

## [56] CHAPTER 26.

## POTTAWATTAMIE COUNTY.

AN ACT to locate the county seat of Pottawattamie county.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:*

SECTION 1. **County commissioners to designate two points.** That the county commissioners of Pottawattamie county, shall on or before the first day of March next, after having made an examination of the different parts of the county, designate two places, to be balloted for, on the first Monday of April next, as a seat of justice.

SEC. 2. **Notice.** As soon as said commissioners shall make a selection of two points in said county, they shall cause notices of the same, to be published in the "Frontier Guardian," and also written or printed notices posted up in each township of said county, stating the two points to be ballotted for, at said election for the county seat, particularly describing the said points.

SEC. 3. **Vote—points receiving highest vote remain seat of justice—tie commissioners to decide.** That it shall be the duty of the judges of election, in each township in said county, to receive votes for the two places so designated, by said commissioners, and shall note down in separate columns, the number of votes received for each place designated, as aforesaid; and the place receiving the highest number of votes polled at said election, shall be and remain the county seat of said county; provided, that if an equal number of votes shall be polled, for each place designated, then the county commissioners shall determine which of the two places shall be the seat of justice of said county; and the place thus designated shall thenceforth be the seat of said county.

SEC. 4. **Returns.** The manner of conducting said election shall be the same as is now prescribed by the law regulating elections; and it shall be the duty of said judges of election, to transmit true returns to the clerk of the board of county commissioners of the number of votes polled for each place designated by the commissioners.

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

Approved January 23d, 1851.

## [57] CHAPTER 27.

## COUNTY SEAT.

AN ACT to locate the county seats of the counties of Cass and Adair.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:*

SECTION 1. **Commissioners—Cass and Adair.** That Isaac G. Houck of Madison county, Barlow Granger of Polk county, and Samuel B. M'Call of the county of Boone, be and they are hereby appointed commissioners to locate the county seat of Cass and Adair counties.

SEC. 2. **Time and place of meeting—oath—centre—recorded.** Said commissioners or a majority of them, shall meet at Wahtowah on the first Monday in May next, or six months thereafter, and after taking such oath as required by law, shall proceed to mark, designate, and name the county seats of said counties, at or as near the geographical centres of said counties as may be practicable, taking into consideration the present and future population of each of the said counties, as well as the necessary facilities for building a town. Said commissioners shall make a report of their selections, which shall be recorded in Polk county.

SEC. 3. **Take effect.** This act shall be in force from and after its passage.

Approved January 23, 1851.

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## CHAPTER 28.

### PENITENTIARY.

AN ACT authorizing the governor of the state of Iowa to procure a title to certain ground.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:*

SECTION 1. **Governor to investigate title—perfect title.** That the governor of said state be, and he is hereby authorized to take the proper means to cause to be investigated, the title by which the state holds the ground upon which the penitentiary now stands; and in the event that the same [58] should be deemed imperfect, that he be further authorized to take the necessary measures to procure a perfect title thereto and have the same recorded in the office of the secretary of the state.

Approved January 24, 1851.

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## CHAPTER 29.

### METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

AN ACT legalizing the acts of the trustees of the "Methodist Episcopal Church" at Muscatine.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:*

SECTION 1. **Sale legalized.** That the sale of lot six (6) in block thirty-four (34) in the town of Muscatine, by Thomas Morford, to the trustees of the "Methodist Episcopal Church" of said town; and the sale of said lot by said trustees, to Auley McAuley and J. A. Parvin, be and said sales are hereby legalized and made valid.

Approved January 24, 1851.