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Chapter 81.

An Act relating to coroners' inquests in case of Fatal Accidents on Railroads.

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

Section 69, chapter 52, R. S., shall apply to coroners' inquests in railroad accidents.

Section 1. The provisions of section sixty-nine of chapter fifty-two of the revised statutes shall apply to all coroners' inquests held in cases where any person shall be fatally injured on any steam railroad or street railroad in this state, and the coroner in such cases shall have all the powers of the board of railroad commissioners as specified in said section sixty-nine.

Section 2. This act shall take effect when approved.

Approved March 20, 1907.

Chapter 82.

An Act requiring Steam Plants in school buildings, churches, and other public buildings, to be in charge of competent persons.

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

Steam heating plants to be in charge of qualified person.

Section 1. Whenever any school building, church, or other public building is heated by a steam plant, located in, under or near such building, such steam plant shall be in charge of a person qualified as provided by this act.

Applicant shall be examined by municipal officers.

Section 2. The municipal officers of any town or city in which any of the buildings enumerated in the preceding section, heated by steam, are located, shall require the person or persons contemplating taking charge of the steam plant for such purpose, to be first examined by them, and they shall require him to produce before them proof of his competency to have charge of such steam plant; and unless the person so applying has been licensed as an engineer, or has had previous experience as a machinist, or as an engineer of a steam plant, he shall be required to satisfy said municipal officers that he possesses the requisite qualifications and experience to assume charge of the particular plant which he desires permission to operate; and if said municipal officers, after such examination, are satisfied that the applicant possesses the requisite qualifications for such work, and is of temperate habits, they, or the majority thereof, shall issue under their hands a certificate in the following form:

—shall satisfy municipal officers that he has requisite qualifications.

—officers shall issue certificate.

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'City (or) Town of

This is to certify that _____ having made application to the municipal officers of the city (or) town of _____, for permission to take charge of, and operate a steam plant located in said city (or) town, (here describe the nature of the steam plant of which the applicant is authorized to have charge, and its location); and having produced evidence of his competency to act in said capacity, we have issued to him this certificate as provided by chapter _____ of the public laws, approved on the _____ day of March, nineteen hundred and seven.'

Form of certificate.

Said certificate when issued shall be filed in the office of the city or town clerk, and such clerk shall issue and deliver to said applicant a duly attested copy of such certificate, and the copy so issued shall be posted by the holder thereof, in a conspicuous place in or near the room in which the boiler to be operated is located.

Certificate shall be filed in office of town clerk.

Section 3. It shall be unlawful for the municipal officers of any city or town to issue the certificate provided for by this act without receiving proof that the person to whom such certificate is issued has had experience in such work, and is in all respects qualified to discharge the duties referred to in the certificate granted, and is also of temperate habits.

Unlawful to issue certificate to applicant without proof of qualification.

Section 4. Whenever the municipal officers of any town or city receive notice in writing, signed by ten or more of the residents thereof, stating that the person in charge of a steam plant located in, under, or near, any school building, church, or other public building situated in said city or town, and furnishing or supplying heat for such building, is incompetent for the discharge of such duties, or by reason of negligence, intemperance, or any other cause, ought not longer to remain in charge of such steam plant, it shall be the duty of said municipal officers to immediately suspend temporarily the authority of such person to act in said capacity; and until the investigation herein provided can be made, shall cause a person qualified as provided by this act to be placed in charge of said steam plant; and said municipal officers shall as soon thereafter as practicable, cause an investigation of such complaint to be made, and shall thereupon inquire into the habits and qualifications of the person so complained of, and if such person is, for any reason, found to be incompetent or unsuitable to longer remain in charge of said steam plant, said municipal officers shall immediately cause the certificate granted under the provisions of this act, to be revoked, and

Duty of municipal officers when notice is received that person in charge of steam heating plant is incompetent.

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notice of such revocation shall be filed with the clerk of such city or town, and thereupon said municipal officers shall, if such plant is under their control, place a person qualified as herein provided, in charge thereof; and if such steam plant is not in charge of such municipal officers, they shall give the person or corporation having the control of such steam plant, notice of their findings, and if such person or corporation having control of such steam plant, shall, after the receipt of such findings, neglect or refuse to cause said steam plant to be placed in charge of some person qualified under the provisions of this act, such person or corporation shall be subject to the penalties herein provided.

Penalty for violation of this act.

Section 5. Every person violating any of the provisions of this act shall be subject to indictment, and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine not exceeding fifty dollars, or imprisonment for a term not exceeding ninety days, or both, as the court in which such conviction is obtained, shall determine.

When act shall take effect.

Section 6. This act shall take effect the first day of September in the year nineteen hundred seven.

Approved March 20, 1907.

Chapter 83.

An Act to amend Section nine, Chapter twenty-seven, Revised Statutes, relating to Paupers, their settlement and support.

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

Section 9, chapter 27, R. S., amended.

Section 1. Section nine of chapter twenty-seven of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding after the words "eighteen hundred and sixty-one" in the second line thereof, the words 'or in the war with Spain,' so that said section as amended, shall read as follows:

Soldiers and sailors of the civil war not to be considered paupers.

'Section 9. No soldier or sailor who served by enlistment in the army or navy of the United States, in the war of eighteen hundred and sixty-one, or in the war with Spain, and who has received an honorable discharge from all enlistments in said service, whether in his own proper name or an assumed name, and who has or may become dependent upon any town, shall be considered a pauper, or be subject to disfranchisement for that cause; but the time during which said soldier or sailor is so dependent, shall not be included in the period of residence necessary to change his settlement; and overseers of the poor shall not have authority to remove to, or support in, the poor house,