

and second subdivisions of this section, or any of them, is guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished by imprisonment in the county jail not more than three (3) months or by a fine not less than twenty-five (25) dollars or more than one hundred (100) dollars or by both imprisonment and fine, one-half (1/2) of said fine to be paid to the informer.

Punishment for so doing.

SEC. 2. All municipal courts and justices of the peace, on complaint, supported by oath or affirmation, that any person has in his possession or control any obscene and indecent books, papers, articles, and things described in this act shall issue a warrant directed to the sheriff of the county within which such complaint shall be made, or to any constable, marshal or police officer within said county, directing him, them or any of them, to search for, seize and take possession of such obscene and indecent books, papers, articles and things; and said court and justice of the peace shall, upon the conviction of the person or persons offending, under the law any of the provisions of this act, forthwith, in the presence of the person or persons upon whose complaint the said seizure or arrest is made, if he or they shall after notice thereof elect to be present, destroy or cause to be destroyed the aforesaid books, papers, articles and things and shall cause to be entered upon the records of his court the fact of such destruction.

Warrant to issue for arrest of persons having in possession — by whom served.

To be destroyed.

SEC. 3. Justices of the peace and municipal courts shall have jurisdiction of the offenses mentioned in this act.

What courts to have jurisdiction.

SEC. 4. Section twelve (12) of chapter one hundred (100) of the general statutes of the state of Minnesota is hereby repealed.

Repeal of former act.

SEC. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

When act to take effect.

Approved March 5, 1885.

CHAPTER 269.

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE CARE AND DISPOSITION OF THE TIMBERED LANDS AND THE TIMBER THEREON BELONGING TO THE STATE.

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

SECTION 1. It shall be the duty of the commissioner of the state land office to make diligent and thorough inquiry and examination into the extent, character and value of the

To ascertain the extent and value of timber lands.

timbered lands belonging to the state of Minnesota, and chiefly valuable for the pine timber thereon belonging to the state of Minnesota, whether designated or set apart as school lands or for other purposes.

To be protected from loss by fire or trespass.

SEC. 2. He shall take such measures as will protect the said timber from damage or loss by fire, trespass or otherwise, and make such regulations for the care, control, sale and disposition of the timber lands of the state or the timber thereon as will best protect the interests of the state.

Land commissioner to employ assistance.

SEC. 3. In the prosecution of such measures the commissioner shall have power to employ persons necessary to make the examinations and estimates of timber on all lands held by the state, and to carry out the provisions of this act.

Appraisals and estimates before disposal of—to be submitted to whom.

SEC. 4. Before any pine timber is sold from any of the lands of the state the commissioner shall submit the appraisals and estimates of said timber, and statements regarding liabilities to loss or damage to said timber, to the governor, treasurer, and commissioner, and if a majority of them shall state that it is for the interest of the state that such timber shall be sold, and such statement shall be indorsed on the estimate of said timber and signed by said officers officially, the commissioner may then advertise and sell the timber on said lands so authorized to be sold, in the manner provided by law; *Provided*, That no pine timber on any state lands is to be sold under any conditions unless the officers herein named shall state that such sale is necessary to protect the state from loss.

When act to take effect.

SEC. 5. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved March 7, 1885.

CHAPTER 270.

AN ACT ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE ORGANIZATION OF CORPORATIONS ENPOWERED TO LOAN MONEY ON REAL ESTATE MORTGAGES AND OTHER REAL ESTATE SECURITIES, FOR THEMSELVES AND OTHERS.

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

Incorporations may be formed for certain purposes.

SECTION 1. Any number of persons not less than three (3), citizens of this state, may associate themselves by an agreement in writing, and become incorporated for the purpose of loaning money, either for themselves or as agents for others, upon bonds, promissory notes or other