

Destruction of
fire apparatus
punished by fine
and imprison-
ment.

SEC. 2. That any person or persons who shall wilfully destroy or injure any Engine, Hose carriage, Hose, Hook and Ladder carriage, or anything whatever, used for the extinguishment of fires, belonging to any Fire Company, on conviction thereof shall be sentenced to imprisonment in the penitentiary for a period of not less than one year, nor more than three years.

Willful removal of
fire apparatus
punished.

SEC. 3. That it shall not be lawful for any person to remove any Engine or other apparatus for the extinguishment of fire, from the house or other place where the same shall be kept or deposited, except in time of fire or alarm of fire, unless properly authorized so to do by the President and Directors or foreman of the Company to whom the same shall belong, or their duly authorized agent, and any person offending against the provisions of this section shall forfeit and pay a sum not less than five dollars, nor more than twenty dollars, to be sued for, and recovered in the name of the State, for the use of the School Fund, before any Mayor, Recorder, or Magistrate of the city or town wherein the offence has been committed.

Suit bro't and
fine paid to
school fund.

False alarms of
fire punished.

SEC. 4. That it shall not be lawful for any person or persons to cause false alarm of fire, either by setting fire to any combustible material or by giving an alarm of fire without cause, and any person offending against the provisions of this section shall be fined a sum of not less than five dollars nor more than twenty dollars, to be sued for and recovered as specified in the foregoing sections.

Approved March 12th, 1858.

CHAPTER 49.

TENANCY.

AN ACT to amend Section 1209, Chapter 75, of the Code.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of*

the State of Iowa, That section 1209, chapter 78, of the Code be so far amended as to read as follows: Thirty days notice in writing is necessary to be given by either party, before he or she can terminate a tenancy at will; but when in any case rent is reserved, payable at intervals of less than thirty days, the length of notice need not be greater than such interval between the days of payment. In case of tenants occupying and cultivating farms, the notice must fix the termination of the tenancy, to take place on the first day of March; *Provided*, That where an express agreement is made, whether the same has been reduced to writing or not, the tenancy shall cease at the time agreed upon without notice.

Notice given to terminate tenancy.

Farmers leave March 1st, unless special agreement made.

SEC. 2. All acts and parts of acts contravening the provisions of this act, be and the same are hereby repealed.

Approved March 12th, 1853.

CHAPTER 50.

JURISDICTION OF JUSTICES.

AN ACT qualifying the Criminal Jurisdiction of Justices of the Peace.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa*, That the punishment clause in each of the following sections of the Code of Iowa, namely, sections 2597, 2687, 2688, 2716, 2723, 2725, 2717, 2718, 2728, 2730, 2737, 2738, 2739, 2740, 2742, 2685, 2719, shall be so changed as to read "shall be punished by imprisonment in the county jail not more than thirty days, or by fine not exceeding one hundred dollars, and not otherwise, in the discretion of the Court.

Code amended.

Imprisonment and fine.

SEC. 2. That section 2612 of the Code of Iowa be so changed as that when the value of the property stolen does not exceed twenty dollars, the punishment shall be by fine not exceeding one hundred dollars, or imprisonment in the county jail not exceeding thirty days.

The punishment for theft.

SEC. 3. Section 3322 of the Code of Iowa is repealed,