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Roy F. Shackford, David A. Merry and Harry O. Richardson, or either of them, may call all meetings of the corporation previous to the acceptance of the charter and the election of officers, and notify the persons entitled to vote therein to meet at some suitable time and place, in said territory, by posting notices in two public places in said territory seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting; all subsequent meetings shall be called and notified by the overseers as town meetings shall be called and notified by the selectmen; either of the above named persons is authorized to preside at any meeting previous to the acceptance of the charter until the meeting is organized and until a moderator shall have been chosen by ballot and sworn; at all meetings of the corporation a moderator shall be chosen in the manner and with the same power as in town meetings.

Sec. 14. Date when effective. This act shall take effect when approved by the governor so far as to authorize the calling of a meeting or meetings of said corporation for the purpose of voting upon the acceptance of this charter, and whenever this charter shall be accepted by a majority of the voters of said corporation at a legal meeting called for that purpose, then the same shall take and have complete effect in all its parts.

Approved March 29, 1917.

Chapter 109.

An Act Respecting Removal of Filth from Docks in the City of Portland.

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

City council may enforce regulations by penalties. The city council of the city of Portland may make and enforce by penalties, regulations respecting the removal from the docks in said city of all filth which may for want of removal be dangerous to the public health.

Approved March 29, 1917.

Chapter 110.

An Act to Incorporate the Odd Fellows' Home of Maine.

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

Sec. 1. Name and corporators. Charles O. Small, Reuel Robinson, Leon S. Merrill, Louis E. Flanders, and Ellery Bowden, their associates and successors, are hereby created and constituted a body politic and corporate under and by the name and style of the Odd Fellows' Home of Maine; with all the powers and privileges and subject to all the duties, liabilities and restrictions incident to similar corporations created under the laws of this state.

Sec. 2. Purposes. The objects and purposes of this corporation shall be to collect, receive and hold moneys and any and all other kinds of per-

sonal property given by voluntary contributions, bequests, or otherwise, and real estate purchased, given, granted or devised, the same to be held, used, improved and expended in the purchase of lands, in the erection, establishment and equipment of buildings thereon and the care and maintenance therein and thereon and elsewhere, of indigent and unfortunate members of the fraternity of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows within the state of Maine; in the care, support and maintenance of the wife or widow of any such member and in the care, support, maintenance and education of any minor child or children of a dependent or deceased member of the fraternity.

Sec. 3. Composition; trustees, other officers, committees, etc.; duties and powers. The corporation hereby created and established shall consist of the grand master, deputy grand master, and grand warden of the Grand Lodge of Maine, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, during their respective and several terms of office, ex-officio, and the grand patriarch of the Grand Encampment of Maine Independent Order of Odd Fellows, during his term of office, ex-officio, and the president of the Rebekah Assembly of Maine, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, during her term of office, ex-officio, and five other Odd Fellows and three other Rebekahs, all in good and regular standing in their respective lodges, resident within the State of Maine, who shall be known as the trustees of the Odd Fellows' Home of Maine, said Odd Fellow trustees to be elected by the said grand lodge and for such terms of office as said grand lodge shall determine; and said Rebekah trustees to be elected by the said Rebekah assembly for such term as said grand lodge shall determine; all of said trustees shall be removable for cause by the body electing them. The grand secretary, and grand treasurer of said grand lodge, shall, during their several terms of office, be the secretary and treasurer, respectively, of this corporation. All other officers, agents, committees, employees and servants shall be selected by the corporation. The corporation shall have the power and authority to make, adopt and enforce any and all by-laws, rules and regulations for the government and management of said home and the efficient administration of the powers conferred by this act; provided, however, that such by-laws, rules and regulations shall first be approved by the grand lodge at a regular session thereof; and provided further that said by-laws, rules and regulations may be altered, amended, or annulled by said grand lodge at any regular session thereof. The corporation shall submit to said grand lodge at each regular session a full report of its doings and acts, of all receipts and expenditures, and of the true condition of the home and its funds. Copies of said report shall be furnished to the Grand Encampment and Rebekah Assembly at their regular sessions.

Sec. 4. Vacancy in board of trustees. Any vacancy occurring among said trustees may be filled temporarily by the other members until the next regular session of the grand lodge and Rebekah Assembly when the vacancy or vacancies shall be filled by the election, for the remainder of the term, by that body entitled to representation.

Sec. 5. Property not to exceed \$300,000; tax exempt; investment of funds. The corporation hereby created and established is authorized to re-

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ceive, hold and use real and personal estate for the aforesaid charitable, educational and benevolent uses and purposes, and free from taxation so long as the same shall be used for said purposes in accordance with such by-laws, rules and regulations as shall be prescribed and adopted for the same, to an amount not exceeding three hundred thousand dollars. Said trustees shall invest the moneys and funds of the corporation in savings banks, in the interest paying departments of trust companies and national banks, in sound real estate first mortgages, and in such other securities only as are authorized by law for the investment of the funds of savings banks in the state of Maine. No officer of the corporation shall hire or borrow any of the moneys or funds belonging to said corporation or be security for loans thereof to another.

Sec. 6. Provisions of act to be accepted by both bodies; proceedings in absence of favorable vote by assembly. This act shall not take full effect until accepted by votes of the said grand lodge and Rebekah assembly at their regular sessions; but in case the Rebekah assembly shall vote not to accept the provisions of this act, then and in such case the affirmative vote of said grand lodge, taken as aforesaid, shall be sufficient and the corporation created and established by this act shall consist of the grand master, deputy grand master and grand warden of the Grand Lodge of Maine, the grand patriarch of the Grand Encampment of Maine during their several terms of office, ex-officiis, and five other Odd Fellows, as provided in the third section of this act, and it shall have all the rights, powers and privileges and be subject to all the duties, conditions and obligations of this act; provided, however, that none of the moneys, funds or other properties which have heretofore been received and accumulated and are now held by said grand lodge and Rebekah assembly, or any moneys, funds or other property which may hereafter be received, accumulated, or held by either said grand lodge or Rebekah assembly, shall be conveyed, given, paid to, or turned over to this corporation until said grand lodge and Rebekah assembly, at regular sessions of the same shall have voted so to do.

Approved March 29, 1917.

Chapter 111.

An Act to Amend Section Two of Chapter Three Hundred Forty-six of the Private and Special Laws of Nineteen Hundred Five, Relating to the Powers and Duties of the Probation Officer of Cumberland County.

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

P. & S. L., 1905, c. 346, § 2, amended. Section two of chapter three hundred forty-six of the private and special laws of nineteen hundred five, is hereby amended by striking out all of said section two and in place thereof, inserting the following:

‘Sec. 2. Duty of police officers to co-operate; powers not limited to criminal matters. Said probation officer so far as necessary in the performance of his official duties shall have all the powers of a truant officer,