

MANUAL LABOR.

CHAPTER 49.

AN ACT REGULATING THE HOURS OF MANUAL LABOR.

Be it enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Dakota.

Section 1. That in all manufactories, work shops, and other places used for mechanical or manufacturing purpose in the territory of Dakota, where children under the age of eighteen years and women are employed, the time of labor of the persons aforesaid shall not exceed ten hours for each day; and any owner, stockholder, overseer, or employer, clerk, or foreman, who shall compel any woman or any child under eighteen years old, to labor in any day exceeding ten hours, or shall permit any child under the age of fourteen to labor in any factory, work shop, or other place used for mechanical or manufacturing purposes for more than ten hours in any one day, where such owner stockholder, overseer, employer, clerk, or foreman has control, such person so offending shall be liable to a prosecution in the name of the territory of Dakota, before any justice of the peace or court of competent jurisdiction of the county wherein the same shall occur, and upon conviction thereof be fined in any sum not less than ten nor more than one hundred dollars. Where women and children are employed, time of labor shall not exceed ten hours each day.

Sec. 2. That in all engagements to labor in any mechanical or manufacturing business, a day's work, when the contract of labor is silent upon the subject, or when there is no express contract, shall consist of ten hours; and all agreements, contracts or engagements in reference to such labor shall be so construed. Contracts, how to be construed.

Sec. 3. That whenever a fine shall be collected in accordance with the provisions of this act, the same shall be paid over to the county treasurer of the county wherein the trial may be had, and the same shall be by them disbursed for the benefit of common schools. Fines to be paid into county.

Sec. 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage. Take effect when.

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