

contain nothing that may be contrary to the Constitution and laws of the United States or the Organic Act of this Territory.

Power of society
relative to said
library.

SEC. 8. That the said Union shall have power to make and establish such charges of the loan of books, maps, charts, drawings, paintings or statuary, as they shall deem proper, and shall have power to receive and collect all dues and fees that may be owing to the Union from the aforesaid causes; *Provided*, that said library shall be kept open every day except Sunday, and that free access shall be given thereto to all persons desiring the same; *Provided* further, that any person taking from said library any book or other property belonging thereto shall return the same in accordance with the regulations and requirements of the aforesaid rules of said library; and provided further, that any person refusing or neglecting to return any book or other property within the time specified, in good condition, the same or the value thereof may be recovered by civil process issued out in the name of said Union.

Act take effect.

SEC. 9. This Act shall take effect from and after its passage.

J. S. NORRIS,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

WM. P. MURRAY,

President of Council.

APPROVED—February twenty-seventh, eighteen hundred and fifty-five.

W. A. GORMAN.

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a correct copy of the original act on file in this office.

J. TRAVIS ROSSER,

Secretary of the Territory of Minnesota.

CHAPTER XXX.

An act to Incorporate the Pioneer Hook and Ladder Company of the City of St. Paul.

- SECTION 1. Name and style of the society—authority of corporation shall maintain good and sufficient apparatus.
2. Exemption of members.
 3. Competency of society.
 4. Act shall take effect.
 5. Power of the Legislature over this act.

Be it enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Minnesota:

Corporate name
of the society.

SECTION 1. That Washington M. Stees, E. Greene Durbin, Thompson Ritchie, Charles H. Mix and C. P. V. Lull, and their successors in office, and such trustees as may be hereafter elected and their successors in office, be and they are hereby created a body politic and corporate by the name,

style and title of the "Pioneer Hook and Ladder Company, of the City of Saint Paul," in the county of Ramsey, and Territory of Minnesota, and by that name, style and title, are hereby invested with full force and authority to purchase, acquire, hold, possess, use, occupy and enjoy real and personal estate to the amount of five thousand dollars, and to sell and convey and otherwise dispose of the same in such manner as may be prescribed by the constitution, by-laws, rules and regulations of said company.

The object of said company shall be to establish and maintain at all possible times, a good and sufficient hook and ladder apparatus with all proper appurtenances, and hold the same in readiness at all reasonable times for use in the extinguishment of conflagrations within the fire limit of the city of Saint Paul.

Shall maintain good and sufficient apparatus.

SEC. 2. The persons composing said hook and ladder company shall be exempt from jury duty and from service in the militia, or from militia fines, during their continuance in said company. And the said company shall not at any time exceed eighty members in number, and each member thereof who shall have given seven years of actual service shall thereafter be exempt from jury duty and militia duty.

Exemption of members.

SEC. 3. The said corporation, by its name aforesaid, shall be competent to contract and be contracted with, to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, defend and be defended in all courts having jurisdiction; keep, have and use a common seal, and break or alter the same at pleasure of the company.

Competency of society.

SEC. 4. This act shall take effect from and after its passage.

Act shall take effect.

SEC. 5. This act may be repealed, altered or amended by the Legislative Assembly of this Territory, at any time.

Power of the Legislature over this act.

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