

Jeem fit, and at the same time shall contract with said tenant, who shall be styled the keeper of the almshouse, upon such terms and conditions as they may deem reasonable and proper for the maintenance and support of the inmates of said almshouse for the period of one year, commencing from the first day of January thereafter.

1878, ch. 216.

3. Any one of the county commissioners may, in writing, direct the admission of any poor person to said almshouse.

Ibid.

4. Any justice of the peace for said county may cause to be apprehended, and commit to the said almshouse, any vagrants, vagabonds, beggars and other idle, dissolute and disorderly persons found loitering or residing in said county, who follow no trade or occupation, and have no visible means of subsistence, there to be kept at hard labor for any term not exceeding three months; and the said keeper shall receive and employ them according to the tenor of the'r commitment.

Ibid.

5. If any person shall sell or dispose of any strong drink to the inmates of said almshouse, he shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon indictment and conviction thereof shall forfeit and pay the sum of twenty-five dollars, one-half to the informer and the other half to the county commissioners, for the use of said almshouse.

Ibid.

6. Upon complaint made by the keeper of said almshouse before any justice of the peace of said county, that any vagrant, vagabond or other idle, dissolute and disorderly person thereto-committed and therein remaining, has behaved himself in a disorderly manner, or has neglected and refused to perform his daily labor and task, or neglected and refused to obey and keep any of the rules and by-laws of said almshouse, the said justice may cause such person to be brought before him, and if satisfied of the truth of the charge, may commit him to the county jail for a period not exceeding three months.