

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

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The directors for the odd-numbered districts are elected in the even-numbered years, and those for the even-numbered districts in the odd-numbered years.

Any resident of the state is eligible to membership in the society. Information relating to membership is sent on application to the secretary.

The annual meeting begins on Tuesday before the second Wednesday in December of each year.

The society publishes an annual report full of valuable and interesting papers.

The objects of this society is the promotion and encouragement of horticulture and arborculture in the state by the collection and dissemination of practical information regarding the cultivation of such fruits, flowers and trees as are best adapted to the soil and climate of the state. The rooms of the society are kept open at all times for the reception of visitors. All communications on horticultural topics will be promptly answered by the secretary.

STATE FORESTRY COMMISSIONER.

WESLEY GREENE, of Scott county, secretary of the state horticultural society, is ex officio state forestry commissioner. His address is Des Moines, Iowa. He serves as commissioner without compensation. The law authorizes him to appoint deputies to serve without salary for each county or group of counties, who shall assist him in the performance of his duties, and also make report to him annually of forestry matters for the use of the horticultural society.

The object of the law is to encourage the planting of forest and fruit trees in the state. The act provides that any person owning land in the state may plant or select a tract of land not less than two acres in area for a forest reservation, provided there shall be not less than two hundred forest trees growing on each acre and that live stock is not permitted to pasture on it.

A fruit reservation shall not be less than one or more than five acres in area and can be claimed for a period of eight years after planting; provided that there are not less than seventy fruit trees growing on each acre, under proper care, and that cattle, horses, mules, sheep, goats and hogs are not permitted on said reservation.

Forest and fruit tree reservations are assessed at a taxable value of one dollar an acre.

Any landowner in this state wishing to plant or select a forest or fruit tree reservation, or both, should apply for the privilege to the assessor when listing property for assessment.