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ACTS AND RESOLVES

OF THE

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OF THE

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Instructors of youth.

—examination of.

satisfactory evidence that a candidate possesses a good moral character and a temper and disposition suitable to be an instructor of youth, they shall examine him in reading, spelling, English grammar, geography, history, arithmetic, civil government, bookkeeping and physiology with special reference to the effects of alcoholic drinks, stimulants and narcotics upon the human system; and the elements of the natural sciences, especially as applied to agriculture, and such other branches as they desire to introduce into public schools, and particularly into the school for which he is examined; also as to his capacity for the government thereof.'

Approved March 26, 1895.

Chapter 156.

An Act to amend section six of chapter thirty-five of the Revised Statutes, relating to Intelligence Offices.

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

Sec. 6, ch. 35,
R. S.,
amended.

Section six of chapter thirty-five of the revised statutes of this state is hereby amended by adding thereto the following words: 'The keeper of an intelligence office shall not retain any sum of money in excess of one dollar from a person seeking employment through the agency of such intelligence office, unless employment of the kind sought for is actually furnished. The keeper of a licensed intelligence office shall cause two copies of this act printed in type of sufficient size to be legible and easily read, to be conspicuously posted in each room used or occupied for the purposes of such intelligence office. Whoever violates the provisions of this act shall have the license revoked, and shall be punished by fine not exceeding twenty dollars for each offense,' so that said section as amended, shall read as follows :

Municipal
officers may
license intelli-
gence officers.

'SECT. 6. The municipal officers of any town may, on payment of one dollar each, grant licenses to suitable persons for one year, unless sooner revoked after notice and for cause, to keep offices for the purpose of obtaining employment for domestics, servants or other laborers, except seamen, or of giving information relating thereto, or of doing the usual business of intelligence offices; whoever keeps such an office,

without a license, forfeits not exceeding fifty dollars for every day that it is so kept. The keeper of an intelligence office shall not retain any sum of money received from a person seeking employment through the agency of such intelligence office, unless employment of the kind sought for is actually furnished. The keeper of a licensed intelligence office shall cause two copies of this act, printed in type of sufficient size to be legible and easily read, to be conspicuously posted in each room used or occupied for the purposes of such intelligence office. Whoever violates the provisions of this act shall have the license revoked, and shall be punished by fine not exceeding twenty dollars for each offense.' —penalty.

Approved March 26, 1895.

Chapter 157.

An Act to amend section one of chapter seventy-five of the Revised Statutes, relating to Title by Descent, and to establish the rights of Widows and Widowers in the real estate of deceased Husbands and Wives.

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

SECT. 1. Section one of chapter seventy-five of the revised statutes is hereby amended, so as to read as follows :

Sec. 1, ch. 75,
R. S.,
amended.

SECT. 1. The real estate of a person deceased intestate, being subject to the payment of debts, including a wood lot or other land used with the farm or dwelling-house although not cleared, but excepting wild lands of which he dies seized, and wild lands conveyed by him, though afterwards cleared, descends according to the following rules :

Rules of
descent.

I. If he leaves a widow and issue, one-third to the widow. If no issue, one-half to the widow. And if no kindred, the whole to the widow. And to the widower shall descend the same shares in his wife's real estate. There shall likewise descend to the widow or widower the same share in all such real estate of which the deceased was seized during coverture, and which has not been barred or released as herein provided.

To widow.

—widower.

II. The remainder of which he dies seized, and if no widower or widow, the whole, together with all wild lands, shall descend in equal shares to his children, and to the lawful issue of a deceased child by right of representation. If

To children,
and lineal
descendants.