

CHAPTER 86.

S. F. No. 476.

An act to amend section two thousand nine hundred and seventy-four (2974) of the general statutes of (1894), relating to county agricultural and joint stock societies, and appropriations therefor.

Appropriation for county fairs.

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

SECTION 1. That section two thousand nine hundred and seventy-four (2974) of the general statutes of eighteen hundred and ninety-four (1894), be and the same is hereby amended so as to read as follows: Amendment.

Section 2974. That the sum of fourteen thousand dollars (\$14,000) be annually appropriated out of any moneys in the state treasury not otherwise appropriated, to county agricultural societies and joint stock societies holding agricultural fairs, and Minnesota butter, cheese, dairy and stock associations, pro rata, and to be paid out in premiums at the fairs of such societies; *provided*, that such moneys shall be paid only to such societies as shall have an annual membership of twenty-five (25) or more members and maintain an active existence and hold an annual fair, and have paid out for premiums as much as they receive from the state under this act: \$14,000 annually.

Provided, that such pro rata part shall not be paid to more than one society in any county in this state, which society shall be the oldest active society in such county; except in counties where there are two such societies of the same age, and in that case such pro rata share shall be divided equally between them and secretaries thereof respectively, upon the filing with the state auditor a sworn statement showing the holding of their fairs aforesaid, and payment of as much for premiums as they receive from the state, or that such societies have regularly advertised annual fairs and have been prevented from holding the same by weather which made the holding of same impossible, and that they have incurred expense in such advertising of such fair and in the preparation for the same, which equal the amount received from the state according to the provisions of this act; and the secretary of the state agricultural society shall on or before the tenth (10th) day of April in each year, certify to the state auditor a list of all county agricultural and joint stock societies that have complied with this act. Division of appropriation.

SEC. 2. This act shall be held to apply to the annual fairs of the year eighteen hundred ninety-seven (1897), and for all subsequent fairs.

SEC. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

. Approved April 2, 1897.

S. F. No. 193.

CHAPTER 87.

Reimburse-
ment for P.
O. Dosseth.

An act for the reimbursement and relief of P. O. Dosseth for moneys paid and to be paid to the State of Minnesota upon the purchase of a tract of state land in Wilkin county.

State land
sale.

Whereas, prior to the sale of state lands for Wilkin county in June, 1896, the auditor of state had declared forfeited for default in making payments thereon, the contract under which the se¹/₄ of section five (5), township one hundred and thirty-six (136), range forty-eight (48) (comprising 156.97 acres), had heretofore been sold, notwithstanding the fact that said original purchaser was still in possession and had sowed in the spring of 1896, about one hundred and ten (110) acres thereof to crop, which was in a good growing condition in June, 1896.

Bought by
Dosseth.

And, whereas, pursuant to his former cancellation of the contract held by said occupant, said auditor of state at the sale of the public lands in said Wilkin county, in June, 1896, offered said tract together with all crops then growing thereon for sale at public auction, and the said P. O. Dosseth, in accordance with said offer, believing he would by said purchase acquire title to both said land and crop, bid therefor (e) the sum of seventeen dollars (\$17.00) per acre, and the same was struck off and sold by the state to him on said bid, and he thereupon paid thereon the sum of five hundred and thirteen dollars and sixty-eight cents (513.68), and accepted a contract under which he obligated himself to pay to the state in the installments and manner provided by law the balance of said purchase price at seventeen dollars (\$17.00) per acre.

And, whereas, said P. O. Dosseth was unable to obtain said growing crop on said land the same immuring (inuring) under the law to the original defaulting purchaser who had sowed the same.

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And, whereas, the land alone so sold, without the crop thereon, was at the time of said sale worth not more than twelve dollars (\$12.00) per acre, a sum of seven