

### Co-Operative Associations—Fees for Filing and Certifying Papers.

Under Section 873 of the Civil Code it is your duty to issue a certificate showing the organization of the association and attaching to and making a part of such certificate, the papers filed by the association, certifying to its organization; for this certificate your fee is \$5.00. As to the certified copy to be forwarded to county clerks, you are entitled to twenty cents per folio and \$1.00 for your certificate.

Helena, Montana, May 26, 1905.

Hon. A. N. Yoder, Secretary of State, Helena, Montana.

Dear Sir:—Your letter of the 23rd inst., together with papers relating to the organization of "The Co-operative Broom Manufacturing Company," to hand.

The questions submitted for an opinion being as follows:

1. Are the papers executed in compliance with Sections 870 to 880 of the Civil Code.
2. Is it your duty to certify to the copy to be filed in the office of the County Clerk, and are you entitled to charge twenty cents per folio for making such copy.
3. Can you in addition to the \$5.00 fee for filing these papers, charge \$1.00 for certifying to any and all copies.

I think the papers filed or offered for filing are in substantial compliance with said sections of the Civil Code.

In the copy of the statement transmitted to this office, (see page 2) the names of the commissioners and the notary public have been omitted, but probably appear in the original.

Under Section 873 it is your duty to issue a certificate showing the complete organization of the association attaching to such certificate a copy of all the papers filed in your office, referring to and making such copies so attached a part of the certificate, the certificate to be duly authenticated under your hand and seal of office. For this certificate you receive a fee of \$5.00.

As to the certified copy to be filed in the office of the County Clerk, if you make out the copies of the certificate and papers attached thereto, you are entitled to twenty cents per folio and \$1.00 for your certificate to the effect that it is a certified copy.

Yours very truly,

ALBERT J. GALEN,  
Attorney General.