

York, to the amount of thirty nine dollars and fifty-nine cents for charges and commission upon five cases of international exchanges sent this State by Alexander Vattermare, of Paris; and also to audit the account for the transportation of the same from New York, whenever it shall be presented; and there is hereby appropriated out of the State treasury a sum sufficient to meet the amount so audited and ordered to be paid by the Secretary of State.

SEC. 2. The Governor of this State is hereby authorized, on the arrival of the said books, to make selections of such of them as ought properly to be placed in the State library, and deposit them therein, and to place the remainder of said books, for safe keeping, in the library of the State Historical Society.

Governor to select books to be placed in State library.

SEC. 3. This act shall take effect from and after its passage and publication.

Approved April 19th, 1858.

## Chapter 53.

*Published April 20th, 1858.*

AN ACT for the formation and protection of County Agricultural Societies.

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

SECTION 1. In all cases when the citizens of a county, or of two counties jointly, shall or may have organized a County Agricultural Society not exceeding one in each county, by the adoption of a constitution and the choice of the ordinary officers, they shall have all the power of a corporation and body politic, and may sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, prosecute and defend, to final judgment and execution in any court of law or equity, and may purchase and hold any real and personal estate which shall be necessary to best promote the objects of such association, and which estate shall be exclusively devoted to such objects. Said societies shall also have power to sell and convey any and all such real estate, said conveyance being executed by the President and Secretary of such society. All such land

County Agricultural Societies to have the power of corporations, &c.

Further power &c.

and property shall also be free from taxation while used as aforesaid by such societies.

Open to all who wish to become members; to hold annual elections; to adopt by-laws; and to keep records

SEC. 2. All such societies shall be open and free alike to all the citizens of a county who may wish to become members thereof, and shall comply with the regulations and pay the prescribed fees. They shall hold annual elections for the election of their officers, and the same shall be duly notified by publication of notice in some newspaper of the county, or some county adjoining, in the absence of any in the proper county. They may adopt such by-laws as may be required to carry out the purposes of the society, and may adopt a corporate seal and change the same at pleasure. Their records shall be carefully kept by their secretary, and may be read in evidence in any court when the interests of such society are concerned.

Officers to have jurisdiction and control over grounds and streets and alleys adjacent

SEC. 3. The principal officers of such societies and also of the State Agricultural Society, shall have full jurisdiction and control of the grounds on which the society may exhibit, and of all the streets and alleys and other grounds adjacent to the same during all such exhibitions, so far as may be necessary to preserve and keep good order, and so far as may be necessary to exclude therefrom all other exhibitions, booths, stands, or other temporary places for the retail or sale of any kind of spirituous or fermented liquors, or other article or articles that they might deem objectionable or offensive to said exhibition. The President of any such society, or in his absence, any Vice-President acting in his stead, shall have the power to appoint any necessary policemen to assist in preserving the peace, quelling any disturbance or arresting offenders and conveying them to jail for trial; and all such policemen thus appointed, shall be vested during the continuance of such exhibition with the ordinary powers and authority of common constables, and be entitled to similar fees for any services rendered or duty performed. Any person or persons who willfully and without leave enter any fair ground during an exhibition, that are duly enclosed with a proper fence not less than six feet high, either by climbing over, under, or through said fence, or by fraudulently receiving and using the tickets or badge of another, or by passing the gate-keepers without the proper payment and compliance with the rules of said grounds, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof before any court, shall be liable

Have power to appoint policemen.

Persons fraudulently entering fair grounds; punishment.

to a fine of not less than five nor more than twenty-five dollars; and in case of non-payment to imprisonment in the county jail not less than one nor more than ten days. Any such offender may be tried before any justice of the peace or police justice, most convenient to be found.

SEC. 4. That all properly organized County Agricultural Societies as aforesaid, shall be entitled to an annual appropriation of one hundred dollars each from the State treasury; *Provided*, They have complied with the following conditions:—1st. That they have held an annual fair or exhibition during the year in question. 2d. That an amount of not less than one hundred dollars has been received by said society during the year by the sale of memberships and admission tickets, subscriptions, &c. and bona fide paid into their treasury in cash. 3d. That they have, through their executive committee or secretary, made up and published in some newspaper in the county, or county adjacent, a condensed report of their principal acts and doings for the year, setting forth their official organization, their principal meetings, a report of their 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, showing from whence all sums were received, and to whom paid, and the correctness of the same verified by the oath of the secretary, two certified copies of which report to be deposited, the one with the Secretary of State, and the other with the Secretary of the State Agricultural Society, by the first day of November in each year.

Entitled to annual appropriations of \$100.  
Proviso.

SEC. 5. It shall be the duty of the Secretary of State, within ten days after the said first day of November, to issue an order upon the State Treasurer directing the payment of the said sum of one hundred dollars to or on the order of the Treasurer of each society, that has substantially complied with the requirements of this act. And the aforesaid sums are respectfully and permanently appropriated to the societies aforesaid, and it shall be the duty of the State Treasurer to pay the same on demand, out of any moneys in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Duty of Secretary of State when societies have fully complied.

SEC. 6. All County Agricultural Societies that were properly organized for the years of 1856 or 1857, and

Counties that have fully complied for

1856 and 1857  
entitled to ap-  
propriation.

held fairs and realized the amount of money into their treasuries required by section 4 of this act, shall be entitled to the aforesaid annual appropriation of one hundred dollars for either or both of said years for which they have been thus organized and thus complied. And on satisfactory proof being furnished the Secretary of State of the fact of the organization and of the receipt of the requisite amount of money, as aforesaid, it shall be the duty of the Secretary of State to issue orders on the State Treasurer for the payment of all such appropriations, and it shall be the duty of the State Treasurer to pay the same.

Annual appro-  
priation.

SEC. 7. There is hereby appropriated annually out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of one hundred dollars to each County Agricultural Society, that is or may be entitled thereto, under the provisions of this act.

Repealed.

SEC. 8. So much of any former act as appropriates money to County Agricultural Societies is hereby repealed.

SEC. 9. This act shall be in force from and after its passage.

Approved April 19th, 1858.

## Chapter 54.

*Published April 24th, 1858.*

AN ACT to amend an act entitled "An Act to provide for Town Cemeteries," approved March 23d, 1857.

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

Amendment.

SECTION 1. Section 1 of chapter 13, of the General Laws of 1857, entitled "An Act to provide for Town Cemeteries," is hereby amended so as to read as follows : It shall be the duty of the Board of Supervisors of the several towns of this State, when so instructed by a vote of the electors of the town, at any annual town meeting, to purchase in the name of such town, suitable grounds, not exceeding ten acres, for and to be used exclusively as a Town Cemetery, which said grounds, or such portion thereof as may from time to time be