

occasioned by the negligence of the ferryman or ferrymen in charge of said ferry.

Sec. 5. This act shall take effect from and after its passage Take effect when and approval by the governor.

Approved, December 21st, 1863.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

CHAPTER LXV.

AN ACT INCORPORATING THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF DAKOTA.

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

Section 1. That Newton Edmunds, Philemon Bliss, Melan-
 thon Hoyt, William E. Gleason, Henry C. Ash, D. T. Bramble, Names of mem-
 bers of corpor-
 ation
 M. K. Armstrong, Henry E. Gregory, James Tufts, J. K. Fow-
 er, J. R. Hanson, J. W. Evans, W. N. Collamer, Charles F.
 Picotte, John Hutchinson, William Jayne, A. W. Hubbard,
 J. B. S. Todd, B. M. Smith, George N. Propper, Sam'l Grant,
 James M. Allen, John M. Allen, John W. Boyle, G. M. Pin-
 ney, C. P. Booge, William Tripp, George P. Waldron, B. C.
 Fowler, M. M. Mattheison, William H. Wordebaugh, Charles
 E. Hedges, Walter E. Burleigh, A. J. Faulk, Hugh Compton,
 Franklin Taylor, Lassa Bothun, George W. Kingsbury, James
 M. Stone, Enos Stutsman, J. Shaw Gregory, John J. Thomp-
 son, John Mathers, John O. Taylor, Milton M. Rich, Daniel P.
 Bradford, Ezra M. Bond, Ole Bottolfson, Wilmot W. Brook-
 ings, Henry Brooks, Halvor Burgess, N. G. Curtis, Albert
 Gore, B. A. Hill, J. B. Hubbell, Peter Kegan, John Law-
 rence, Knud Larson, L. H. Litchfield, Asa Mattison, G. W.
 Pratt, Washington Reed, P. H. Risling, Duncan Ross, William
 Shriner, E. W. Wall, Jessy Wherry, A. W. Puett, Mahlon

Same.

Gore, Charles F. Rossteuscher, A. K. Curtis, Almon Gore, David Fisher, and their associates and successors, be and are hereby constituted a body politic and corporate, to all intents and purposes, by the name of the "Historical Society of Dakota;" and by that name may sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, answer and be answered unto; may purchase, receive and own books, pamphlets, maps, charts, manuscripts, papers, paintings, statuary, and other materials and collections illustrative of the Territory, and of the history of Dakota, amounting in value to a sum without limit; and may purchase, receive, hold and convey real property, to any amount, not exceeding twenty thousand dollars, and may lease, grant, mortgage, sell and convey, or otherwise dispose of the same for the use and benefit of the society; and to receive donations and to apply the same as the donor or donors may direct; and to devise and keep a common seal, with the right to alter the same at pleasure; and to make, adopt and enforce such constitution, by-laws, rules and regulations as the society may choose, not repugnant to the laws of the Territory or of the United States, and to enjoy all the privileges and franchises incident to a corporation.

Objects of the society.

Sec. 2. That the object of the society hereby incorporated shall be to collect, embody, arrange, and preserve in an authentic form, a library of all kinds of useful books, ancient and modern, suitable for a public library; also pamphlets, maps, charts, manuscripts, papers, paintings, statuary, and a collection of natural history and other materials illustrative of the Territory and of the history of Dakota; to rescue from oblivion the memory of its early pioneers, to obtain and preserve varieties of their exploits, perils, and hardy adventures; to secure facts and statements relative to the history, genius and progress or decay of our Indian tribes; to exhibit faithfully the antiquities and the past and present resources of Dakota; also, to publish such of the collections of the society as the society shall, from time to time, deem of value and interest.

Copies of territorial documents to be delivered to society.

Sec. 3. That there shall be delivered to said society twenty-five bound copies of all documents, published by order of the Territory, for the purpose of effecting exchanges with similar societies in other States and Territories.

Sec. 4. That on the first day of January, 1864, there shall Officers—how elected. be a meeting of the members of said society in the hall of representatives, at Yankton, at which meeting a majority of the members named in section one of this act, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, at which time there shall be elected one president, two vice presidents, one secretary, one treasurer, and one librarian of said society, who shall hold their respective offices for such term as may be fixed by the constitution or by-laws that may be adopted by said society.

Sec. 5. The society may, by constitution or by-laws, provide Other officers—election of, how provided for. for the election or appointment of such other officers as may be deemed necessary.

Sec. 6. The society may, at its first or any subsequent meeting, adopt a constitution or by-laws, or both, providing a complete government for the society, regulating the duties of officers; the time and place of meeting, rate of membership, monthly or annual dues, and all other matters necessary for the order, success and stability of the society, which constitution or by-laws may be amended or repealed in the manner prescribed by the same. May adopt constitution and by-laws.

Sec. 7. All the books, pamphlets, maps, charts, manuscripts, Property of society to be exempt from execution, &c. papers, paintings, statuary, and collections of natural history belonging to the society; also, all the furniture, instruments and effects belonging to the library and other rooms and offices of the society; and also, the building or buildings belonging to and used by the society, and the lot or lots of ground upon which the said building or buildings are situated, all the property, real and personal, mentioned in this section, now owned by the society, or that may be hereafter acquired by the same, shall, while it is the property of said society, be exempt from seizure or sale on execution or other process for debt; and shall also be exempt from territorial, county, city or school tax.

Sec. 8. The meeting provided for in section 4, shall be at Meeting at what hour held. the hour of seven o'clock, P. M., on the day named.

Sec. 9. And be it further enacted, that D. T. Bramble, as D T Bramble to transfer books, &c. president of "The Old Settlers Historical Association," is hereby authorized to transfer and turn over to the Historical Society of Dakota, all books, documents, pamphlets, &c., owned or

claimed by the said "Old Settlers Historical Association."
 Take effect when Sec. 10. This act shall take effect from and after its passage
 and approval.
 Approved, December 24, 1863.

MASONIC LODGE

CHAPTER LXVI.

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE SAINT JOHNS LODGE NO. 166, OF ANCIENT, FREE AND ACCEPTED MA- SONS.

*Be it enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the Territory of
 Dakota :*

Incorporation
 of "St John's
 Lodge."

Section 1. That Malancthon Hoyt, Worshipful Master, D. T. Bramble, Senior Warden, and John} Hutchinson, Junior Warden, of Saint Johns Lodge, number 166, of Ancient, Free and accepted masons, and their successors in office, be, and are hereby created a body politic and corporate, by the name and style of "Saint Johns Lodge number 166 of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons," and by such name and style may sue and be sued, contract and be contracted with, plead and be impleaded, answer and be answered, defend and be defended against, in all courts and places whatsoever, to make and have a common seal, with power to alter the same at pleasure, to purchase and hold real and personal property, so far as may be necessary for the proper management of its affairs, and to do all other acts which natural persons might or could do.

Sec. 5. This act shall take effect from and after its passage.
 When take effect Approved, January 9, 1864.