

## Chapter 95.

[Published May 2, 1855.]

An Act to amend chapter 477 of the Session Laws of 1852, entitled an act providing more fully for the organization of the State Prison and for regulating chapter 287 of the Session Laws of 1851, and to provide more fully for the organization of the State Prison.

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

SEC. 1. The commissioner of state prison is hereby authorized to let out the work of the convicts engaged in the mechanical departments of labor in the prison to the highest and best bidder or bidders, who shall make application to contract for such labor, upon such conditions as shall to him seem most beneficial, when he shall deem that the same can be done for the best interest of the state. Previous to entering into any contract with any person or persons, for the purpose above specified, the commissioner shall give notice, in at least two newspapers in the state, that the labor of the convicts, in the respective mechanical departments, will be let out to the highest and best bidder or bidders, on a day certain, which shall be specified in such notice, and that sealed proposals for said labor will be received at the office of the commissioner, up to a certain day or hour, also specified in such notice. Said notice shall be published at least three successive weeks.

Commissioner's of state prison to let work of convicts to highest bidder.

To give notice.

SEC. 2. The person or persons to whom such labor may be given, on contract, shall be required by the commissioner to give good and sufficient bonds, with two or more sureties, in such reasonable sum as may be deemed necessary for the faithful performance of such contract; and such person or persons, so contracting, shall be further required to pay such reasonable rentage for the use of the prison shops furnished by the state as shall be agreed upon between them and the commissioner aforesaid.

Persons receiving such labor to give bond.

Shall pay rent.

SEC. 3. If the commissioner of the prison shall at any time deem it for the best interest of the state, he may employ the convicts outside the prison or yard, in quarrying stone, cultivating the prison farm, or in any other labor pertaining to the prison, when the same can be done without any chance or possibility of escape on the part of the convicts so employed; and in such case the commissioner shall at all times detail a sufficient force of the prison police to watch and guard the convicts, when so em-

Commissioner may employ convicts.

ployed, as prudence shall direct and the necessities of the case require.

SEC. 4. The commissioner is also hereby authorized and required to employ the labor of the convicts who understand stone dressing, in dressing stone suitable for the main building of the prison, on the prison walls, either or both, so long as he shall deem it for the interest of the state so to do, and he may also, if he deem the same advisable, make the necessary excavations for the main building of the prison, and do such other work in connection therewith as shall be proper, preparatory to the erecting of the main buildings, according to the present plan thereof; and shall have power to contract for all the stone necessary to be dressed and used for the above purposes.

Warden to  
make contracts

SEC. 5. All contracts on account of the prison shall be made by the warden, in writing, unless when the wants and necessities of the prison shall compel the commissioner to purchase supplies of any kind immediately, in which case he is hereby authorized to purchase the same upon verbal agreement.

Salary of chap-  
lain.

SEC. 6. The chaplain of the prison shall receive a yearly salary of two hundred and fifty dollars, to be paid in equal quarterly payments.

Acts repealed.

SEC. 7. All acts or parts of acts contravening the provisions of this act are hereby repealed.

SEC. 8. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved April 2, 1855.

## Chapter 96.

[*Published April 19.*]

An Act to appropriate the Income of the University Fund for 1855.

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

University  
fund appropri-  
ated.

SECTION 1. The income of the University Fund for the year A. D. 1855, is hereby appropriated to "The University of Wisconsin," to be drawn from the State Treasury in such manner as the board of Regents, by their by-laws or resolution shall direct.

Approved, March 31, 1855.