SESSION LAWS, 1903.

For making any examination required by this act... 25.00
For furnishing copies of papers filed in his office, 20 cents per folio: Provided, That all fees so collected shall be paid to the State Treasurer.

Passed the Senate February 24, 1903.
Passed the House March 10, 1903.
Approved by the Governor March 17, 1903.

CHAPTER 177.
[S. B. No. 125.]
CREATING THE WASHINGTON STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY A TRUSTEE OF THE STATE FOR CERTAIN PURPOSES.

AN ACT relating to the Washington State Historical Society; creating it the trustee of the State for certain purposes.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

SECTION 1. That the Washington State Historical Society, a corporation existing under the laws of the State of Washington, be and the same is hereby created the trustee of the State for the intent and purposes hereinafter mentioned, viz.:

1. That it shall be the duty of the said society to collect books, maps, charts, papers and materials illustrative of the history of this State, and of its progress and development.

2. To procure from pioneers authentic narrative of their experiences and of incidents relating to the early settlement of this State.

3. To gather data and information concerning the origin, history, language and customs of our Indian tribes.

4. To procure and purchase books, papers and pamphlets for the several departments of its collections; climatic, health and mortuary statistics, and such other books, maps, charts, papers and materials as will facilitate the investigation of the historical, scientific and literary subjects.
5. To bind, shelf, store and safely keep the unbound books, documents, manuscripts, pamphlets and newspaper files now or hereafter to come into its possession.

6. To catalogue the collections of said society for the convenient reference of persons having occasion to consult same.

7. To prepare biennially for publication a report of its collections and such other matters relating to the work of the society as may be useful to the State and the people thereof.

8. To keep its rooms open at all reasonable hours of business days for the reception of citizens and visitors without charge.

SEC. 2. That the books, maps, charts, relics, memorials, collections and all other property of the society now owned or hereafter acquired, shall be held by the said society perpetually in trust for the use and benefit of the people of the State of Washington.

SEC. 3. That the Governor, Secretary of State and State Treasurer shall be ex-officio members of the board of curators of the said Washington State Historical Society, authorized and empowered to vote upon all questions coming before the said board for its action.

SEC. 4. That no part of the moneys hereinafter appropriated shall be paid to any officer of the said Historical Society or to any employee thereof, as salary or compensation for services.

Passed the Senate February 26, 1903.
Passed the House March 7, 1903.

(Note by the Secretary of State).—The above act was filed in this office on the 17th day of March, 1903, without the approval or disapproval of the Governor thereof.

SAM H. NICHOLS,
Secretary of State.