

## [12] CHAPTER 8.

## WOLVES.

AN ACT to encourage the destruction of wolves.

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

**SECTION 1. Commissioners required to offer reward for killing wolves.** That the boards of commissioners in the several organized counties in this territory be and they are hereby authorized and required to allow and pay a reward of fifty cents to any person who shall kill any prairie wolf not exceeding six months old, in their respective counties, and the sum of one dollar for every prairie wolf over that age; and for every large black or grey wolf, not exceeding six months old, the sum of one dollar; and for every one over that age the sum of two dollars, except the counties of Keokuck, Mahaska, Wapello, Davis and Delaware, which shall be required to pay one half the amount aforesaid, and as much more as may be allowed by the several boards of county commissioners of said counties.

**SEC. 2. Evidence of killing shall be the scalp, and to be produced before justice who shall certify the same.** Any person claiming the benefit of this act, shall produce before some justice of the peace, for the county where such wolf was killed, the scalp, with the ears thereon; and the justice shall administer to such person the following oath, to wit: "You do solemnly swear, that the scalp now produced by you was taken from a wolf taken and killed in this county, and that you believe said wolf was more (or less, as the case may be,) than six months old, and that said wolf was killed on or about —;" [here state the time when.] Said justice shall thereupon grant to said person a certificate, stating the name of the killer, the age of the wolf, and the time when killed; and said justice shall receive for his services above mentioned, twelve and one half cents; and it shall be the duty of said justice to destroy the scalp upon granting such certificate.

**SEC. 3. The amount of certificate to be paid out of county treasury.** When any certificate granted under the provisions of this act is presented to the board of county commissioners of the county where the certificate was issued, said board of commissioners shall order that the person presenting said certificate be paid out of the county treasury the sum to which he is entitled under the provisions of the first section of this act.

**SEC. 4. Repealing clause.** That an act entitled, "An act to encourage the destruction of wolves," approved January 7th, 1840, be and the same is hereby repealed.

**SEC. 5. Time of taking effect.** This act to take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved, 9th February, 1844.

## [13] CHAPTER 9.

## CONVENTION.

AN ACT to provide for the expression of the opinion of the people of the territory of Iowa upon the subject of the formation of a state constitution for the state of Iowa.

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

**SECTION 1. First election to take place, when and where.** That for the purpose of obtaining the expression of the opinion of the people of the terri-