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When commissioners may apply to justice to inquire into case of bastardy.

shall be a public charge, or likely to become a public charge, or shall be pregnant of a child, likely to be born a bastard and to become a public charge, the board of commissioners of the county where such female shall reside, or any of them may, upon application for aid in supporting such child by the mother thereof, or if they deem proper without such application, apply to some justice of the peace of the same county to make inquiry into the facts and circumstances of the case.

Justice to examine female and issue warrant.

SEC. 12. Such justice shall examine such female on oath respecting the father of such child, the time when, and the place where she was begotten with child, and such other circumstances, as the justice may deem necessary for the discovery of the truth; and shall thereupon issue his warrant to apprehend the reputed father; and the same proceedings shall be thereupon had, as if complaint had been made by such female, as prescribed in the foregoing provisions of this chapter, and with the like effect; any warrant issued under the provisions of this chapter, may be executed in any part of this territory, and in all cases, said commissioners and the accused may require the attendance of such female to testify, the same as witnesses in other cases.

Commissioners may compromise with putative father.

SEC. 13. The commissioners of any county in this territory, shall have power to make such compromise and arrangement with the putative father of any bastard child in such county, relative to the support of such child, as they shall deem equitable and just; and thereupon, may discharge such putative father from all liability for the support of such bastard.

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Board of commissioners may license and regulate shows and exhibitions.

SEC. 1. It shall be the duty of the board of county commissioners at any meeting to tax the price for which a license may be granted for theatrical exhibitions, public shows, and such other exhibitions, as they may deem proper, to which admission is obtained on payment of money, upon such terms and conditions as they shall think reasonable, to be paid in such manner as they shall at such meeting prescribe, and may regulate the same in such manner as they shall think necessary, for the preservation of order and decorum, and to prevent any disturbance to the public peace.

Penalty for setting up show or exhibition without license.

SEC. 2. Any person who shall set up or exhibit any such exhibition or show, without a license, first obtained as provided in the preceding section, or contrary to the terms and conditions of such license, or while such license is suspended, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine not exceeding two hundred dollars. Any company, person or persons, traveling for the purpose

of theatrical exhibitions, public shows of any kind, circus, public singing or serenaders of any description, who may wish to exhibit in any part of the territory, may exhibit by paying to the county treasurer for a license, such sum as the treasurer may think proper: *Provided*, That the county commissioners are not in session at the time of such application for license, or that the county commissioners have not at any meeting fixed the rate of such license to be paid the county treasurer.

SEC. 3. Nothing contained in this chapter, shall be construed as preventing the board of trustees of any incorporated village, or the proper authorities of any incorporated city, from licensing such theatrical exhibition, public show, or other exhibition, in pursuance of the authority granted by the charter of such village or city respectively, or the acts under which they may be incorporated, and agreeably to the ordinances and by-laws, made in pursuance of the provisions of such chapter or act of incorporation.

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SEC. 1. Whenever any persons shall meet each other on any bridge or road, traveling with carriages, wagons, sleds, sleighs, or other vehicles, each person shall seasonably drive his carriage or other vehicle to the right of the middle of the traveled part of such bridge or road, so that the respective carriages, or other vehicles aforesaid, may pass each other without interference.

Persons traveling with carriages, &c., to drive to the right.

SEC. 2. Every person offending against the provisions of the preceding section, shall, for each offence, forfeit a sum not exceeding twenty dollars, and shall also be liable to the party injured, for all damages sustained by reason of such offence.

Penalty for neglect.

SEC. 3. No person owning or having the direction or control of any coach or other vehicle, running or traveling upon any road in this territory, for the conveyance of passengers, shall employ or continue in employment any person to drive such coach or other vehicle, who is addicted to drunkenness, or to the excessive use of intoxicating liquors; and if any such person shall violate the provisions of this section, he shall forfeit a sum not less than ten, and not exceeding fifty dollars, and shall be liable for all damages sustained.

Person owning vehicle for conveyance of passengers not to employ drunken driver.

SEC. 4. It shall not be lawful for the driver of any carriage or other vehicle used for the conveyance of passengers, to leave the horses attached thereto, while any passenger remains in or upon the same, with-

Penalty for driver leaving horses without fastenings