No. 128.

AN ACT

Relative to wolves and panthers in the counties of Clearfield and Centre, and for other purposes.

Section 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same,* That hereafter the premium allowed for wolf and panther scalps, killed in the counties of Clearfield and Centre, to be paid by the said counties, shall be as follows: For a full grown wolf or panther, six dollars; and for a wolf or panther puppy, three dollars; and so much of the act of assembly of sixteenth of March, one thousand eight hundred and nineteen, as allows twelve dollars for a full grown wolf or panther, and five dollars for a wolf or panther puppy, be repealed, so far as the same relates to Clearfield county, and is not inconsistent with the provisions of this act.

Clarion county, fox scalps.

Section 2. That the bounty in Clarion county, allowed on scalps of foxes, shall be seventy-five cents.

JAMES ROSS SNOWDEN,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

WILLIAM BIGLER,
Speaker of the Senate.

Approved—The fourth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and forty-four.

DAVID R. PORTER.

No. 129.

AN ACT

To incorporate the Northern mutual insurance company of Lancaster county.

Section 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same,* That

Corporators.

Samuel Keller, J. J. Keller, Daniel Keller, William H. Paul, Abraham Bear, Jacob Hibshman, Jacob Shirk, senior, B. Smith, and all other persons who may hereafter associate with them in the manner hereinafter prescribed, shall be, and they are hereby constituted and declared to be

Name.

a body politic and corporate, by the name, style and title of the "Northern mutual insurance company of Lancaster county," and by the same name shall have perpetual succession, and shall be able to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded in all courts of record, or elsewhere; and to purchase, receive, have, hold and enjoy to them and their successors, lands, tenements, rents, annuities, franchises and hereditaments, goods and chattels of what kind soever, and choses in action, and the same to sell and dispose of from time to time: *Provided*, That the clear yearly value or income of the necessary houses, lands and tenements, rents and annuities, or other hereditaments and real estate of said corporation, and of the interest of the money loaned by it, shall not exceed the sum of one thousand dollars: and also make and have one common seal, and the same to alter and renew at pleasure; and also to ordain, establish and put in execution such by-laws, ordinances and regulations, as shall appear necessary and convenient for the government of said corporation, not being contrary to this charter, or the laws of the United States, or of this commonwealth; generally to do and transact all such matters and things as shall to them lawfully appertain to do and transact, for the well being of said corporation, and the due management and the well ordering of the affairs thereof.

Powers and privileges. Income. Seal. By-laws.

SECTION 2. The object and business of said corporation shall, and is hereby prescribed to be the insurance of their respective dwelling houses, stores, barns, shops and other buildings, household furniture, goods and chattels, and other property against loss or damage occasioned through any unavoidable accident by fire.

Object.

SECTION 3. All persons who shall hereafter insure with the said corporation, and also their heirs, executors, administrators or assigns, continuing to be insured in said corporation, as is hereinafter provided, shall thereby become members thereof during the period they shall remain insured by said corporation, and no longer.

Members.

SECTION 4. The affairs of the said corporation shall be managed by a board of directors, consisting of seven members, to be elected and chosen as hereinafter provided; which board shall appoint from their own number one person as president, they shall also appoint one person as secretary of the board, and one person as treasurer, of whom they shall require such securities as may be required for in the by-laws, and shall have authority to appoint other officers and employ such clerks, agents and attorneys, as may be found necessary for the transaction of the business of said institution; and shall also determine the rates of insurance, the sum to be insured, and the sum to be deposited for any insurance; a majority of said board shall constitute a quorum to do business.

Directors. Officers. Rates of insurance. Quorum.

SECTION 5. The members of the company shall, upon twenty days notice, meet at such place as may be provided for in the by-laws, on the third Monday of May, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty-five, and hold their first election of directors; and such election shall be held under the inspection of three members, to be chosen by the members who may attend at the time and place of holding such election; such election of directors shall be by ballot, and a majority of the votes polled shall elect; and the directors so elected, shall continue in office until the third Monday in May, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty-six, or until others are elected; on which day, and annually thereafter, an election shall be held for directors, as is provided in the first part of this section; and each member shall be allowed one vote, and no more; no vote shall be taken by proxy.

Annual election.

SECTION 6. Every person who shall become a member of this corporation, by effecting insurance therein, shall, before he receives his policy, deposite his promisory note for such sum of money as shall be deter-

Deposite note.

mined by the directors; a part, not exceeding five per cent. of said note, shall be immediately paid in, and the remainder of said deposite note shall be payable in part or the whole, at any time when the directors shall deem the same requisite for the payment of loss or damage by fire, and such incidental charges as shall be necessary for transacting the business of said corporation; and at the expiration of the term of insurance, the said note, or such part of the same as shall remain unpaid, after deducting all losses and expenses accruing during said term, shall be relinquished and given up to the maker thereof; and it shall be lawful for said corporation to loan such portion of their money on hand as may not be immediately wanted for the purpose of said corporation, to be secured by mortgage or judgment, creating a lien for the same upon real estate of sufficient value, beyond other incumbrances, to render the same perfectly secure, or upon other good and sufficient securities.

Sale of insured property to void policy.

SECTION 7. When any property insured with this corporation, shall be aliened by sale or otherwise, the policy shall thereafter be void, and of no effect, and shall be surrendered to the directors to be cancelled; and upon such surrender, the insured shall be entitled to receive his deposite, on payment of his proportion of losses and expenses accrued prior to such surrender; but the alienee or grantee having the policy assigned to him, may have the same ratified and confirmed to him, for his own proper use and benefit, upon application to the directors, with their consent within twenty days next after such alienation, in giving proper security, to the satisfaction of said directors, for such portion of the deposite or premium note, as shall remain unpaid; and by virtue thereof, from the time of such ratification, the party causing such security to be given, shall be entitled to all the rights and privileges, and be subject to all the liabilities to which the original party to whom the policy was issued, was entitled and subject under this act.

Losses and damages.

SECTION 8. Every member of said corporation shall be bound to pay for losses or damage, and such necessary expense aforesaid accruing in said corporation, in proportion to the amount of his or her deposite note.

Suits.

SECTION 9. Suits at law may be maintained by said corporation, against any of its members, for the collection of said deposite notes, or any assignment thereon, or for any other cause relating to the business of said corporation; also, all suits may be prosecuted and maintained by any member against said corporation, for losses or damages by fire, if payment be withheld or refused more than three months after the company are duly notified of such losses; no member of the company, not being in his individual capacity a party to the suit or suits, shall be incompetent as a witness on account of his being a member of the company.

Losses, &c. how paid.

SECTION 10. The directors shall, after ascertaining the amount of loss or damage by fire, sustained by any of its members, settle and determine, in proportion to the deposite notes, the amount to be paid by any of its members, as their respective shares of such loss or damage, and publish the same in such manner as may be prescribed by the by-laws, and the members shall pay the same to the treasurer of the company, within thirty days after the publication of said notice; on neglect or refusal to pay the sum assessed upon him, as a proportion of any loss as aforesaid, in such case said company may sue for and recover the whole amount of his or her deposite note or notes, with costs of suit; and the amount thus collected, shall remain in the treasury of said company, subject to the payment of such losses or expenses as have or may thereafter accrue; and the balance, if any remain, shall be returned to the party from whom it was collected, on demand.

SECTION 11. At the annual meeting of the company, as provided for in section fifth, the members shall pass all by-laws, rules and regulations, necessary for the well government of the affairs of said corporation; it shall also be the duty of the secretary and treasurer, at such annual meeting, to have all the books and writings concerning the company, at such place of meeting, and any member of the company shall be allowed to examine the same. By-laws.

SECTION 12. No policy shall be issued by this corporation, until the property insured shall amount to three hundred thousand dollars. Policy.

SECTION 13. The hereinbefore named Samuel Keller, farmer, J. J. Keller, Daniel Keller, William H. Paul, Jacob Hibshman, Abraham Bear, Jacob Sherk, shall constitute the board of directors of said institution until the third Monday of May, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty-five, or until others are elected in their stead. Directors.

SECTION 14. This act shall take effect immediately after its passage, but the legislature of this commonwealth may at any time alter, modify, or annul its provisions in such manner, however, as to do no injustice to the corporators. Legislative reservation.

JAMES ROSS SNOWDEN,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
WILLIAM BIGLER,
Speaker of the Senate.

APPROVED—The fourth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and forty-four.

DAVID R. PORTER.

No. 130.

AN ACT

To authorize the trustees of the Methodist Episcopal church, in the additional town of Warren, in the county of Armstrong, to sell and convey certain real estate.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same,* That John Ellwood, John Cochran and Henry Caldwell, trustees of the Methodist Episcopal church, in the village of Warren, in the county of Armstrong, be and they are hereby authorized to sell at public sale, a certain lot of ground in the additional town of Warren, known in the plan of said town as lot number fifteen, together with the house of worship thereon erected, and convey by deed, all the right, title, and interest of the said Methodist Episcopal church in, and to the same to the purchaser or purchasers: *Provided,* That before such sale, the said trustees shall execute a bond to the commonwealth under such penalty