

**The Land-Grant Idea
at Iowa State College**

begun and held at the city of Washington, on Monday, the - Second - day of December, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-one.

At the - Second - Session.

AN ACT
Donating public lands to the several States and Territories which may provide colleges for the benefit of agriculture and the mechanic arts.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,
That there be granted to the several States for the purposes hereinafter mentioned an amount of public land to be apportioned to each State a quantity equal to thirty thousand acres for each Senator and representative in Congress to which the States are respectively entitled by the apportionment under the census of eighteen hundred and sixty: Provided, That no mineral lands shall be selected or purchased under the provisions of this act.

Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That the land aforesaid, after being surveyed, shall be apportioned to the several States or sections or subdivisions of sections, not less than one quarter of a section, and whenever there are public lands in a State, subject to sale at private entry at one dollar and twenty-five cents per acre, the quantity to which said State shall be entitled shall be selected from such lands within the limits of such State, and the Secretary of the Interior is hereby directed to issue to each of the States in which there is not the quantity of public lands subject to sale at private entry at one dollar and twenty-five cents per acre to which said State may be entitled under the provisions of this act, land scrip to the amount in acres for the deficiency of its distributive share: and scrip to be sold by said States and the proceeds therefrom applied to the uses and purposes prescribed in this act and for no other use or purpose, whatsoever: Provided, That in no case shall any State to which land scrip may thus be issued, be allowed to locate the same within the limits of any other State, Territory of the United States, but their assignees may thus locate such land scrip on any of the unappropriated lands of the United States subject to sale at private entry at one dollar and twenty-five cents, or less per acre. And provided further, that no such location shall be made by any State or Territory of the United States, but their assignees may thus locate such land scrip on any of the unappropriated lands of the United States subject to sale at private entry at one dollar and twenty-five cents, or less per acre. And provided further, that no such location shall be made by any State or Territory of the United States, but their assignees may thus locate such land scrip on any of the unappropriated lands of the United States subject to sale at private entry at one dollar and twenty-five cents, or less per acre.

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Approved, July 3, 1860.
Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Abraham Lincoln
President of the Senate pro tempore,
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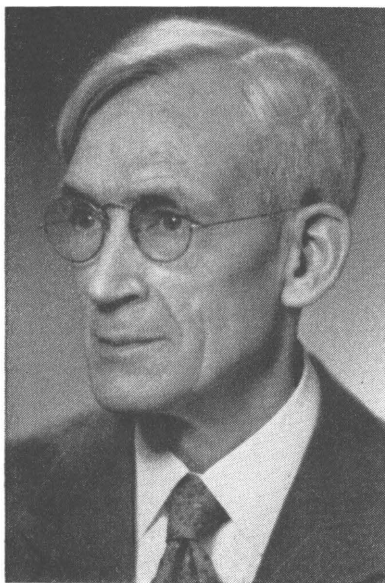
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Foreword

THE YEAR 1958 will be a most significant one for Iowa State College because on March 22, the College will have reached the 100th anniversary of its founding. Iowa State College was born of change and in the desire of the citizens of 100 years ago for a new kind of education.

It is fitting for us to pause and reflect on how well our record of the 100 years has lived up to the plans and intentions of the founders. The manner in which we have reached today's position, and the extent to which we have fulfilled these original hopes, have been given a critical appraisal by Dr. Earle D. Ross in this book.



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Readers will find Dr. Ross' evaluation of Iowa State College's contribution during the last eventful century both interesting and informative.

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