

to acquire and possess property, real, personal and mixed, and to manage and dispose of the same at pleasure; and such corporation shall have power to contract and be contracted with, to sue and be sued, to have and use a common seal, and to alter the same at pleasure.

SEC. 2. Object of and how pursued. The object of the above corporation shall be the establishment of a library and scientific apparatus, the cultivation of the arts and sciences, and the diffusion of useful knowledge; which object [131] shall be pursued by such means, and in such manner, as may from time to time be prescribed in the by-laws of the corporation, provided the same are not inconsistent with the laws of the land.

SEC. 3. Number of officers; tenure of office. The officers of the lyceum shall be a president, vice president, treasurer and secretary, with the powers and duties usually incident to those offices, together with such other officers and with such tenure of office as shall be prescribed in the by-laws.

SEC. 4. Time and place of meeting. Such corporators, or a majority of them, may meet and organize, by electing their officers, at such time and place as may suit their convenience, and may proceed to enact such by-laws as may be deemed expedient; and may change, repeal, alter or amend the same, in accordance with the by-laws, rules and regulations, of said corporation.

SEC. 5. Quorum. In all cases five of the corporators shall constitute a quorum to transact business, unless otherwise provided by the by-laws.

SEC. 6. Deeds how made. All deeds and other instruments of conveyance shall be sealed with the seal of the corporation, signed by the president, and by him acknowledged in his official capacity.

SEC. 7. Time of taking effect. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved, 14th February, 1844.

CHAPTER 113.

FERRY.

AN ACT to amend an act entitled, "An act to establish a ferry across the Mississippi river, in this territory," approved January 18th, 1838.

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

SECTION 1. John Wilson, authority of to keep swing boat, provided county commissioners are satisfied with its safety and sufficiency; result of examination to be entered on books of board of comm'rs. That John Wilson, in lieu of a boat or boats to be propelled by horse or steam power, to be kept at the said ferry, as required by the proviso of the second section of the act to which this is amendatory, be and he is hereby authorized and permitted to keep a good and sufficient boat, to be propelled by the force of the current of said river, (by attaching one end of a line or cable to the said boat, and the other end thereof to Rock Island,) commonly called a swing ferry boat: provided, that upon the completion of said boat, the board of county commissioners of Scott county, upon examination of the operation thereof, shall be satisfied that the said swing ferry boat furnishes a sufficient and safe conveyance of passengers, horses, cattle, hogs and other property, across said Mississippi

river, without [132] unreasonable delay; the result of which examination said commissioners shall cause to be entered in the books of said board.

SEC. 2. Time of taking effect. This act to be in force from and after its passage.

Approved, 14th February, 1844.

CHAPTER 114.

ROAD.

AN ACT declaring a certain road therein named a public highway, and the establishment and continuation of the same through the counties of Jackson, Clinton and Cedar.

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

SECTION 1. Road commencing at David G. Bates', route of; declared a territorial road; board of commissioners of Jackson county may re-locate part of. That the road as now traveled, from the ferry of David G. Bates, on the west bank of the Mississippi river, by the way of the towns of Bellview, Andrews, (the seat of justice of Jackson county,) and thence to Springfield post office, in said county, be and the same is hereby declared a territorial road: provided, that so much of said road as lies between Bellview and Andrew may hereafter be re-located by the board of commissioners of said county, if they think fit.

SEC. 2. Appointment of commissioners to locate territorial road, commencing at John E. Goodenow's, route of; commissioners how to proceed in discharge of duties; where and when to meet; counties through which road runs not to pay expense. That William Phillips, William H. Efner, of Jackson county, and A. Cowles, of Clinton county, be and they are hereby appointed commissioners to lay out and establish a territorial road, beginning at the house of John E. Goodenow, the Springfield post office; thence on the most eligible route to or as near as may be thought the most practicable, to cross the Wabesipinicon river, at or near the place where Thorn and Anderson are about erecting a mill on said stream, and thence on the most proper route to intersect the territorial road from Camanche to Tipton, in Cedar county, having due reference to the accomodation of the present and future inhabitants of the country through which said road passes, as well as the public generally. The said commissioners, or a majority of them, shall meet at Springfield on the first Monday of June eighteen hundred and forty-four, or at such other time during the year as they may agree upon, and then proceed to the discharge of their duties: provided, that nothing herein contained shall be so construed as to allow said commissioners any compensation to be drawn from the treasury of either of the above counties.

SEC. 3. Commissioners to take an oath, nature of. That each of said commissioners shall, before he enters [133] upon the duties required of him by the provisions of this act, take and subscribe, before some justice of the peace or other officer authorized to administer oaths, the following affidavit: "I do solemnly swear (or affirm, as the case may be,) that I will faithfully and impartially, without prejudice or favor, perform the duties of commissioner in strict accordance with the provisions of this act."

Approved, 14th February, 1844.