

SEC. 2. Draw fifty per cent. That at any time during the progress of the binding of said code, the secretary of state shall, if required by the state printer, issue a certificate specifying the amount of work done, together with its estimated value as hereinbefore fixed, whereupon the auditor of state shall issue his warrant [227] upon the state treasury for fifty per centum of the amount so specified, in favor of the state printer.

Approved, February 5th, 1851.

CHAPTER 95.

NEW COUNTIES.

AN ACT to enable the counties of Bremer, Butler and Grundy to become attached, (until organized,) to Blackhawk county, and to attach said county to Buchanan county, until said organization.

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

SECTION 1. If the county of Blackhawk becomes organized Bremer, etc., attached. That in case the county of Blackhawk becomes organized before the next session of the general assembly, that the counties of Bremer, Grundy and Butler, shall then become attached to the county of Blackhawk for judicial, elective and revenue purposes, without any further action.

SEC. 2. Until organized attached to Buchanan. That until said proposed organization of Blackhawk county, said counties of Blackhawk, Bremer, Butler and Grundy are, and shall be attached to Buchanan county, for judicial, elective and revenue purposes.

SEC. 3. Repeal. That all acts and parts of acts contravening the provisions of this act be and the same are hereby repealed.

SEC. 4. To take effect. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved, February 5th, 1851.

CHAPTER 96.

SALINE LANDS.

AN ACT to dispose of the saline lands belonging to the State, and to appropriate the proceeds thereof.

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

SECTION 1. May be sold by consent of congress. That as soon as the congress of the United States [228] consent thereto, the saline lands belonging to the state may be sold, and the proceeds thereof appropriated in the manner herein provided.

SEC. 2. Who shall sell. The sales shall be made by the same officer as though the lands formed a portion of those set apart for the improvement of the Des Moines river, except as herein otherwise declared.

SEC. 3. Pre-emption. Any head of a family or single person, over the age of twenty-one years, who is an actual resident upon such lands at the

time he makes his application, is entitled to a pre-emption: provided, he applies therefor before the first day of July next, or if he makes his application after that time and before the land is actually sold to another.

SEC. 4. Rules. The rules as to pre-emption rights, and the manner of proving up the same, shall in other respects be the same as those heretofore in force in relation to pre-emptions on the Des Moines river lands.

SEC. 5. Proceeds of sale. The proceeds of the sales of said lands constitute a fund for founding and supporting a lunatic asylum and the other object herein specified. The amount realized therefrom must be invested, and the interest only can be used: provided, that the commissioners of the lunatic asylum may if they deem the best interests of the institution and the wants of the state demand it, in the first instance use eight thousand dollars of the principal of the fund to assist in the building and furnishing of said asylum: and provided also, that five thousand dollars of the principal is hereby placed at the disposal of the superintendent of public instruction, for the use of the college of physicians and surgeons at Keokuk, to be paid over as he may from time to time deem advisable.

SEC. 6. Private entry. After the first day of July next, the lands may be sold by private entry in the usual manner; but where there are two or more applicants for the same tract, and where no preference can be claimed by either in consequence of a right of pre-emption as hereinbefore provided for, the lands must be sold to the highest bidder.

SEC. 7. Land may be sold on partial credit. The sale of all lands authorized by this act, shall be on a partial credit and the option of the purchaser, but not less than one fourth of the purchase money shall be paid in [229] ready cash, the remainder must draw interest at the rate of ten per cent per annum.

SEC. 8. Governed by school law—forfeit. If made on a partial credit, contracts must be executed in the same manner as by the law then in force is prescribed in case of school lands sold on a credit. The interest on such contracts must be payable at such times as are fixed in the contracts, and the payments must be made to the treasurer of the county in which the land lies who shall receipt therefor. If not paid promptly when due the rate of interest shall be doubled, and if not paid within six months after due, the contract and the amount already paid thereon will be forfeited, and the land may be sold anew.

SEC. 9. Waste—forfeiture. Any person who wilfully commits waste upon the lands purchased on a partial credit as above contemplated, forfeits the money paid and all claims upon the land, which may be resold accordingly.

SEC. 10. How expended. The proceeds herein appropriated, are to be paid over on the order of the commissioners to carry out the general object contemplated; and the amount of the principal not herein disposed of, is to be invested under the direction of said commissioners, upon bond and mortgage of real estate of the clear unincumbered value of at least twice the value of the sums thus respectively secured.

SEC. 11. Commissioners may sell interest of the state—superintendent public instruction do same with school fund. Where land has thus been sold on a partial credit, the commissioners are authorized to convert into ready money the interest of the state in the unpaid balances due on such sales, by transferring that interest to any one who will advance the money thereon. And the superintendent of public instruction may, if he thinks it can safely be done, direct the investment of any portion of the school fund in this manner, but the interest of the state aforesaid must not be thus disposed of

for less than its par value, nor will the state be in any way responsible for any loss sustained by the person purchasing its interest in the unpaid balances as aforesaid.

SEC. 12. Take effect. This act shall take effect from and after its publication in the Iowa Capital Reporter.

Approved, February 5, 1851.

Published in the Iowa Capital Reporter February 26, 1851.

[230] CHAPTER 97.

RELIEF OF THE POOR.

AN ACT to repeal an act entitled "An act to repeal an act entitled an act for the relief of the poor."

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

SECTION 1. Repeal—revival. That an act to repeal an act entitled "an act for the relief of the poor," approved January 12th, 1849, be and the same is hereby repealed, and that the act entitled "an act for the relief of the poor," approved February 25th, 1847, is hereby revived.

SEC. 2. Take effect—expense, Lee. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the "Iowa Statesman" and "Keokuk Despatch" at the expense of the county of Lee.

Approved, February 5th, 1851.

Published in the Iowa Statesman and Keokuk Dispatch Feb. 15th, 1851.

CHAPTER 98.

PRINTING THE REVISED CODE.

AN ACT relative to printing the revised code.

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

SECTION 1. Edition 5,000 [6,000] to be printed. There shall be printed and published in the manner hereinafter provided, an edition of six thousand copies of the revised code, and no other acts shall be published therewith except as herein directed.

SEC. 2. Papers to be printed with code. The following papers shall be printed and bound with the code; the declaration of independence; the articles of the confederation; the ordinances of seventeen hundred and eighty-seven relative to the north-west territory; the constitution of the United States; the act establishing the territory of Michigan; the act establishing the territory of Wisconsin and extending the laws of Michigan over the same; the act to divide the territory of Wisconsin and to establish the territorial government of Iowa and the amendments to the same; the constitution of Iowa; the acts of congress relative to the admission of Iowa into the union (and the ordinance of the convention of Iowa); the first and fifth sections of the act to provide for appointing commissioners to draft, revise and prepare