

or them the value of such books or articles, and the penalties of the law in such cases made and provided.

§ 17. On the said first day of March next, the Librarian shall return to the Governor and Secretary of State, a list of all persons whose receipts are unsatisfied, their places of residence, if known, the books received for, the date of receipts, and the answers received to the notifications of the Librarian, and the Governor and Secretary shall direct against what persons to institute legal proceedings.

Delinquents.

Legal proceedings.

§ 18. The Governor, Secretary of State and Librarian may determine what books and articles may be taken from the library, and what shall remain in the library for reference.

Reference.

§ 19. The room in which the library is kept, shall, in no case and under no circumstances, be appropriated or used for any other purpose so long as the library shall remain therein.

Library not to be used for balls.

§ 20. This Act shall be posted in conspicuous places in the library, and shall take effect upon its publication in the Iowa City newspapers.

Publication.

APPROVED January 25th, 1855.

The above Act was published in the Iowa City newspapers on the 31st day of January, 1855.

GEO. W. McCLEARY, Sec'y of State.

CHAPTER 158.

NOTARIES PUBLIC.

A BILL for an Act to amend Chapter 10 of the Code, in relation to Notaries Public.

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa,* That on or before the 1st day of May next, every Notary Public then in commission in the State, shall have his commission recorded in the office of the Recorder of Deeds of his county.

Record of Commission

§ 2. Any Notary Public failing to comply with the provisions of the foregoing section shall be deemed removed from office from and after the said first day of May next.

Failure

After 1st May. § 3. Every Notary Public whose commission bears date after the said first day of May next, shall comply with the following conditions:

Bond. FIRST. Before entering upon the discharge of his official duties, he shall give bond to the State of Iowa, in the penal sum of five hundred dollars, conditioned for the true and faithful execution of the powers and duties of his office, with two or more sureties, to be approved on said bond by the Clerk of the District Court of the proper county.

Record: SECOND. On the approval of said bond by said Clerk, said Notary shall have his commission recorded by the Recorder of Deeds of his county, and shall pay to the Clerk of the District Court the sum of one dollar.

Fees. Commissioned § 4. Said Notary Public shall then be deemed commissioned, and not before.

Clerks' certificate. § 5. The Clerk of the District Court shall thereupon transmit to the Secretary of State, a certificate that said Notary Public is duly qualified, and specifying the date of his qualification, which certificate shall bear the signature of said Notary Public, and said Secretary is hereby required to file said certificate in his office, and to keep a book in which he shall enter the names of Notaries hereafter qualified, in the order in which the same are transmitted to him, with the name of the county and the date of qualification of each.

Signature. Filed. Penalty. § 6. Any Notary Public exercising the duties of his office after the expiration of his commission, or when otherwise disqualified, or appending his official signature to documents, when the parties have not appeared before him, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and be subject to a fine of fifty dollars for each offence, to be recovered before any Justice of the Peace of the county, and shall also be removed from office by the Governor.

Appointment in unorganized counties. § 7. The Governor of the State is hereby authorized to appoint one or more Notaries Public in any unorganized county, who shall qualify as herein before provided, in the county to which said unorganized county is attached for judicial purposes.

§ 8. Such provisions of chapter 10 of the Code, as conflict with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed.

§ 9. This act to be in force from and after its publication in the Iowa City newspapers.

APPROVED 25th January, 1855.

I certify the foregoing act was published in the Iowa City newspapers, Jan. 31st, 1855.

GEO. W. McCLEARY, Secretary of State.

CHAPTER 159.

RAILROAD COMPANIES.

AN ACT to authorize railroad companies to consolidate their stock with the stock of railroad companies in this, or an adjoining State, and to connect their roads with the roads of said companies.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa,* That any railroad company heretofore organized, or that may hereafter organize under the laws of this State, shall have the power to intersect, join and unite their railroads, constructed, or to be constructed in this State, or in any adjoining State, at such point on the State line, or at any other point as may be mutually agreed upon by said companies. And such railroads are authorized to merge and consolidate the stock of the respective companies, making one joint stock company. of the railroads thus connected, upon such terms as may be by them mutually agreed upon, and in accordance with the laws of the adjoining State, with whose road or roads connections are thus formed: *Provided,* that the consent of three-fourths of all the stockholders in amount in any road whose stock is proposed to be consolidated, shall so consent.

Consolidate
Stock.

Consent.

Extend m.

§ 2. Any railroad company heretofore, or which may hereafter be organized, under the laws of this State, for the purpose of constructing a railroad from any point within