

have and be entitled to the grant of lands in said act of congress made and provided, and to all and singular the same rights, privileges, immunities, lands and property, as if such lines of railroad had been constructed and put into operation, fully equiped for business within the time heretofore limited by law for the same. *Provided*, That the foregoing extension of time is hereby granted to said railroad company and accepted by it, upon the condition that it will carry freight and passengers over its line upon equal and reasonable terms; *Provided*, That the branch line of said railroad running from St. Cloud to St. Vincent shall run by Sauk Centre, Osakis, Alexandria, Fergus Falls and Glyndon.

SEC. 2. That all persons or their assigns or legal representatives who, in good faith settled upon any of the lands of the Saint Paul and Pacific Railroad Company, at or prior to the time when the line of said road was definitely fixed and located, with a view to preempt, and who have continued to occupy the same, shall be at liberty to purchase said land at two dollars and fifty cents per acre, if within the ten mile limits of said road, and if without such limits at one dollar and twenty-five cents per acre. *Provided*, That application theretor, and proof of the right to purchase, shall be made within six months after the fee of said land shall be acquired by said company.

SEC. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved March 11, 1873.

CHAPTER CVIII.

AN ACT TO AMEND AN ACT ENTITLED "AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE ST. PAUL AND PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY TO BUILD A BRANCH LINE OF THEIR ROAD FROM SAUK CENTRE TO MONTEVIDEO," APPROVED MARCH FOURTH, EIGHTEEN HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-TWO.

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

SECTION 1. That section one of chapter one hundred and nineteen of the special laws of (1872) eighteen hundred and seventy-two, be and the same hereby is amended so as to read as follows, to-wit:

Section 1. The St. Paul and Pacific Railroad Company, a corporation existing under the laws of this state, is hereby authorized to survey, construct and maintain a branch line of its railroad commencing at Sauk Centre in the county of Stearns, and running thence by the way of Benson in the county of Swift and Montevideo in the county of Chippewa, to Marshall in the county of Lyon: *Provided*, The said branch road shall be constructed and completed to the village of Marshall on or before the first day of September, A. D. one thousand eight hundred and seventy-seven.

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

Approved March 6, 1873.

CHAPTER CIX.

AN ACT TO AMEND THE CHARTER OF THE MINNESOTA CENTRAL RAILROAD COMPANY.

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

SECTION 1. That chapter one hundred and seven (107) of the special laws of 1872, entitled "An act to amend an act to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Minnesota Central Railroad Company," approved May twenty-third, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-seven, approved March ninth, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-seven, be amended by adding thereto the following sections, namely:

Sec. 4. That if it shall be found convenient for the construction or operating of said branch road authorized by this act, or of any portion of its main or branch lines, said company are hereby authorized to create general or common, or special or preferred stock, applicable to said branch road or its main and branch lines, or either of them, and may provide by agreement for the management of the business of said road authorized by this act, as a distinct, separate interest; *Provided*, That the stock, property, bonds, debts and liabilities, issued or contracted for the benefit of said branch, shall apply to and bind only the property of said branch, and it is further provided that debts and liabilities contracted for the benefit of the main line shall apply to and bind only the property of said main line.