

majority in value shall constitute a quorum, with power to transact all business, and at any meeting of the board of directors, any four of the board of directors shall constitute a quorum, with power to transact business.

SEC. 11. The said company shall be, and are hereby authorized and empowered, to construct, maintain and keep a bridge across the Mississippi river, of such materials as the stockholders shall deem expedient, to be erected across said river, near the falls of St. Anthony, not lower than the south end of an island, known as "Spirit Island," and not higher above the falls, than the upper end of "Nicollet Island."

Powers of company.

SEC. 12. No other bridge shall be established within one mile of that erected by the "Mississippi Bridge Company," during the existence of this charter.

SEC. 13. The said company shall, after the period of fifteen years, sell to the county or counties, town or towns, in which said bridge may be located, by their paying to said "Mississippi Bridge Company," such compensation as the legislature shall express by law, to be just and equitable.

Company to sell.

SEC. 14. All the privileges granted by this act shall be forfeited unless the said bridge is commenced in two years, and completed in five years after the passage of this act: *And provided*, That nothing herein contained, shall be so construed, as to give said bridge company any color of right to any portion of the Sioux lands, or the "Military Reserve of Fort Snelling."

Proviso.

SEC. 15. The rates charged for crossing the said bridge, shall not exceed the following rates for the first seven years. For each foot passenger, ten cents; for each horse, mare or mule, with or without rider, fifteen cents; for each two horse, two mule, or two ox team, loaded or unloaded, with driver, twenty-five cents; for each single horse carriage, twenty-five cents; for each additional cow or ox, ten cents; for each swine or sheep, two cents.

Rates of toll.

SEC. 16. The legislature shall have the right of limiting the rates of toll, after the expiration of ten years.

SEC. 17. This act shall take effect, and be in force, from and after its passage.

Approved—March 4, 1852.

## CHAPTER 33.

*An Act to incorporate the Benton County Agricultural Society.*

March 5, 1852.

SECTION.

1. Corporators; name of corporation; powers of; may have a seal, etc.
2. Objects of society.
3. First meeting, how called; future meetings, time and place of to be designated. Officers, election of; terms of office, etc.

SECTION.

4. Five members shall constitute a quorum to transact business.
5. Legislature may alter, modify or amend this act.
6. Act, when to take effect,

*Be it enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Minnesota, That David Gilman, David Olmstead, Baldwin Olmstead, William Sturgis, Jeremiah Russell, James Beatty, O. H. Kelly,*

**Corporators.** C. W. Hancock, John Depue and Allan Morrison, and their associates, be and are hereby constituted a body corporate, to be known by the name and stylo of the Benton County Agricultural Society, with the right as such of suing and being sued, and to hold any estate, real or personal, and the same to grant, sell, lease, mortgage, or otherwise dispose of for the benefit of the society, and to receive donations to be applied as the donor may direct; and to devise and keep a common seal, with the right of altering it at pleasure; and to make and enforce such by-laws, as they may choose, and which are not contrary to the constitution and laws of the United States, or of this Territory, and to enjoy all the privileges and franchises incident to a corporation.

**Object of society** SEC. 2. The objects of said society, shall be the collection and dissemination of agricultural knowledge, and the encouragement and advancement of agricultural pursuits.

**Officers elected.** SEC. 3. At the first meeting called and held by any five of the members of this society, the time and place of the first and future annual meetings shall be designated; and at the first annual meeting of the society, under such regulations as they may adopt, there shall be elected one president and two vice presidents, one secretary and one treasurer; said officers to hold their offices respectively until their successors are chosen, which shall be at the next annual meeting.

**Quorum.** SEC. 4. Five members of the society shall, at any meeting, constitute a quorum, to transact any business.

**Legislature may amend or modify.** SEC. 5. The legislature may at any time alter, modify or amend this act.

SEC. 6. This act shall take effect from and after its passage.  
Approved March 5, 1852.

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## CHAPTER 34.

March 19, 1851.

*An Act to dissolve the marriage contract between Marinas P. Bennet and Sarah A. Bennet.*

**SECTION.**

1. Dissolution of marriage contract between Marinas P. Bennet and Sarah A. Bennet.

**SECTION.**

2. Mother to have care and control of the children.

**Dissolution of marriage contract.**

*Be it enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Minnesota,* That the marriage contract heretofore existing between Marinas P. Bennet and Sarah A. Bennet, be, and the same is hereby dissolved; and the parties to said contract are, by virtue of this act, restored to all the rights and privileges of unmarried persons.

**Mother to have care of children.**

SEC. 2. The control, care and education of the children of said Sarah A. Bennet, shall be, and the same is hereby given to their mother, the said Sarah A. Bennet, until they arrive at full lawful age.

Approved March 19, 1851.