

forfeit and pay to the school-fund the sum of one hundred dollars for each offense, to be collected by action on his bond by any citizen of the county.

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CHAPTER XXV.

[H. F. 62.]

STATE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

APRIL 6. AN ACT for the Encouragement of Horticulture and Forestry.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa,* That the present officers and directors of the State Horticultural Society shall hold their respective offices till the third Tuesday of January, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-three, and until their successors are elected as hereinafter determined.

SEC. 2. It shall be the duty of said society to encourage the organization of district and county societies, and to give them representation in the State society, and in every proper way to further the fruit-growing and tree-growing interests of the State.

SEC. 3. Said society shall hold its annual meeting on the third Tuesday of January in each year, for the transaction of its business, at which meeting, officers, corresponding in numbers and titles to the officers of the State Agricultural Society, shall be elected, and for like periods of time; the place of holding the next annual meeting, and the times and places of holding exhibitions, shall be determined; premiums on essays may be awarded; and all questions relating to the horticultural development of the State may be considered.

SEC. 4. It shall be the duty of the secretary of said society to make an annual report to the Governor of the State, embracing the proceedings of the society, with a bill of items, showing, for what purposes the money herewith appropriated was paid out, for the past year; the general condition of horticultural interests throughout the State; together with such essays, statements of facts, and recommendations, as they may deem useful; to be published by the State, under the supervision of the society.

SEC. 5. The number of copies of said report, to be published by the State, shall be limited to three thousand copies, all of which shall be bound in a style uniform with

Officers of Horticultural Society to hold office till January, 1878.

Duty of society.

Annual meeting:

officers to be elected, and terms; premiums awarded, etc.

Secretary to report annually.

No. of copies and distribution of report.

the reports of said society for the years 1869 and 1870, and shall be distributed as follows: Ten copies each to the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, Secretary of State, Auditor of State, State Treasurer, Register of State Land Office, Attorney-General, Judges of the Supreme Court, and to each member of the General Assembly; two hundred copies to the Iowa State Agricultural College; five copies to the Iowa State University; five copies to the Iowa State Historical Society; two copies to each incorporated college in the State; one copy each to the auditor and clerk of the district court of each county, to be kept in the office; and one copy to each newspaper published in the State; the remainder to be distributed by direction of said society.

Sec. 6. That the sum of one thousand dollars be appropriated annually for the use and benefit of said society, and shall be paid by the Auditor of State, upon the order of the president of said society, in such sums, and at such times as may be for the interests of said society: *Provided*, That two hundred dollars of the amount appropriated by this act shall be awarded in premiums for the growing of forest-trees in this State.

\$1,000 appropriated annually.

Proviso.

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CHAPTER XXVI.

[H. F. 279.]

TAXATION OF RAILROAD PROPERTY.

AN ACT to Tax Railroad Property, Regulating such Taxation, and Releasing certain Taxes herein named. APRIL 6.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa*, That it shall be the duty of the Census Board, on the first Monday of March in each year, to assess all the property of each railroad company in this State, excepting the lands, lots, and other real estate of a railroad company not used in the operation of their respective roads.

Census Board to assess railroad property.

SEC. 2. It shall be the duty of the president, vice-president, or general superintendent, and of such officers as the Census Board may designate, of any railroad company, owning, leasing, or operating any railroad within this State, to furnish said Board on or before the 15th day of February, in each year, a statement, signed and sworn to

Officers of companies to furnish statement, showing: