

An act to provide for the establishment of a State Agricultural College and Farm, with a Board of Trustees, which shall be connected with the entire agricultural interest of the State of Iowa,

Sec. 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa, that there is hereby established a State Agricultural College and Model Farm, to be connected with the entire agricultural interests of the State

Sec. 2. Said College and Farm shall be under the management of a Board of Eleven Trustees, and the Governor, the President of the State Agricultural Society and the President of the State Agricultural College, who shall be ex-officio members of said Board.

Sec. 3. The Board of Trustees shall, at their first meeting under this act determine by lot, their several periods of service, five of whom, serving for two years and six serving for four years, and until their successors are elected and qualified, At the annual meeting in the fall, before vacancies occur in this board, each county agricultural society in the State may nominate one person for Trustee, from whom the General Assembly shall choose Trustees to fill vacancies every two years as they occur, discriminating so as to give, if possible one Trustee to each Judicial District in the State, Any vacancy in the Board of Trustees, caused by death, resignation or removal from the State, may be filled by a vote of the majority of the members of said Board. Each Trustee is required to give a satisfactory bond to the State in such sum as may be required by the Governor, for the faithful discharge of the

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duties imposed upon them,

Sec. 4. The President of the College shall be President of the Board of Trustees. It shall be his duty to preside at all meetings of the Board. He shall control, manage and direct the affairs of the College and farm herein established, subject to such rules as may be prescribed by the Trustees,

Sec. 5. Said Board shall have power: 1st To elect a President for the State Agricultural College and Farm, and in the absence of the President, a President pro-tempore, a Secretary and such other officers as may be required in the transaction of the business of the board. 2^d To make all necessary rules and regulations for the government of the College and Farm. 3^d To purchase lands and erect buildings thereon, in accordance with the further provisions of this act. 4th To keep a full and complete record of all their proceedings, and do such other things as may be found necessary to carry out the intent and meaning of this act.

Sec. 6. The Trustees shall receive no compensation except for mileage, in travelling to and from the meetings of the Board, which shall be at the same rate and computed in the same manner, as the mileage allowed to members of the General Assembly; and the Auditor of State is hereby authorized to audit and allow the claims for such attendance, upon not more than three meetings annually,

Sec. 7. The first session of the Board of Trustees shall be held at the Capital of the State on the second Monday in January, 1859.

Sec. 8. A majority of the Board of Trustees shall be a quorum

for the transaction of business,

Sec. 9. Said Board of Trustees, are hereby authorized to select and purchase suitable lands, not less than six hundred and forty acres, for the use and purposes of the college herein established.

Sec. 10. Said Board shall receive proposals for sale of lands for the use of said College before purchasing the same, and in the purchase, the price, location, quality and variety of soil, advantages of water, timber, stone, et. cetera shall be considered.

Sec. 11. There is hereby appropriated, the proceeds of the sale of five sections of land heretofore granted to the State of Iowa, by Congress, for the erection of Capitol Buildings, for the use and benefit of the College herein established, provided, Congress directs the same for this purpose; and also the proceeds of the sale of all other lands granted or which may be granted by Congress, to the State of Iowa, for the purposes contemplated by this act.

Sec. 12. There is hereby appropriated out of any moneys in the Treasury of the State, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of ten thousand dollars for the purchase of lands as provided in section nine of this act, and the improvement of the same.

Sec. 13. Upon the execution and delivery to the Secretary of State, of the proper conveyance or conveyances of the land purchased as is hereinbefore provided, with a certificate of the Attorney General of the State, that he has examined the title to the same and finds it unencumbered and perfect, and in accordance with this act, and that the loca-

tion has been approved by the Trustees, the Auditor of State shall draw his warrant or warrants on the State Treasurer for the amount of such purchase, in favor of the party or parties to whom such sum or sums may be due; said purchase or purchases to be made in the year eighteen hundred and fifty-nine, previous to the first day of July of that year.

Sec. 14. If any monies remain unexpended after the purchase of said Farm or lands, the Trustees are hereby authorized to appropriate the same, or so much thereof as is needed for the erection of the necessary buildings for the College on the farm, and otherwise improving the same.

Sec. 15. The course of instruction in said College shall include the following branches, to wit; Natural Philosophy, Chemistry, Botany, Horticulture, Fruit Growing, Forestry, Animal and Vegetable Anatomy, Mineralogy, Geology, Meteorology, Entomology, Zoology, the Veterinary Art, Plain Mensuration, Levelling, Surveying, Book-keeping and such Mechanic Arts, as are directly connected with Agriculture; also, such other studies as the Trustees may from time to time prescribe, not inconsistent with the purposes of this act.

Sec. 16. The Board of Trustees shall establish such Professorships as they may deem best to carry into effect the provisions of this act.

Sec. 17. Tuition in the College herein established shall be forever free to pupils from this State, over fourteen years of age, and who have been residents of the State six months previous to their admission, applicants for admission must be of good moral character, able to read and write the English lan-

guage with ease and correctness and also to pass a satisfactory examination in the fundamental rules of Arithmetic, Sec. 18. The Trustees, upon consultation with the Professors and Teachers, shall, from time to time, establish rules regulating the number of hours, to be not less than two in Winter and three in Summer, which shall be devoted to manual labor, and the compensation therefor; and no student shall be exempt from such labor except in case of sickness or other infirmity.

Sec. 19. The Board shall elect annually from the teachers, or more advanced pupils a competent Book-Keeper, who shall keep an accurate account of the receipts and disbursements of said College and Farm from all sources; he shall also keep a minute and accurate account with each field and of each crop, which shall embrace the time and manner of cultivation, the amount of seed and the product, condition of field before planting and sowing and after harvesting, and kind and amount of fertilizers used; also a list of animals and the value thereof kept on the farm, and the treatment of the same; also a daily register of the weather; of all of which, he shall make an annual statement, or a Synopsis of the same, to the Secretary of the Board of Trustees,

Sec. 20. Said college and farm shall be charged with the amount of crops, the proceeds of sales, and the increase of animals raised on the Farm.

Sec. 21. The Trustees shall elect at their first annual meeting in January 1859, and every two years thereafter a Sec-

retary from their own numbers, who shall hold his office for two years and until his successor is elected and qualified; He shall reside at the Capitol of the State and have an office in the Legislative building. It shall be his duty to keep a record of the transactions of the Board of Trustees and College and Farm, which shall be open at all times to the inspection of any citizen of this State. He shall also have the custody of all books, papers, documents and other property which may be deposited in his office, including specimens of the vegetable and animal Kingdom of the State or country; also, keep and file all reports which may be made from time to time by county and State Agricultural and Horticultural Societies, and all correspondence of the office from other persons and societies appertaining to the general business of husbandry; address circulars to societies and the best practical farmers in the State and elsewhere, with the view of eliciting information upon the newest and best mode of culture, of those products, vegetables, trees &c, adapted to the soil and climate of this State; also, on all subjects connected with field culture, horticulture—stock raising and the dairy. He shall encourage the formation of Agricultural societies throughout the State, and purchase, receive and distribute such rare and valuable seeds, plants, shrubbery and trees, as may be in his power to procure from the General Government and other sources, as may be adapted to our climate and soils. He shall also encourage the importation of improved breeds of horses, asses, cattle, sheep, hogs and other live stock; the invention and improvement of labor saving implements of husbandry, and

diffuse information in relation to the same, and the manufacture of woollen and cotton yarns, and cloths and domestic industry in weaving, spinning, knitting, sewing and such other household arts as are calculated to promote the general thrift, wealth and resources of the state. He shall make a report in writing to the General Assembly at every session thereof, and to the Governor in each year when the Legislature is not in session, on the first day of February, of all the transactions of his office of a public character, including a full statement of the receipts and expenditures of the College and Farm and of his own office, and at such other times as the Governor or Legislature may require. He shall give a bond in the sum of Thirty thousand dollars with good security, for the faithful discharge of the duties of his office.

Sec. 22, The seeds, plants, trees and shrubbery received by the Secretary shall be as far as possible, distributed equally throughout the state, and placed only in the hands of those farmers and others, who will cultivate them properly and return to the Secretary's office, a reasonable proportion of the products thereof, with a full statement of the mode of cultivation and such other information as may be necessary to ascertain their value for general cultivation in the state. All information in regard to agriculture, obtained by the Secretary, of an important character, may be published by him from time to time in the newspapers of the state, provided, it does not involve any expense to the state.

Sec. 23, The Secretary shall collect and file in his of-

file the agricultural statistics of each organized County in the State,

Sec. 24. That the farming interest of the state, may derive immediate benefit, from the duties imposed upon the Secretary, the Governor is hereby authorized and empowered to appoint a Secretary on the passage of this act, from among the Board of Trustees named in this act, who shall hold his office for one year, and until his successor is elected and qualified, as provided in Section twentyone of this act.

Sec. 25. The Secretary shall receive, as a compensation for his services, a salary of One thousand dollars per annum, to be paid quarterly from the State Treasury in the same manner as is provided by law, for the payment of the salaries of other State officers, and the sum of One thousand dollars is hereby, annually appropriated, for that purpose, and the additional sum of one thousand dollars or so much thereof as may be esteemed necessary by the Governor, is also, hereby, annually appropriated to meet the expenses which may be incurred in the purchase and transportation of seeds, postage, stationery, and the other contingent expenses of the office of the Secretary, to be paid out of the State Treasury on the requisition of the Governor through the Auditor of State.

Sec. 26. The Board of Trustees shall elect a Treasurer from their own number annually, at their meeting in January, who shall receive and keep all monies arising from the sale of the products of the Farm or other source and

give bonds in such sum as the Board of Trustees may require. He shall pay over all moneys, upon the warrant of the President countersigned by the Secretary. He shall render annually in the month of January, to the Board of Trustees, and as often as may be required by said Board a full and true account of all moneys received and disbursed by him,

Sec. 27. That M. W. Robinson of Des Moines County, Timothy Day of Van Buren County, John D. Wright of Union County, G. W. F. Sherwin of Woodbury County, Wm Duane Wilson of Polk County, Richard Pains of Jefferson County, Suel Foster of Muscatine County, J. W. Henderson of Linn County, Leclermont Coffin of Delaware County, E. McWilliams of Clayton County, E. G. Day of Story County, are hereby appointed and constituted the first Board of Trustees of the Agricultural College and Farm, who shall hold their office as may be determined under the provisions of the third section of this act.

Sec. 28. This act shall be in force from and after its publication in the Iowa Farmer, the Tri-weekly Iowa State Journal and Tri-weekly Iowa Citizen,

Stephen B. Sheldy
Speaker of the House
of Representatives
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Approved March 22nd 1858

Ralph P. Lowe

President of the Senate

