

SEC. 4. It shall be the duty of the city council of said city to levy a tax upon the taxable property of said city sufficient to meet and pay the interest and principal of said bonds as the same shall become due.

SEC. 5. The city council of said city shall have authority to negotiate said bonds as in its judgment shall be for the best interests of the city; *Provided, however,* That said bonds shall not be negotiated for less than their par value.

SEC. 6. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved March 9, 1875.

CHAPTER CXXIII.

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE APPLICATION OF CERTAIN BONDS OF THE CITY OF MINNEAPOLIS TO THE BUILDING OF A BRIDGE ACROSS THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER.

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

SECTION 1. That proportion of the amount of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars of bonds, provided for and authorized to be issued by the city of Minneapolis, to aid in the construction of the Minnesota Western railroad, by chapter fifty-six of the special laws of the state of Minnesota, enacted in the year eighteen hundred and seventy, which are applicable to the construction of that portion of said railroad from a point of junction with the St. Paul and Sioux City railroad to the north line of the state of Iowa, and which would be due to the said railroad company (now the Minneapolis and St. Louis railway company) upon the completion of their line of railroad to the said north line of the state of Iowa, as in said chapter provided, may be used to aid in the construction of a railroad bridge across the Mississippi river, at such point within the present limits of the city of Minneapolis as the said company, its successors or assigns, may determine; and the said city shall be bound to issue its bonds to the same extent as it is now required to do in case the provisions of said chapter fifty-six of the statutes of Minnesota had been fully complied with.

SEC. 2. The proposition herein contained shall be submitted to the legal voters of the city of Minneapolis, at a general or special election for that purpose to be held, and if, at a general election, a separate ballot box shall be provided, and ballots deposited therein as follows, viz.: "In favor of a railroad bridge across the Mississippi river—Yes." "Against a railroad bridge across the Mississippi river—No." If a majority of the votes so cast are in favor of

such bridge, the city council shall issue the bonds accordingly. If a majority of said votes are against the issuance of such bonds, the same shall not be issued, and the provisions of said chapter fifty-six of the special laws of eighteen hundred and seventy, shall remain unaffected by this act or any proceedings thereunder.

SEC. 3. In case a special election is held, not less than ten days' previous notice shall be given, by daily publication in one or more of the papers published in the city of Minneapolis. The present judges of election shall serve, and in case not present, judges may be elected as now required by law, and also clerks. The ballots shall be in form as hereinbefore provided, and the return thereof made to the city clerk, who, with the city comptroller, shall canvass the votes and make return thereof to the next meeting of the city council after such election. And if a majority of the votes cast be in favor of such bridge, the bond of the city of Minneapolis shall be issued in favor of the Minneapolis and St. Louis railway company, to the amount required to build such bridge, and secure the right of way thereto, not exceeding one hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars.

SEC. 4. The cost of said railroad bridge and right of way, shall be determined by the city engineer of said city of Minneapolis, and an amount of bonds equal to the cost of said railroad bridge and right of way, as certified by said city engineer, shall be issued to said company, now the Minneapolis and St. Louis railway company, upon the completion of said bridge. The amount of said bonds, however, shall not exceed the amount now authorized by law to be hereafter issued to said railroad company upon certain conditions, and the remainder of said bonds shall be and remain applicable to the purposes mentioned in said chapter fifty-six of the special laws of said state of the year of eighteen hundred and seventy, and shall be issued to said company when their line of railroad shall have been completed to the north line of the state of Iowa.

SEC. 5. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved March 9, 1875.

CHAPTER CXXIV.

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF MINNEAPOLIS TO ISSUE BONDS FOR BRIDGE PURPOSES IN SAID CITY.

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

SECTION 1. The city council of the city of Minneapolis is hereby authorized and empowered to issue the bonds of said city, with semi-annual coupons attached, to the amount of fifty thousand dollars, for