

[119] CHAPTER 126.

AN ACT for the encouragement of agriculture.

Be it enacted by the Council and House of Representatives of the Territory of Iowa:

SECTION 1. Money appropriated—objects—to whom appropriated. That the sum of twelve hundred dollars per annum, or such other sum as the congress of the United States may grant for that purpose, shall be and is hereby appropriated for the promotion of agriculture, and household manufactures in this territory, in the manner following, to-wit: The county of Clayton, thirty dollars; the county of Clinton, twenty dollars; the county of Cedar, thirty dollars; the county of Dubuque, seventy dollars; the county of Des Moines, one hundred and forty dollars; the county of Henry, eighty dollars; the county of Jones, twenty dollars; the county of Jackson, thirty-five dollars; the county of Johnson, thirty-five dollars; the county of Linn, thirty dollars; the county of Lee, one hundred and forty dollars; the county of Louisa, forty-five dollars; the county of Muscatine, forty-five dollars; the county of Scott, forty-five dollars; the county of Washington, thirty-five dollars; the county of Jefferson, sixty dollars; the county of Van Buren, one hundred and forty dollars; Iowa Territorial Agricultural Society, two hundred dollars.

SEC. 2. When a territorial agricultural society may be formed—its privileges and duties. A Territorial Agricultural society may be organized at the seat of government, in the same manner as county agricultural societies are now organized, and shall have the same privileges, and perform the same duties for the whole territory, and shall have its meetings and fairs, at such times and places as the proper officers of the society may direct.

SEC. 3. Other societies organized—powers and limits—membership. Whenever the citizens of any township or townships, whether organized or not, shall desire to form an agricultural society, they shall be organized in the same manner as county societies are organized; shall be called together for the purpose of organization, at such time and place as those requiring the call shall direct; and shall have the same powers and duties for their respective limits, as county societies now have; territorial, county and township societies shall regulate the price of admission to membership, and the price of annual subscription.

SEC. 4. Sum to be given to county society when the amount of subscription made is reported to the secretary of territory—proviso. When any county agricultural society, now formed, or to be formed in this territory, shall raise by voluntary subscription any sum of money, the president and treasurer shall make and subscribe an affidavit of the facts of the formation of such society, and of their having raised a certain sum, specifying the amount thereof, which affidavit shall be filed with the secretary of the territory, who shall, if congress shall appropriate the sum herein mentioned, pay to the treasurer of the society a sum equal to the amount of such subscription, not exceeding the amount to which such society would be entitled, under the apportionment aforesaid; and when there are two or more societies in any county, the said secretary shall divide the sum appropriated to such county among them: provided, each society shall raise, by voluntary subscription, a sum equal to the amount set apart for such county.

SEC. 5. Officers—duty of officers—premiums—how awarded—proviso. The Iowa Territorial Society, and the several societies in counties now formed, or to be formed in this territory, shall annually elect such officers, as they may deem proper; and it shall be the duty of [120] such officers, annually to regulate and award premiums, on such articles, productions, and improvements, as they may deem best calculated to promote the agricultural, and household

manufacturing interests of this territory; having especial reference to the net profits which accrue, or are likely to accrue, from the mode of raising the crops or stock, or the fabrication of the article, with the intention that the reward shall be given to the most profitable or economical mode of competition: provided, always, that before any premium shall be delivered to the person claiming the same, shall deliver to the president of the society, as accurate a description of the process, in preparing the soil, raising the crop, or feeding the animal, as may be; also the product of the crop, or of increase in the valuation of the animal, with a view of showing accurately the profit of cultivating the crops or feeding and fattening the animal.

SEC. 6. Abstract of expenditures to be transmitted to the secretary of territory—county societies to transmit annual reports to territorial society. The president of the territorial society, and the several presidents of the societies in counties who shall receive or expend any of the moneys hereby appropriated, shall annually, in the month of November, transmit to the secretary of the territory, a detailed account of the expenditure of all moneys, which shall come into their hands under this act, stating to whom and for what purpose paid, with the vouchers therefor; and said presidents of said societies in counties, shall annually transmit in the month of November, to the executive committee of the territorial society, all reports or returns which they may demand, and receive from the applicants for premiums, together with an abstract of their proceedings during the year.

SEC. 7. Executive committee to report to secretary of territory. The executive committee of the territorial agricultural society, shall examine all reports and returns, made by the presidents of societies in counties, and condense and arrange the same, together with a report of their own proceedings during the year, to the secretary of the territory, in the month of December in each year.

SEC. 8. Ex officio members. The presidents of the several county societies, or delegates from them, to be chosen annually for that purpose, shall be ex-officio members of the Iowa Territorial Agricultural Society.

CHAPTER 127.

AN ACT to amend an act, for the incorporation of the town of Bloomington.

Be it enacted by the Council and House of Representatives of the Territory of Iowa:

SECTION 1. Corporation extended. That the corporation of the town of Bloomington, be and the same is hereby made to extend to the middle of the main channel of the Mississippi river, opposite said town.

SEC. 2. Powers of president and trustees to license—proceeds of license, how applied. That the president and trustees of said corporation, shall have the exclusive power to grant licenses for the retailing ardent spirits within the limits of the corporation; and the proceeds of such licenses shall be appropriated, the one half for the benefit of said corporation, and one half to be paid into the county treasury.

SEC. 3. Taxes—streets and alleys—special tax—rate of tax. That if the electors of said town, shall have directed the levy of taxes, according to the seventh section of the act, to which this is [121] amendatory, and if it is deemed necessary to improve the streets and alleys, and if such improvements will considerably increase the value of lots in the vicinity of such improvements, and if a majority of the owners of such lots shall apply for such improvements, the president and trustees shall have power to levy a special tax for that purpose,