

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ACTS AND RESOLVES

OF THE

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OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

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Chapter 212.

An act to amend chapter fifty-eight of the Revised Statutes, relating to Agricultural Societies.

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

Ch. 58, R. S.,
amended.

SECT. 1. Chapter fifty-eight of the revised statutes is hereby amended, by adding thereto, the following section, to wit :

Sale of merchandise, etc., near grounds of agricultural societies, restricted.

'SECT. 18. If any person shall sell any refreshments, or other merchandise, or exhibit any show or play, within one-fourth of a mile of the fair grounds of any agricultural society, during the time of any exhibition of said society, unless in the dwelling house, or usual and ordinary place of business of such person, or let any land or building adjoining, or overlooking the fair grounds of such society, to spectators of any exhibition of said society, during the time of such exhibition, without the written consent of the trustees of said society, he shall be punished by a fine not exceeding one hundred dollars, to be recovered on complaint of two of the trustees, for the use of said society.'

—penalty.

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

Approved March 11, 1880.

Chapter 213.

An act to punish Tramps.

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

Begging, evidence that a person is a tramp.

SECT. 1. If any person goes about from place to place begging and asking or subsisting upon charity, it shall be evidence that he is a tramp, and shall, upon conviction, be punished by imprisonment at hard labor in the state prison not more than fifteen months.

—penalty.

Penalty for entering dwelling, kindling fire in highway, etc., without leave.

SECT. 2. Any tramp who shall enter any dwelling house, or kindle any fire in the highway or on the land of another, without the consent of the owner or occupant thereof, or shall be found carrying any fire-arm or other dangerous weapon, or shall threaten to do any injury to any person, or to the real or personal estate of another, shall be punished

by imprisonment at hard labor in the state prison not more than two years.

SECT. 3. Any tramp who shall willfully and maliciously do any injury to any person, or to the real or personal estate of another, shall be punished by imprisonment at hard labor in the state prison not more than five years.

Malicious injury to person or property, punishment for.

SECT. 4. Any act of beggary or vagrancy by any person not a resident of this state, shall be evidence that the person committing the same is a tramp, within the meaning of this act.

Beggary or vagrancy by non-resident, evidence that the person is a tramp.

SECT. 5. Any person, upon view of any offense described in this act, may apprehend the offender and take him before a trial justice, or judge of any municipal or police court having jurisdiction, for examination.

Apprehension and examination.

SECT. 6. The mayor of every city and the selectmen of every town, are hereby authorized to appoint special constables, whose duty it shall be to arrest and prosecute all tramps in their respective cities and towns.

Municipal officers may appoint special constables. —duty.

SECT. 7. This act shall not apply to any female or minor under the age of fourteen years, nor to any blind person.

Act not to apply to certain persons.

SECT. 8. Upon the passage and approval of this act, the secretary of state shall cause printed copies of it to be sent to the several city and town clerks, who shall cause the same to be posted in at least, six conspicuous places, three of which shall be on the public highway.

Secretary of state to distribute copies.

Clerks to post same in conspicuous places.

SECT. 9. All the provisions of this act for penalties and punishments by imprisonment in the state prison, shall be construed to authorize the courts imposing the sentence, to sentence tramps to the state prison for a shorter term than one year, in their discretion.

Tramps may be imprisoned in state prison for term less than one year.

Approved March 13, 1880.

Chapter 214.

An act to amend chapter one hundred and seventeen of the Public Laws of eighteen hundred and seventy-nine, relating to suits involving Tax Titles.

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

Chapter one hundred and seventeen of the public laws of eighteen hundred and seventy-nine, is hereby amended so as to read as follows :

Ch. 117, public laws 1879, amended.