allowed
from finding
verdicts.

Approved February 26, 1873.

Chapter 139.

An act in relation to attachments in certain cases.

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

When the plaintiff in an action dies before the expiration of thirty days from the rendition of judgment in his favor, execution may issue as is now provided, and all attachments then in force

Attachments and
disclosures con-
tinued in certain
cases.