

accoutrements of said company, subject to the order of the Adjutant General.

AMOS COGGSWELL,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
IGNATIUS DONNELLY,
President of the Senate.

Approved March eighth one thousand eight hundred and sixty.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE, MINNESOTA, }
March 8th, 1860. }

ALEX. RAMSEY.

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J. H. BAKER, Secretary of State.

CHAPTER XVII.

An Act to Provide for the Organization of Agricultural Societies.

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Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

SECTION 1. That any number of citizens of any county, or of two or more counties jointly, who shall associate themselves together and comply with the provisions of this Act, shall be

Society; how organized

a body politic and corporate, and shall be known as the Agricultural Society of such county or counties; *Provided*, That only one society shall be organized under this Act in any county.

SEC. 2. Such Agricultural Societies shall possess the following powers, to wit:

First—To have perpetual succession.

Second—To sue and be sued by their corporate name.

Third—To adopt corporate seals, which they may alter at pleasure.

Fourth—To adopt such constitutions and by-laws, and to alter and amend the same from time to time, and to make such rules and regulations as they may deem proper or necessary for the good order and general management of such societies.

Fifth—To purchase and hold any real or personal estate which shall be deemed necessary to promote the objects of such societies; and to sell and convey all such real estate, said conveyance being executed by the president and secretary of such society.

Sixth—The officers of such societies, and also of the State Agricultural Society, shall have full jurisdiction and control of the grounds upon which the society may hold its fairs and of the streets and grounds adjacent thereto, during such fair, so far as may be necessary to preserve and keep good order. And any person who shall wilfully violate the rules or regulations of such societies during the days of the fair, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof, shall be liable to a fine of not less than five (5) nor more than twenty-five (25) dollars. Such offender may be tried before any Justice of the Peace.

SEC. 3. Each Agricultural Society shall, upon its organization, file a copy of its constitution and by-laws in the office of the Register of Deeds in and for the county in which such society shall be located; and the Secretary of such County Agricultural Society, shall, at or before the annual meeting of such society, furnish to the Secretary of the State Agricultural Society, an annual report of their proceedings during the year. The report shall contain a statement of the transactions of the society at its fair, showing the number of entries, the amount of money received, and from what source, together with the amount paid out for premiums and for other purposes; also a full statement of the entire receipts and disbursements of the society for the year.

SEC. 4. Each Agricultural Society shall hold, at such place as the society may determine, an annual meeting on the first Monday of January of each year, for the election of officers and for the transaction of other necessary business; *Provided*, That the first meeting for such purposes may be held at the earliest convenient time.

SEC. 5. The Agricultural Society of any county or coun-

Powers of such society

Constitution and by-laws to be filed with Register of Deeds—secretary to make annual report

Society to meet annually to elect officers

ties may immediately elect one delegate, who, together with the president of said society, acting as delegate *ex officio*, shall represent said county or counties in the State Agricultural Society for the purpose of its first organization, and thereafter each Agricultural Society which shall have complied with the provisions of Section three (3) of this Act, shall be entitled to one or more delegates at the annual meetings of the State Agricultural Society, but the number of delegates shall be prescribed by the constitution of the State Agricultural Society; *Provided*, That at the first meeting each county shall be entitled to one delegate.

Each society to send delegates to State Agricultural Society

SEC. 6. The said delegates shall meet together at the city of St. Paul, on the first Monday of March, A. D. eighteen hundred and sixty, and annually thereafter on the first Monday of February of each year, and at such place as shall be determined at the previous annual meeting, and at their first meeting shall adopt articles of incorporation and a constitution, and such articles and constitution shall be filed in the office of the Secretary of State.

Delegates to meet annually

SEC. 7. At each annual meeting of said State Agricultural Society, members of the Board of Education for the State Agricultural College, shall be elected in accordance with the provisions of Section three (3) of "An Act for the establishment of a State Agricultural College," approved March tenth, A. D. eighteen hundred and fifty-eight.

Election of members of the Board of Education

SEC. 8. The State Agricultural Society shall possess all the powers enumerated in Section two (2) of this Act.

Powers of State Agricultural Society

SEC. 9. Agricultural Societies which may be already organized in any county or counties of this State, may have all the powers and privileges of societies organized under this Act, by complying with the provisions of Section three (3) of this Act.

Act to apply to societies already organized

SEC. 10. Horticultural Societies and Mechanical Institutes may be organized in accordance with the provisions of this Act, and may enjoy all the privileges herein named, except that they shall not be entitled to a representation in the State Agricultural Society.

Horticultural and mechanical societies may organize under this act

SEC. 11. This Act shall take effect immediately

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IGNATIUS DONNELLY,

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