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ACTS AND RESOLVES

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CHAP. 89.

public works, an amount not exceeding four thousand dollars, and for schools two hundred dollars.

Immigrants,
settlement of.

Assignment of
land to.

Title to land,
how granted.

Proviso.

Immigrants
exempt from
taxation till
January, 1876.

Governor to draw
warrants for sums
specified in this
act.

Inconsistent acts
repealed.

SECT. 5. The board aforesaid may cause all immigrants arriving under the provisions of this act to be settled on any of the public lands of the state not otherwise appropriated, and assign to each man over twenty-one years of age, by certificate from the land agent, a lot of one hundred acres of land; and the land agent shall, at the expiration of five years from the date of said assignment, grant each of the persons aforesaid, or his heirs at law, a deed of warranty or other valid title of the lot assigned him; *provided*, each of said persons has established his residence on the lot assigned him, has built a comfortable house thereon, and has cleared not less than fifteen acres of land within the time aforesaid, ten of which shall be laid down to grass; and all said persons shall be exempt from state taxation until January first, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-six.

SECT. 6. The governor is hereby authorized to draw his warrant upon the treasury for any of the sums specified in this act.

SECT. 7. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with this act are hereby repealed, and this act shall take effect when approved.

Approved January 26, 1873.

Chapter 89.

An act authorizing justices of the peace to administer oaths and affirmations.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows:

Justices of the
peace may ad-
minister oaths,
&c.

SECT. 1. Justices of the peace may administer oaths or affirmations in all cases in which an oath is required, unless a different provision is expressly made by law.

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect when approved.

Approved January 26, 1873.

Chapter 90.

An act to amend section sixteen of chapter thirty of the revised statutes, relating to birds.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows:

Orioles, protec-
tion of.

Section sixteen of chapter thirty of the revised statutes, is hereby amended by inserting after the word "sparrows," in the

fifth line, the word 'orioles,' so that said section as amended shall read as follows :

'SECT. 16. Whoever takes, kills, destroys, or pursues with intent of killing, destroying, or taking with dogs, guns, traps, nets, snares, pit-falls, or any other device or contrivance whatever, any of the birds commonly known as larks, robins, partridges, grouse, swallows, quails, wood-cocks, sparrows, orioles or snipes, except between the first day of September and the first day of February, shall forfeit for every such bird not less than five nor more than ten dollars, to be recovered by complaint before any municipal or police court or trial justice, one-half to the use of the complainant and the other half to the use of the town where the offence is committed.'

Penalty for killing larks, partridges, orioles, &c., at certain times.

—how recovered.

Approved January 27, 1873.

Chapter 91.

An act to amend section thirty-seven of chapter eighteen of the revised statutes relating to appeals from decision of county commissioners.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows:

SECT. 1. Section thirty-seven of chapter eighteen of the revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out the words "it has been entered of record" in the fourth and fifth lines, and inserting instead thereof the words 'their return has been placed on file,' so that the section as amended shall read as follows :

Amendment.

'Parties interested, may appear jointly or severally at the time of hearing before the commissioners, on a petition for laying out, altering or discontinuing any highway ; and any such party may appeal from their decision thereon, at any time after their return has been placed on file, and before the next term of the supreme judicial court in said county, at which term such appeal may be entered and prosecuted by him, or by any other party who so appeared. And all further proceedings before the commissioners are to be stayed until a decision is made in the appellate court.'

Appeal from decision of county commissioners, when made.

Proceedings stayed.

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect when approved.

Approved January 29, 1873.