S. F. No. 480.

CHAPTER 128.

Public improvements in cities. An act to enable the city council of any city of the class specified in chapter 235. General Laws of 1895, to make or construct public improvements and assess the costs thereof upon the real property abutting upon or benefited by such improvement and make such assessment payable in annual installments, upon petition of the owners of three-fourths of the property assessed.

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

In cities of class mentioned in C. 285, Laws 1895, improvement made on petition of three-fourths of owners of property.

SECTION 1. That whenever the city council of any city of the class mentioned in chapter 235, General Laws of 1895, shall be requested by petition of the owners of three-fourths of the real property to be assessed therefor, to make or construct any specified improvement within such city and that the cost thereof to be assessed upon the real property abutting upon such improvement or benefited thereby, may be paid in a specified number of annual instalments, such city council may, if it deem such improvement necessary, by resolution, grant such petition and order such improvement made or constructed, and may thereupon proceed to make or construct such improvement and assess the cost thereof upon the property abutting thereon or benefited thereby, and otherwise proceed as provided in said chapter 235, General Laws 1895, without any other or further proceedings.

Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved April 3, 1899.

S. F. No. 372.

CHAPTER 129.

Corporations, quantity of land they may own or acquire.

An act to amend section three (3) of chapter two hundred and four (204) of the General Laws of the State of Minnesota for the year 1887, being the same as section three (3) of chapter one hundred and thirteen (113) of the General Laws of the State of Minnesota for the year 1889, and also being the same as section five thousand eight hundred and seventy-seven (5877) of the General Statutes of 1894, relating to the ownership of real estate in the State of Minnesota and to the quantity of land which corporations may acquire, hold or own.

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

Section 1. That section three (3) of chapter two hundred and four (204) of the General Laws of the State of Minnesota for the year 1887, being section three (3) of chapter one hundred and thirteen (113) of the General Laws of the State of Minnesota for the year 1889, and being the same as section 5877 of the General Statutes of 1894, relating to the ownership of real estate in the State of Minnesota and to the quantity of land which corporations may acquire, hold or own, be and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 3, C. 204, Law., 1887, amended

Sec. 3. That no corporation other than those organized for the construction or operation of railways, canals or turnpikes, shall acquire, hold or own, over five thousand acres of land, so hereafter acquired in this state; and no railroad, canal or turnpike corporation shall hereafter acquire, hold or own lands so hereafter acquired in this state other than as may be necessary for the proper operation of its railroad, canal or turnpike, except such lands as may have been granted to it by act of congress or of the legislature of this state.

Not to own over 5.000 acres except railway companies.

Provided, that the provisions of this act shall not apply to corporations hereafter organized for the purpose of taking, holding, owning and disposing of lands or any interest therein now owned by the same persons, or their heirs, and devisees, who as tenants in common or as joint tenants, owned the same prior to July 1, 1887.

Not to apply to those organized to deal in lands now owned by persons composing corporation.

Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved April 3, 1899.

CHAPTER 130.

S F. No 249.

An act to amend section three thousand five hundred State reand ninety-six (3596) of the General Statutes of eighteen hundred and ninety-four (1894), relating to the record of behavior of prisoners in the State Reformatory.

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

That section three thousand five hundred SECTION 1. and ninety-six (3596) of the General Statutes of eighteen hundred and ninety-four (1894), be and the same hereby is amended by striking out the following words: "An abstract of the record in the case of each prisoner remaining under the control of the said board of managers shall be made up semi-annually, considered by the managers at a regular meeting and filed with the secretary of

Sec. 3596, G S 1894. amended Abstract of record of prisoners to be filed with secretary or state.