WHEREAS, In accordance with said acts a municipal government was organized, known as the town of Mitchell in said county, which government has ever since been maintained; and

WHEREAS, The records of said county do not clearly Record tailed show that all the preliminary steps necessary to the com- was necespletion of said incorporation were strictly complied with, sary. and doubts have arisen as to the legality of the incorporation of said town and the acts of its officers since said incorporation; therefore

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

SECTION 1. That the incorporated town of Mitchell, in Declared the county of Mitchell and state of Iowa, be and the same legally organis declared to be fully and legally organized and incorporated from and after the proceedings for incorporation in A. D. 1879; That said incorporation shall have the same force and effect from said date as though all the provisions of the statutes regulating the incorporation of town and the election of officers thereof had been fully complied with; That all proceedings of the town of Mitchell, Proceeding Mitchell county, Iowa, done in relation to the incorporation thereof, all ordinances of the town council of said incorporated town so far as they are not inconsistent with the laws of Iowa, and all acts of the officers of said incorporated town done under said ordinances, since the organization of said incorporated town in 1879, are hereby legalized and made valid, as though the specific requirements of the law had been complied with; provided, that nothing in this act shall in any way affect litigation now pending in any court in this state.

SEC. 2. This act being deemed of immediate impor-Publication. tance shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the "Iowa State Register," a newspaper published in Des Moines, Iowa, and the "Temperance Power," a newspaper published in Mitchell, Mitchell county, Iowa, without expense to the state.

Approved March 17, 1896.

I hereby certify that the foregoing act was published in the Iowa State Register, March 28, 1896.

W. M. MCFARLAND, Secretary of State.

CHAPTER 195.

AN ACT to legalize the incorporation of the town of New Vienna, S. F. 375. Dubuque County, Iowa, the election of its officers, and all acts done and ordinances passed by the council of said town since July 20th, 1895.

Whereas, doubts have arisen concerning the legality of Doubts. the incorporation of the town of New Vienna, Dubuque county, Iowa, the election of its officers, and the ordinances passed by the council of said town, because of the

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fact that its articles of incorporation were not filed with the Secretary of State until October 28th, 1895, Therefore

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

Election of officers and

SECTION 1. That the incorporation of said town of officers and acts legalized New Vienna, Dubuque county, Iowa, the election of its officers, and all acts done and ordinances passed by the council of said town are hereby legalized and declared to be valid and binding the same as though the law had in all respects been strictly complied with in the incorporation of said town, and in the election of its officers and passage of its ordinances.

> Nothing in this act shall in any manner affect any pending litigation.

Publication.

Sec. 2. This act being deemed of immediate importance shall be in force and take effect from and after its publication in the Des Moines Leader and Dubuque Herald. newspapers published respectively in Des Moines and Dubuque, Iowa, without expense to the state.

Approved April 3, 1896.

I hereby certify that the foregoing act was published in the Des Moines Leader and Dubuque Herald, April 8, 1896

W. M. MCFARLAND, Secretary of State.

CHAPTER 196.

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.AN ACT to legalize the resolutions and ordinances passed, and elections held, to bond the city of Pella, Marion county, Iowa, to erect water works within said city, and to legalize the occupancy of block No. 36, the same which is known and platted as "West Market Square" in said city, for that purpose.

Whereas, Block No. 36 in the plat of the city of Pella, Marion county, Iowa, which was recorded on June 12, 1848, and in book "A" on page 64 of the records of said county, was dedicated as "West Market Square," by the original owner of the land thus platted, no other right or title thereto having passed to said city, excepting what may have resulted from the recording of the said plat, the same having been unoccupied ever since the said platting; and

Whereas, The heirs of the said original owner have given their written consent and relinquishment of their possible right to object thereto, permitting the city authorities to erect water-works on said block, and the adjacent property holders have given their consent thereto, some in writing, and some verbally only; Therefore

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

Occupancy of land legalized.

SECTION 1. That the occupancy by the city of Pella, Marion county, state of Iowa, of said block No. 36, designated as "West Market Square," on the plat of the said city, recorded on June 12, 1848, and in book "A" on page 64 of the records of the said county, for the purpose of