…ness of sheet and sheet covered snow.

…ture of that ghastly region are …ssembly of the rains, being of a …ome density, and hovering almost …ctually over the whole face of the …

…he sun of Desolation is usually hid… a canopy of lead-colored clouds …ts on the rare occasions when …ppears, scarcely brighter than the …n in other latitudes. As to the …ghtfall, and the stars, the clouds …ful fogs rarely permit them to betray …eir existence.

…No fish worthy of note, not even …ecies of prey, abound in the adjacent …aters, by reason, perhaps, of their …ontaining poisonous minerals, or dead …y exhalations from the volcanic fires …enmath them.

…Yet the dark grim sea inclosing Des…olation has done something to repair …he sterility of the island.

…Penguins, ducks, gulls, cormorants …nd other marine birds are plentiful in …ome of its harbors.

…Seals also abound.

…Strange and terrible land.

…Not a single human being, so far as …is known, has ever lived there, save as …is now to be recorded in these pages.

…Near the middle of a dull, dismal af…ternoon, some eleven weeks later than …the date of the preceding events, the …good ship Flying Childers drew near …to the Island of Desolation, shaping her …course toward its northernmost bay, …called by Captain Cook Christmas …Harbor.

…A fair breeze was blowing from the …north, and the ship was carrying every …stitch of her canvas, including stud…ding-sails.

…Her crew—both watches—were busy …about the deck, and her passengers—…a score in number—had gathered in …groups, mostly forward, and were gaz…ing with great interest upon the wild, …rugged shores before them, so far as the …fog suspended upon those shores per…mitted them to become visible.

…The ship had come here for water, …nearly all her water casks having been …stove or started during a squall ten …days previously, and every soul aboard …of her having been since that date up…on short allowance.

…Upon the quarter-deck stood Capt. …Luke Pedder, looking unusually hap…py, with Will Hawley beside him.

…"I mean to get our water aboard be…fore dark, Captain Pedder, and so …avoid losing a night here," said the …young executive, totally unconscious …of the plot to leave him alone on the …desolate island, and of the extraordin…ary adventures which were before him. …The stranger event that happened there …and indeed, the whole of this thrilling …story, will be found only in the New …York Ledger, which is now ready and …for sale at all the book-stores and news …depots. Ask for the number dated …July 13, and in it you will get the con…tinuation of the story from the place …where it leaves off here.

WARM WATER FOR PLANTS.—A Vermont family had last winter about one hundred plants in the house, and usually gave them warm water, and very frequently water that was much too warm for the hand. Some at or near the boiling point was poured into the saucers of the pots just on the sides. Friends who dropped in bore testimony that they never saw such fine geraniums, heliotropes, fuschias, verbenas, passion flowers and oleanders. These particularly showed very marked improvement; others flourished finely under the treatment.

LAWS of NEW YORK—by Authority

[Every law, unless a different time shall be prescribed therein, shall commence and take effect throughout the State, on and not before the twentieth day after the day of its final passage, as certified by the Secretary of State. Sec. 13, title 3, chap. 7, part 1, Revised Statutes.]

CHAP. 161.

AN ACT for the protection of tax payers against the frauds, embezzlements and wrongful acts of public officers and agents.

Passed April 2, 1872; three-fifths being present.

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. All officers, agents, commissioners and other persons acting for or on behalf of any county, town or municipal corporation in this State, and each and every one of them, may be prosecuted, and an action or actions may be maintained against them to prevent waste or injury to any property, funds or estate of such county, town or municipal corporation by any person residing in such county, town or municipal corporation assessed for and liable to pay taxes therein, or who has paid taxes therein one year previous to the commencement of any such action or actions. This act shall not be so constructed as to take away any right of action from any county, town or municipal corporation, or from any public officer, or affecting actions now pending brought by them or any of them.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

STATE OF NEW YORK, } ss
Office of the Secretary of State, }

I have compared the preceding with the original law on file in this office, and do hereby certify that the same is a correct transcript therefrom and of the whole of said original law.

C. HILTON SCRIBNER, Secretary of State.

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CHAP. 246.

AN ACT for the improvement of the navigation of the Hudson river, and to make an appropriation therefor.

Passed April 24, 1872; three-fifths being present.

The People of the State of New York represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. The sum of fifty thousand dollars is hereby appropriated out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated for the purpose of removing obstructions to and improving the navigation of the Hudson river, between the city of Troy and the village of Coxsackie, and for removing and widening the channel, shall be used in completing the west channel of said river between Roah Hook and Barren Island.

§ 2. The State Engineer and Surveyor, Samuel Schuyler, Alfred Van Santvoord, William H. Taylor and Thomas McManus, are hereby appointed commissioners, and are hereby authorized and empowered to superintend and control the expenditure of the said sum so appropriated by the first section of this act.

§ 3. The Comptroller of the State is hereby authorized to draw his warrant on the Treasurer of this State for the payment of any money expended by the said commissioners, not exceeding the amount appropriated by this act, provided the expenditure of the same is verified in due form by the oath of said commissioners or a majority of them, to the effect that such moneys have been expended for the purpose of improving the navigation of the Hudson river, as herein provided, or that the labor, material or machinery has been either duly performed, or furnished, and provided further, that the said commissioners shall receive compensation for their services in the discharge of the duties created by this act, beyond their actual expenses.

§ 4. The commissioners appointed by this act shall, before they are authorized to draw upon the Comptroller for any of the moneys appropriated by this act, execute to the people of the State of New York a bond in the penal sum of fifty thousand dollars, with satisfactory sureties, conditioned that they will faithfully discharge their duties as such commissioners and truly account to the Comptroller of this State for the expenditure of all moneys received by them under it is act, which bond shall be approved by the Comptroller and the Treasurer of this State, and such accounting shall take place within thirty days after the payment of such moneys to said commissioners.

§ 5. The commissioners hereby appointed shall also have the power to prescribe rules and regulations relative to the dumping of earth, stone, gravel, mud or any ot er materials in or near the said river which, in their opinion, would have a tendency to obstruct navigation, and any person or persons who shall, by themselves or their agents, violate such rules and regulations, shall be liable to a penalty of one hundred dollars, to be recovered in any court of competent jurisdiction in the name of said commissioners, or any one of them; and they shall have the further power to remove any and all obstructions to navigation in the Hudson river between the said city of Troy and the said village of Coxsackie, or to lighter, or cause to be lightered, any boat or vessel which may be aground by reason of drawing a greater depth of water than the channel affords, or which from any other cause whatever may be obstructing the navigation of said river; and they, or either of them, or their agents are hereby authorized to remove such boat or vessel so aground and obstructing the navigation as aforesaid, and to assess the expense of such lightering or removing on such vessel and cargo, and said expenses so incurred shall be a lien on such cargo, boat or vessel as aforesaid, and shall be enforced and collected as hereinbefore provided.

§ 6. The said commissioners shall not be directly or indirectly interested in any contract made under this act.

§ 7. All cats and parts of acts, inconsistent with this act, are hereby repealed.

§ 8. This act shall take effect immediately.

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CHAP. 296.

AN ACT concerning the Sodus Bay, Corning and New York Railroad Company, and providing for a change in its corporate name.

Passed April 29, 1872,

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. The corporate name of the Sodus Bay, Corning and New York Railroad corporation duly created and existing under and in pursuance of the laws of this State, is hereby changed to "The Sodus Bay and Corning Railroad," and from and after the passage of this act the said company shall be a railroad corporation of this State, known and designated as "The Sodus Bay and Corning Railroad Company."

§ 2. All and singular the rights, privileges, exemptions, franchises and powers, which the said corporation at any time had held, enjoyed or was entitled to, shall be had held and enjoyed by said corporation under said last mentioned corporate name; and all the property, real, personal and mixed, and all debts due on whatever account, as well as all stock, subscriptions, and other things in action, shall be taken and deemed to be vested in said corporation by said last mentioned corporate name without further act or deed, and all claims, demands, rights of way, and every other interest, shall be as effectually the property of said corporation, under such last mentioned corporate name, as if said corporation had been originally incorporated under such name, and the title to all real estate taken by deed or otherwise heretofore acquired, or to which it shall hereafter become entitled, shall not be deemed to revert or be in any way impaired by reason of the change in its corporate name provided for by this act.—And further, that all petitions and proceedings for binding in the original name of said company, may proceed and continue in such manne, and shall be as effectual for all purposes, and held by the company under its changed name, the same as if it had not been changed.

§ 3. Nothing herein contained shall be construed as affecting in anywise the liability of the aforesaid Sodus Bay, Corning and New York Railroad Company, and all contracts and liabilities made or incurred by the said Sodus Bay, Corning and New York Railroad Company shall be and remain in force against the said Sodus Bay and Corning Railroad Company.

§ 4. This act shall take effect immediately.

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