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'First, a: May invest in bonds of farm loan banks. In the public funds of the United States and District of Columbia, and in the bonds issued by any farm loan bank organized under authority of the United States government.'

Approved March 16, 1917.

Chapter 46.

An Act to Amend Section Thirty-nine, of Chapter Thirty of the Revised Statutes, Relating to the Inspection of Safe-Guards and Repairs, by Town Officers or Fire Engineers.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

R. S., c. 30, § 39, relating to inspection of safeguards, amended. That the last sentence in section thirty-nine of chapter thirty of the revised statutes, reading "In towns, cities and villages having an organized fire department, the duties aforesaid shall be discharged by the chief of the fire department" be stricken out and the following sentence inserted in place thereof: 'In towns, cities and villages with a population of over five thousand, having an organized fire department, the duties aforesaid shall be discharged by the board of engineers and in towns, cities and villages with a population of less than five thousand, having an organized fire department, the duties aforesaid shall be discharged by the chief of the fire department,' so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

'**Sec. 39. Inspection to be made by board of engineers, in places of 5,000 or over.** In towns or parts of towns having no organized fire department, the municipal officers shall annually make, or direct the fire inspector to make, careful inspection of the precautions and safeguards provided in compliance with the foregoing requirements, and pass upon their sufficiency as to arrangement and number, and upon their state of repair; and direct such alterations, additions and repairs as they adjudge necessary. In towns, cities and villages with a population of over five thousand, having an organized fire department, the duties aforesaid shall be discharged by the board of engineers and in towns, cities and villages with a population of less than five thousand, having an organized fire department, the duties aforesaid shall be discharged by the chief of the fire department.'

Approved March 16, 1917.

Chapter 47.

An Act Additional to Chapter Seven of the Revised Statutes, Relating to the Purity of Elections.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

Check list to be returned to clerk within 24 hours after close of polls. Wardens of cities and selectmen of towns, shall, within twenty-four hours after the closing of the polls in their respective polling districts, at any election, return the check list now provided by law for towns, wards, voting precincts and voting districts, to the clerk of their respective cities and

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towns. Any person violating the provisions of this act shall be punished by fine of not less than one hundred dollars nor more than five hundred dollars or by imprisonment for thirty days.

Approved March 16, 1917.

Chapter 48.

An Act to Provide for Physical Connection and Certain Auxillary Service between Steam Railroads and Electric Railroads.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

Sec. 1. Public utilities commission may require physical connection between electric and steam railroads. Whenever it is practicable and the same may be accomplished without endangering the equipment, tracks, or appliances of either party, and whenever and wherever public convenience and interest require the same, the public utilities commission may, upon application and after reasonable notice and hearing, require the construction of physical connection between the tracks of any steam railroad company and electric railroad company (as hereinafter defined); the expense of constructing such physical connection may be apportioned by the commission in such manner as it may deem equitable, if the parties to any such petition are themselves unable to agree as to the distribution of the cost of such construction. Said commission may, upon application and reasonable notice and hearing, require any such steam railroad company to permit any electric railroad company to haul, by means of such physical connection, loaded freight cars containing what is called "carload lots" from the tracks of such steam railroad company to points along the line of said electric railroad company for unloading by the owners thereof the contents of such cars and to haul empty freight cars from the tracks of such steam railroad company onto the tracks of such electric railroad company to be loaded for shipment, and such steam railroad company shall accept each such loaded car and transport the same over its lines in accordance with the proper and lawful billing of the shipper of the contents of any such car. Provided that nothing in this act shall be construed to require through billing of freight between steam railroad companies and electric railroad companies; nor as requiring, or authorizing said commission to require any electric railroad to engage in interstate commerce.

Sec. 2. Cars to be hauled over each other's tracks. Commission to establish regulations when corporations are unable to agree. Whenever a physical connection has been made between the tracks of a steam railroad company and an electric railroad company, either voluntarily or by order of the public utilities commission, as provided in the preceding section, such steam railroad company or electric railroad company shall at reasonable times, for reasonable compensation, and under reasonable rules and conditions, draw over their respective tracks the merchandise and cars of the steam railroad company or electric railroad company as the case may be with which such physical connection is so established; provided such cars are of proper gauge, are in good running order, properly equipped and