

to have committed a trespass, and shall be liable accordingly; and any person who shall wilfully and maliciously destroy or injure said dam, lock or other works, belonging to said company, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction thereof shall be fined treble the amount of damages the said company may have sustained, and be imprisoned, at the discretion of the court.

**SEC. 13. Duration of term.** The charter hereby granted shall continue for the term of forty years.

**SEC. 14. Time of taking effect.** This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved, 14th February, 1844.

## CHAPTER 110.

### LYCEUM.

AN ACT to incorporate the Washington Lyceum of Jackson county.

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

**SECTION 1. Organization of; name and style of company; general powers and limitation of capital; power to make by-laws for government of; restriction; number of officers, how and when appointed; term of office; quorum how constituted; deeds how made.** That E. Ellsworth, Nathan Hixon, David J. Osborn, William P. Johnson, Arnold Smith, Samuel Durant, Allen Hinchman, George F. Gordon, and such other persons as from time to time shall become members of said corporation, shall be and are hereby constituted and declared to be a body politic and corporate, in fact, deed and name, by the name and style of the "Washington Lyceum;" and by that name they and their successors shall have succession, and shall be persons in law capable of suing and being sued, pleading and being impleaded, answering and being answered unto, defending and being defended, in all courts and places whatsoever, and in all manner [128] of actions, suits and complaints, matters and cases whatsoever; and that they and their successors shall have a common seal, and may change and alter the same at their pleasure; and they and their successors, by the same name, shall be persons in law capable to purchase, acquire and hold, by gift, grant or devise, and to them enjoy to their successors, any real estate in fee simple, or for a term of life or lives, or otherwise; and any goods, chattels, or any personal property, for the purposes of enabling them the better to carry into execution, encourage and promote, such measures as may tend to the advancement of science and literature, the promotion of education, the advancement of knowledge, and the development of worth in the sciences: provided, that the clear yearly value of such personal and real estate shall not exceed the sum of ten thousand dollars; and that they and their successors shall have full power and authority to give, grant, sell, lease or dispose of, said real and personal estate, or any part thereof, at their will and pleasure; and that they and their successors shall have power, from time to time, to make, constitute and establish, such by-laws, ordinances and regulations, as they shall judge proper for the election of their officers, the admission of new members, or fixing the time and place of the meetings of said corporation, and for regulating all its affairs generally: provided, such by-laws shall not be incompatible with the constitution and laws of the United States and the laws of this territory. And

for the better carrying on of the affairs of said corporation, there shall be a president, vice president, recording secretary, and such other officers as they may see fit, who shall hold their offices from the time of their appointment or election until the first Monday in March in each and every year, or until others shall have been chosen in their stead; and that E. Ellsworth shall act as president; N. Hixon, vice president; David J. Osborn, recording secretary; R. B. Wyckoff, corresponding secretary; Arnold Smith, treasurer, and Samuel Durant, librarian, until the first Monday of March next; and that said officers shall forever thereafter be chosen by the members of said corporation, in such manner and at such time and places as shall be directed by the by-laws of said corporation, to be made for that purpose; and that the president or vice president, and any four members of said corporation, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business; and all deeds or other instruments of conveyance shall be made by order of the lyceum, and signed and acknowledged by the president and recording secretary, and sealed with the common seal of the lyceum, in order to insure their validity.

**SEC. 2. Certain articles of property exempt from taxation.** That the books, scientific apparatus, minerals, fossils and plants, and such other specimens as said lyceum have or may hereafter collect and acquire for their cabinet, shall be exempt from county and territorial taxation.

**SEC. 3. Time of taking effect.** This act to take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved, 14th February, 1844.

[129] CHAPTER 111.

COLLECTION OF TAXES IN LOUISA COUNTY.

AN ACT to perfect the collection of taxes in Louisa county.

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

**SECTION 1. Acts of sheriff valid.** That the proceedings of the sheriff of Louisa county, in the collection of taxes on the tax duplicate for the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-three, be and are hereby declared legal and valid, so far as he has proceeded in the collection of the taxes on said duplicate.

**SEC. 2. Sheriff to pay over in 20 days from passage of act.** The said sheriff shall pay over to the county treasurer of Louisa county, within twenty days from the passage of this act, all money by him collected on said tax duplicate, after deducting his per centum for the collection of the same, and which he has not already paid, and take the treasurer's receipt for the same.

**SEC. 3. To return tax duplicate to the clerk and take receipt.** Said sheriff shall also forthwith, after paying over said money to the treasurer, return the tax duplicate to the clerk of the board of county commissioners, after specifying in said tax duplicate the property on which the taxes have been paid; and the clerk of the board of county commissioners, after calculating the amount of taxes remaining unpaid in said tax duplicate, shall give to the said sheriff his receipt for said tax duplicate, stating in said receipt the amount of taxes remaining unpaid on said tax duplicate.