

CHAPTER 148.

[Published March 15, 1876.]

AN ACT to provide for acquiring title to certain pieces of land within the grounds of the State Hospital for the Insane.

The people of the State of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. The trustees of the Wisconsin State Hospital for the Insane are hereby authorized to purchase of Michael Doyle a tract of land of one acre, adjoining the hospital barn, and acquire title to the same, as provided in chapter 156, of the general laws of 1872; *provided*, that if the trustees and the said Doyle can agree upon appraisers, their appointment by a circuit or county judge shall be unnecessary.

Trustees authorized to purchase land.

SECTION 2. When said appraisals or either of them shall have been made, and certified to the secretary of state by the president and secretary of the board of trustees, he shall draw his warrant on the state treasurer for the amount of such appraisal in favor of the person entitled to the same.

When payment to be made.

SECTION 3. There is hereby appropriated out of any money in the state treasury not otherwise appropriated a sufficient sum of money to carry into effect the provisions of this act.

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SECTION 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

Approved March 7, 1876.

CHAPTER 149.

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AN ACT to appropriate a certain sum of to the State Historical Society.

The people of the State of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. There is hereby annually appropriated to the State Historical Society, in addition to the amount already appropriated, out of any moneys in the state treasury not otherwise appropriated the

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further sum of fifteen hundred dollars, to commence with the present year, to enable the society to supply needful books and other deficiencies in the several departments of its collections, to include reports on legislation of other states, on railroads, geological surveys, educational and humane institutions, for legislative reference and consultation; for binding books, reports, pamphlets, and especially newspaper files containing legal notices for future use in our courts of judicature; and to furnish increased facilities for all investigations into historical, scientific, inventive and literary subjects, by all our citizens, educators and students generally.

Where vouchers deposited.

SECTION 2. The vouchers for such expenditure shall be deposited with the governor during the month of January in each year, and for this appropriation as provided by chapter eighty-one (81), of the revised statutes, and chapter three hundred and twenty-seven (327), of the general laws of 1860, and chapter seventy-three (73), of the general laws of 1870, the society shall continue to be deemed the trustee of the state, and shall not sell, transfer or otherwise alienate any of its books, paintings or collections, without the consent of the legislature.

Transfer not to be made without consent of legislature.

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

Approved March 7, 1876.

CHAPTER 150.

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AN ACT in relation to new trials in civil and criminal actions.

The people of the State of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

Motions for new trials on new evidence.

SECTION 1. In motions for new trials founded, in whole or in part, upon newly discovered evidence, the motion may be heard and determined, without a case being made and settled, upon affidavits, and the record in the case, provided copies of the affidavits shall have been properly served, and the notice of motion specify that the motion is based on such affidavits, and the records in the case or such part of