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PUBLIC LAW.

Chapter 199.

House Bill No. 565.

Act to incorporate the town of Camden, in the county of Benton, and to provide for the election of officers, prescribe their duties, and for other purposes.

Section 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Tennessee, That the town of Camden and the inhabitants thereof, be, and they are hereby, constituted a body politic and corporate under and by the name of "Mayor and Aldermen of the Town of Camden," and shall have perpetual succession by their corporate name, may sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, grant, receive and purchase and hold real, mixed and personal property, or dispose of the same for the benefit of said town.

Sec. 2. Be it further enacted, That the corporate limits of said town of Camden shall be as follows, to-wit: Beginning on a rock, with red oak and plum pointers, in the west boundary line of K. P. Haley's land and the east boundary of J. A. Clement, and 4 poles south of Haley's northwest corner and J. A. Clement's northeast corner, and runs south 136 poles to a stake in W. P. Saunders' field, then east 78 poles to a stake, then north 48 degrees east 102 poles to a stake, then north 52 poles to a large rock with hickory pointers, then north 32 degrees west 88 poles to a stake, then west 104 poles to the beginning.

Sec. 3. Be it further enacted, That the officers of the town of Camden, to be chosen by the people, shall be a mayor and board of aldermen, constituting a town council, each and all of whom shall be citizens of and voters in said town. The board of aldermen shall consist of five (5) members, chosen by the qualified voters of said town for one year. Any alderman, after his election, removing from the town shall therefore vacate his office.

Sec. 4. Be it further enacted, That the town council shall, at the first meeting in each year, elect a recorder, marshal and such other officers, servants or agents as they may deem necessary, and may provide for by ordinance, and shall have power to prescribe the duties of the same. The town council shall also fix the compensation of such officers before their election, which compensation shall not be increased or diminished during the term for which they were elected. The council shall also have power to dismiss any officer, servant or agent elected or by them appointed, a majority of said council concurring in said dismissal, for any misdemeanor, neglect of duty or misconduct.

Sec. 5. Be it further enacted, That the town council shall have power, by ordinance, within the town:

1. To assess property for taxes, and to levy and collect, by proper officers, taxes upon all real and personal property, polls and privileges taxable by the laws of the State.
2. To appropriate money and provide for the debts and expenses of the town.
3. To open, alter, abolish, widen, extend, establish, grade, pave or otherwise improve, clean and keep in repair streets, highways, alleys and sidewalks, or to have the same done. Also to erect, establish and keep in repair bridges.
4. To provide for the erection of all buildings necessary for the use of the town.
5. To license, tax, or regulate everything or person, licensed, taxed or regulated by the State or county.
6. To regulate or prohibit and suppress all disorderly houses or bawdy houses.
7. To regulate the police of the town, impose fines, forfeitures and penalties for the breach of any ordinance, and to provide for the recovery and appropriation of the same, and to appoint an officer for the town, who shall be the recorder, before whom such recovery may be had, not, however, to exclude the jurisdiction of any other competent court.
8. To provide for the arrest and confinement until trial, of all disorderly or riotous persons, by day or by night, to authorize the arrest and detention of all suspicious persons found violating any ordinance of the town.
9. To prevent or punish, by pecuniary penalties or otherwise, all breaches of the peace, noise or disturbance, disorderly assemblages, in any alley or street, house of place in town, by day or by night, to prevent and remove all encroachments into and upon all streets, lands and alleys established by law or ordinance.
10. To remove all obstructions from the sidewalks, and to provide for the construction and repair of all sidewalks and for cleaning the same. To require the owners of property fronting on the public square to erect sidewalks in accordance with such ordinance as the council may provide, at the expense of the owners of the ground fronting the same.
11. To regulate, tax, license or suppress the keeping or going at large of animals within the town, and in default of redemption, in pursuance of ordinance, to sell, dispose of, or kill the same. To levy a special school tax on property in pursuance of an ordinance, which shall be used for school purposes alone.
12. To tax, regulate or restrain theatrical or other public amusements, shows and exhibitions within the corporate limits of said town; to restrain or prohibit horse swapping upon the public square; to restrain or prohibit gambling; to regulate the sale of intoxicating liquors, beer, ale or malt liquors, and to pass all ordinance and by-laws not contrary to the constitutional laws of the State that may be necessary to carry out the provisions and full intent and meaning of the object of their corporation.
13. To commit any person or persons who may fail or refuse to pay or secure any fine or cost imposed on him or them,

by ordinance of said town, to the jail or workhouse of Benton County, until such fine and cost be fully paid or secured. Every person so committed to the jail or workhouse, shall be required to work for the town at such labor as his or her health and strength will permit, not exceeding ten hours each day, and for such work the persons so employed shall be allowed, exclusive of board, a credit upon such fine and cost, of not less than 25 cents a day, until the whole is discharged, when he shall be released: Provided, That no person shall be compelled to work longer than three months for any one offense.

Sec. 6. Be it further enacted, That the first election for mayor and board of aldermen, under this act, shall be held by the sheriff of Benton County on Saturday after the first Monday in April, 1899, in accordance with the laws of the State of Tennessee. All elections thereafter for the said town of Camden shall be held by the marshal of the corporation, aided by two clerks and two judges, all of whom shall be legal voters of said town, on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in May every year thereafter, after giving ten days' notice. The voters shall vote by ballot, under such rules and regulations as the board of mayor and aldermen may prescribe, as to the place, hours, etc., of voting, by ordinance. The officers of the town thus chosen shall go into office on the first meeting after the election, and hold office for one year, or until their successors are elected and qualified. The following shall be the qualifications for voting in the town elections:

1. He shall be qualified to vote for State and county officers.
2. Shall have resided for six months next preceding the election within the town limits, or be an owner of real estate within the said limit.
3. A voter's residence is hereby defined as the place at which he habitually sleeps.

Sec. 7. Be it further enacted, That the judges and clerks to hold the election shall be sworn and qualified, according to the election laws of the State, and said election shall be conducted in all respects as all the various State and county elections, by virtue of the election laws of the State. The judges and clerks shall preserve the ballots cast in said election, and file the same, together with the poll lists with the town recorder, who shall preserve the same.

Sec. 8. Be it further enacted, That the persons receiving the highest number of votes, respectively, for mayor and aldermen shall be declared elected, and it shall be the duty of the officer holding said election to make out and deliver to the recorder a certificate of the election within three days after their election which certificate shall be produced at the first meeting of the board and a minute thereof shall be made upon the records of the town. And if the marshal shall fail to hold said election at the time herein mentioned it shall be his duty to hold it as soon thereafter as may be after giving the regular notice, and for failure to hold said election as prescribed in this act he shall forfeit and pay to said corporation the sum of \$25.00, to be recovered by action of debt in the name of Camden, and if there be no marshal or he be a candidate for that office or incompetent for any reason the election shall be held by a person to be appointed by the mayor and aldermen, under the same regulations and penalties as hereinbefore prescribed.

Sec. 9. Be it further enacted, That a majority of the town council shall be a quorum to do business, and if the mayor or any of the aldermen or any officer should die, resign or move away the vacancy shall be supplied by the council at its next meeting or as soon thereafter as may be and the person or persons so elected shall perform the same duty and be vested with the same powers and privileges as the person whose place they are appointed to fill and upon like conditions. And the mayor and aldermen and all officers shall, respectively, take an oath before entering upon the duties of their office before some person competent to administer an oath, to execute the same faithfully and impartially and the mayor and aldermen shall also take an oath to support the constitution of the United States and the constitution of the State of Tennessee.

Sec. 10. Be it further enacted, That the mayor shall hold his office for one year and until his successor shall be elected and qualified. No person shall be elected mayor who is not, at the time of his election, a citizen of the State of Tennessee and has not been for six months, and is not then, a bona fide citizen and voter of said town. A vacancy in the office of mayor shall be filled by the board of aldermen. The mayor shall fill all vacancies arising in any office except that of aldermen until the same be filled by the town council. It shall be the duty of the mayor to preside at all meetings of the

council, to vote in the election of all officers of the town, and in all cases where it is a tie vote. All ordinances and resolutions shall be approved and signed by the mayor, on or before the next meeting of the council, and the mayor shall have veto power, and if he should refuse to approve an ordinance or resolution he shall return the same to the council at its next meeting with his reasons in writing for his refusal, and said ordinance or resolution shall not be valid unless the council by a two-third vote pass the same, notwithstanding the mayor's veto. But if the mayor does not veto the same, as provided, it shall be valid without his signature. The mayor shall also take care that all the ordinances of the town are fully enforced, respected and observed within the town limits, shall call special sessions of the council when he may deem it expedient, and to perform all such other duties as the town council may, by ordinance, or otherwise, impose upon him. A recorder is hereby vested with all the powers of a justice of the peace in criminal cases, and shall try all offenses against the peace and dignity of said town of Camden: Provided, however, That a change of venue may be had in any case when affidavit is made by the accused and at least one disinterested party that justice in their opinion will not be meted out by the recorder, to any alderman of the town of Camden, who is hereby authorized to try and decide such case. In the event an appeal is taken from any fine imposed by the recorder or alderman of said town, for violation of any of its ordinances to the circuit or criminal court at Camden, Tennessee, the person so appealing shall give bond and security for the payment of said fine and cost and to abide by and perform the judgment of the court on appeal, and shall in no case be entitled to an appeal from said fine and cost on paper's oath. The recorder shall keep an accurate minute of all the proceedings of the town council, issue privilege license and collect taxes on same. He shall collect all special taxes levied by the town council, and shall keep a proper ledger account of the same. He shall make out the town tax book and turn the same over to the marshal for collection, taking his receipt therefor under the State laws regulating the assessor of all State and county taxes. He shall act as treasurer, receive from the town marshal, receipt, take care of and keep proper account of all funds of whatever nature that may come into his hands. For such purpose he shall keep such book or books as the town council may direct. He shall make out and present quarterly, or oftener, if required by the council, a full and explicit account and report of all finances of the town, which report the council may order published for the information of the town. Before entering upon the discharge of his duties he shall give bond with good security, conditioned upon the faithful and honest discharge of all duties pertaining to his office, and similar in all respects to that of the marshal and mayor as hereinafter provided; he shall perform such other duties pertaining to his office as the town council may provide. The marshal shall acquaint himself thoroughly with the laws, ordinances of the town, and it shall be his duty to rigidly enforce the same, for which purpose police authority is hereby given him, which he may exercise without warrant in hand. He shall collect all taxes levied by the council, except privilege and special taxes, and perform such other duties as the town council may, by ordinance, impose upon him. He shall have power to execute State warrants and other process which constables generally have within the town limits. He shall be chief of any police organized within the corporation.

Sec. 11. Be it further enacted, That the fees or compensation of all officers herein mentioned shall be such as the council may prescribe.

Sec. 12. Be it further enacted, That before entering upon the discharge of their duties the mayor, recorder and marshal shall enter into bond with good securities and in such amount as may be fixed by the council, conditioned upon the faithful discharge of their duties and upon diligent collection and faithful accounting for all moneys that shall or ought to come into their hands for fines, forfeitures or other moneys due said town, and which ought, by law, to be collected and paid over by them. And the said marshal shall be liable as herein mentioned for failing to collect money, to return process, or pay over money collected by process issued by the recorder or aldermen. Said bonds shall be filed with the recorder and carefully preserved among the records of the town. Said bonds shall be made payable to Camden, or its treasurer, for the use and benefit of said town. The town marshal shall pay over to the recorder all sums of money by him received for said town of Camden. He shall render quarterly, or as much oftener as the council may require, full and complete statements of the finances under his control.

Sec. 13. Be it further enacted, That it shall be the duty of the jailor of Benton County to receive and keep in jail any person who may be committed to his charge for a breach of the by-laws and ordinances of said town, and all riotous and disorderly persons committed to his charge by the town marshal or other officer of the town, for which he shall receive such fees as may be agreed upon by the council, by and with his consent; Provided, The corporation and Benton County agree as hereinbefore provided.

Sec. 14. Be it further enacted, That when any tax or duty shall be levied or

imposed by said corporation, upon any real estate lying within said town of Camden, and the owner or owners, occupier or occupiers thereof shall not pay the same, and the town marshal shall make returns of that fact under oath that the owner or owners have no personal property within said town, upon which to distrain for said tax or duty, it shall be the duty of the recorder, by and with the advice and with the consent of the council, to take such steps for the collection of such tax or duties as are or may be provided for by the laws of the State.

Sec. 15. Be it further enacted, That if the recorder or town marshal of said town shall fail to collect, or after collecting, fail or refuse to pay over any money either of them received for the use of said town, said recorder or marshal, as the case may be, shall be liable to be proceeded against by motion or suit at common law in the circuit court of Benton County, or in any other court having jurisdiction of the person of the recorder or marshal, as the case may be, and it shall be the duty of such court to render up judgment against said delinquent officer and surties for the moneys so received, or that ought to have been collected in the name of Camden for the use of said corporation: Provided, That if the proceedings be by motion, such officer shall have five days notice thereof.

Sec. 16. Be it further enacted, That the board of mayor and alderman are forbidden from making appropriations of any money or taxes to be assessed and collected in any other manner than for strictly corporate purposes.

Sec. 17. Be it further enacted, That this act be declared a public law, and may be read in evidence in all the courts of law and equity, and all ordinances, resolutions and proceedings of the board of mayor and aldermen, when printed and published by the authority of the council, shall be received as evidence in all courts and places, without further proof, when certified by the recorder.

Sec. 18. Be it further enacted, That this act take effect from and after its passage, the public welfare requiring it.

Passed March 18, 1899.

JOSEPH W. BYRNS,
Speaker of the House of Representatives
SEID WADDELL,
Speaker of the Senate.
Approved March 27, 1899.
BENTON MCMILLIN,
Governor.

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF LAND.

In the consolidated causes of the Camden Bank and Trust Co., A. C. McRae, administrator, and W. F. Harrison vs. James R. Hatley et al.—In Chancery at Camden, Tennessee.

In obedience to a decree rendered in the above styled causes at the March term of the chancery court at Camden, I will on **Saturday the 13th day of May, 1899,** on the premises of James R. Hatley, in the first civil district of Benton County, Tennessee, offer for sale to the highest bidder 844 acres of very fine Tennessee River bottom farming land together with a road through T. L. Johnson's land. A full description of said land will be given on day of sale.

TERMS OF SALE.

One-half cash, and the remainder on twelve months time with good personal security on note and lien retained on said land for further security. Said sale free from the equity of mortgages, redemption, etc.

This April 12, 1899.

S. L. PEELER,
Trustee.

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Advertisements inserted under this head at 3 cents per line each insertion.

OUR job printing facilities are first-class, and our specialty is good work. Estimates (and samples where possible) will be furnished on application. Address THE CHRONICLE, Camden, Tenn.

WANTED—Several trustworthy persons in this State to manage our business in their own and nearby counties. It is mainly office work conducted at home. Salary straight \$300 a year and expenses—definite, bonafide, no more, no less salary. Monthly \$75. References. Enclose self-addressed stamped envelope, Herbert E. Hess, President, Department M, Chicago.

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RAILROAD TIME TABLE.

Trains pass Camden on the Nashville, Chattanooga and St. Louis Railroad as follows:

TRAIN EAST.	TRAIN WEST.
No. 3, mail, 5.55 pm	No. 4, mail, 9.53 am
No. 1, express, 6.35 am	No. 22, express, 2.59 pm
No. 35, " 2.08 am	No. 2, " 9.53 pm

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LOCAL AND PERSONAL NEWS.

Lexington has a case of small-pox.

G. E. Smith, of Decaturville, was in town this week.

Miss Bessie Hudson is visiting relatives at Alamo.

Clarence Bateman was very sick last week, but is better.

Mrs. Dora McAuley was reported quick sick yesterday.

William Caraway, of Big Sandy, was in the city Monday.

Mrs. T. E. Ayres and little child, of Box, are over on a visit.

Judge Jo. R. Hawkins, of Huntingdon, was over Sunday.

G. F. Bateman and wife are visiting in Humphreys County.

The baby boy of Mr. and Mrs. Fuller is very sick this week.

B. F. Davidson, the well-known Way merchant, was here Monday.

Lilburn's hustling merchant, T. P. Beasley, was down Wednesday.

J. C. King and A. A. Wood, of Holladay, left here last night for Texas.

Mrs. S. L. Peeler, who has been indisposed for about ten days, is better.

Mrs. J. W. Fussell has been sick for the past two weeks, but is improving.

Era Lee, little daughter of R. L. Phillips, has been quite sick, but is better.

New fences and other improvements are in evidence in all parts of the town.

G. W. Arnold will move his dry goods, etc., to the Wilson house, on the east side.

An enjoyable musical entertainment was given at the home of Hon. J. A. Clement Saturday evening.

C. T. Brecheen and family and Alex Bell and daughter, Miss Hester, visited at Big Sandy Monday.

G. B. Greer is spending a few days on his river farm, and J. G. Robins is looking after affairs in the county clerk's office.

Jim Lockhart, of Wyly, entered school here Monday. The attendance at Benton Seminary is almost equal to the enrollment during the public school last fall.

Last Sunday dawned a beautiful day, and the young people could not resist the temptation to go strolling and enjoy the scenery. The local photographer made several views of a number of couples.

Marriage licenses have been issued by County Clerk G. B. Greer to Henry Brewer and Lillie French, C. V. Hawley and Tom Fussell, C. N. McMackin and Lora Bell, J. A. Pierce and Ellen Bruce, John H. Goodman and Mary Bledsoe—Colored—John Fisher and Julia Everett.

Camden is quite a musical center. W. E. McRae, Postmaster D. J. McRae, Hon. J. A. Clement and F. E. McElyea have recently purchased pianos, and upon investigation there are 21 pianos, 12 organs, 6 violins, 6 guitars, 1 mandolin, 2 banjos, 2 music boxes, 18 horns, 2 clarionets, 1 flageolet, 1 fife and 2 drums in the town.

Mr. C. V. Hawley and Miss Tom Fussell were united in marriage on last Sunday evening at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Fussell, Rev. N. R. Waters officiating. Only a few friends were invited. Mr. Enla Hudson and Miss Lizzie McCullough were the attendants. After the ceremony the wedding party attended services at the Methodist Church. At 9 p. m. supper was served the party at the private boarding house of J. H. Combs, where Mr. and Mrs. Hawley will remain until May 10, when they will be at home to their many friends at their pretty home in northwest Camden. The groom is one of the foremost business men of Camden, and has been very successful. His bride is a popular member of Camden society, and has a large circle of friends. We join in extending congratulations.