

otherwise appropriated; *Provided*, That the said Proudfit shall execute and file in his office a full release of all claims and demands against the state growing out of said contract.

To fill vacancy SEC. 8. In case said commissioners or either of them shall decline or refuse to serve, or die, or resign, the governor is hereby authorized to fill such vacancy by appointment of a commissioner or commissioners to fill such vacancy.

Approved October 2, 1856.

CHAPTER 114.

Published October 7.

An Act to organize the county of Eau Claire.

The People of the State of Wisconsin, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

To organize county of Eau Claire.

SECTION 1. So much of the county of Chippewa as is situated south of the township line between township twenty seven (27) and twenty eight (28), is hereby organized into a separate county, to be known by the name of Eau Claire.

Rights, &c.

SEC. 2. The said county of Eau Claire is hereby erected established and organized, with all the rights, privileges, both for governmental and judicial purposes as is by law granted to other counties in this state.

Election of county officers

SEC. 3. That on the last Tuesday in December, A. D. 1856, the electors resident in said new county shall meet in their respective towns and precincts, at the usual places for holding elections, and then and there proceed to elect all and every of the county officers, provided by law for county government, which said officers shall hold their office when duly qualified until the expiration of the time of similar officers in other counties.

Returns of election.

SEC. 4. The returns of said election for county officers shall be returned to and canvassed by the town board of supervisors elect of the town of Eau Claire in the same

manner as by boards of county canvassers, and all oaths of office, and official bonds of said county officers shall be filed in the office of town clerk of the said town of Eau Claire, and that the official bonds of said county officers shall be approved by the chairman of the board of supervisors of the said town of Eau Claire.

SEC. 5. The village of Eau Claire is hereby declared to **County seat.** be the county seat of the said county of Eau Claire; the circuit court of the eighth (8) judicial circuit of Wisconsin, shall hold its session at the county seat of Eau Claire, commencing on the third Monday of May, and on the last Monday in September in each year.

SEC. 6. This act shall take effect and be in force from **When to take effect.** and after the election and qualification of the county officers as hereinbefore provided.

Approved October 6, 1856.

CHAPTER 115.

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An Act to provide for the annual examination of the accounts of certain State officers.

The people of the State of Wisconsin, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. A joint standing committee consisting of **For appointment of committee of investigation.** one member of the senate and two members of the assembly, to be called the "committee for investigation," shall be elected or appointed in such manner as other committees are elected or appointed at the commencement of each annual session of the legislature, whose duty it shall be to examine the annual reports of the secretary of state, state treasurer and commissioners of the school and university lands, for the year next preceding, and all books, records, accounts and vouchers of said officers respectively, pertaining to the condition and management of the state treasury, and of all lands and funds in charge of said officers or any or either of them during said year, and to report the result of such examination to