

amendatory thereto, approved February 5th, 1851, shall be construed to mean city.

SEC. 6. All acts and parts of acts coming in conflict with Repeal. this act are hereby repealed.

SEC. 7. If one-third of the legal voters in said city of Submit to vote Fairfield, shall, within three months after the publication of this act, petition the Mayor of said city to submit said act to a vote of the legal voters of said city, it shall be the duty of said Mayor to submit the same to a vote in the manner provided for other elections, giving at least ten days' notice thereof, and if a majority of the legal voters shall vote against said act, then the same shall be null and void.

SEC. 8. This act shall take effect from and after its publication in the Iowa City Republican and Fairfield Ledger, the expenses of publication to be paid by the city of Fairfield.

Approved January 14th, 1857.

I certify that the foregoing act was published in the Iowa City Republican Feb. 9, 1857.

ELIJAH SELLS,
Secretary of State.

CHAPTER 36.

DEEDS AND MORTGAGES.

AN ACT to amend Chapter 49 of the Session Laws of 1854-5.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa,* That all deeds, mortgages or other instruments in writing, executed out of this State, whereby real estate situated in this State, has been or shall hereafter be conveyed or encumbered, which have been duly acknowledged, in accordance with the provisions of section second, of chapter 49, of the Session Laws of 1854-5; and filed for record in the recorder's office of the county where such land is situated, shall henceforth be deemed notice to all persons interested, of what they contain from and after such filing. Deeds, &c., executed out of the State.

Repealed. SEC. 2. Section third, of Chapter 49, of the Session Laws of 1854-5, is hereby repealed. This act shall take effect from and after its publication according to law.

Approved Jan. 14, 1857.

CHAPTER 37.

PENITENTIARY.

AN ACT providing for improvements in the Iowa Penitentiary.

Appropriation. SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa,* That there be and hereby is appropriated, toward the further completion and improvement of the penitentiary at Fort Madison, the sum of twenty thousand dollars, to be paid out of any monies in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, to be drawn and expended during the fiscal year.

When expended. By whom. SEC. 2. This appropriation shall be expended under the direction and superintendence of the inspectors of the Penitentiary.

Duty of Inspectors. SEC. 3. It shall be the duty of said inspectors, acting as superintendents, to have a wall built inclosing the cells, workshops, hospitals, and other prison buildings, of the following description, to wit: The foundation to be of stone, the wall four feet thick and sunk six feet below the surface of the ground, and extending one foot above the surface; the whole to be done in solid masonry with quick-lime. The wall placed on the foundation will be three feet thick at the bottom and eighteen inches at the top, and twenty-two feet high, with cap stone three feet wide and eight inches thick, to be built and finished in a substantial and workmanlike manner. It will further be the duty of said inspectors, acting as superintendents, to have constructed twenty-five new cells of like character and form as those already completed. They shall also cause to be constructed an apartment to serve as a hospital, the foundation of which and other permanent parts of the building to be constructed with a view to making