then the issue of said bonds shall be lawful, and said bonds so issued shall be valid to all intents and purposes : *Provided*, No ballot shall be counted for or against said proposition unless the same is printed or written in the above prescribed manner.

SEC. 9. The town clerks of the several towns in the county, and the clerks of election in the city of Faribault, are hereby required to certify to the auditor of said county the result of said election within five days after the same, specifying in such return the number of votes cast for and against said proposition respectively in their several precincts.

SEC. 10. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved February 7, 1873.

CHAPTER CLXXV.

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF WRIGHT TO ISSUE BONDS FOR THE ERECTION OF COUNTY BUILDINGS.

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

SECTION 1. That the county commissioners of the county of Wright are hereby authorized to issue the bonds of said county to the amount of twenty-five thousand dollars, for the purpose of erecting county buildings at Buffalo, the county seat of said county.

SEC. 2. Such bonds shall be issued, with coupons attached thereto, and of such denominations as the county commissioners shall determine, and shall bear interest at a rate not exceeding ten per cent. per annum, which said interest shall be payable annually, and the principal shall be payable within twenty years from the date of said bonds, the rate of interest and time of maturity of said bonds to be fixed by the commissioners of said county as they may determine, subject to the above limitations.

SEC. 3. Said bonds, and the interest coupons attached thereto, shall be signed by the chairman of the board of county commissioners and countersigned by the auditor of said county, and said auditor shall keep a record of all bonds issued under the provisions of this act, giving numbers, dates and amounts, to whom issued and when payable.

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Sec. 4. The board of commissioners of said county shall have authority to negotiate said bonds, as in their judgment shall be best for the interests of the county ; *Provided, however,* That said bonds shall not be negotiated at less than their par value.

Sec. 5. The board of commissioners of said county shall, and they are hereby authorized and empowered to levy an annual tax on the taxable property of said county, over and above and in addition to all other taxes required by law to be levied, sufficient to pay the interest accruing on said bonds, and the principal of said bonds as they shall mature, which taxes shall be levied and collected in the same manner as other taxes for county purposes are levied and collected ; and no part of such tax shall be appropriated for any purpose whatever other than the payment of said bonds and the interest thereon.

Sec. 6. The proposition to issue said bonds shall be submitted to a vote of the electors of said county, at the next annual town meeting. The ballots shall have written or printed on them the following words : " For issue of bonds for building county buildings," or " Against issue of bonds for building county buildings." Said vote shall be cast at said election in the same manner as votes cast for town officers, and if, upon a canvass of said votes in the manner provided for the canvass of votes for county officers, a majority of said voters who shall have voted upon said proposition have voted in favor thereof, the issue of said bonds shall be lawful. The town clerks of the several towns in said county shall at the time of giving the notice of the annual town meeting, insert in said notice a paragraph setting forth that the question of issuing said bonds will be voted on at said town meeting. *Provided,* That any neglect or failure on the part of any town clerk to give such notice shall not invalidate said election, or prohibit the canvass of votes cast upon said question.

Sec. .7 This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved February 5, 1873.