

eight (1878), to issue the bonds of said city or to appropriate money, either from the general fund, or the local improvement fund of said city, to an amount not to exceed ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) to be expended by the board of public works under the direction of the common council, outside of the city limits upon such roads leading into the city of St. Paul as the common council may deem proper.

SEC. 2. If the common council shall determine to issue such bonds, they shall bear interest at the rate of seven (7) per cent. per annum, and shall be payable at such times as the common council may determine at the fiscal agency of the city of St. Paul in the city of New York.

SEC. 3. If the common council shall determine not to issue said bonds, but to appropriate said sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) or less out of either of the funds before named, it then shall be the duty of the common council to include in the next general levy of taxes for city purposes, a sufficient number of mills on the dollar of the assessed value of all the real and personal property in the city of St. Paul to replace in the city treasury the sum advanced and appropriated aforesaid.

SEC. 4. This act to be in force from and after its passage.

Approved March 6, 1878.

CHAPTER 103.

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF AUSTIN TO ISSUE BONDS TO PURCHASE GROUNDS AND TO AID IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF A COURT HOUSE AND COUNTY BUILDINGS FOR THE COUNTY OF MOWER.

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

SECTION 1. The common council of the city of Austin are hereby authorized and fully empowered to issue the bonds of said city, under its corporate seal, to an amount not exceeding three thousand dollars (\$3,000) to purchase grounds and aid in the construction of a court house and county buildings, for Mower county; such bonds to be issued in sums not less than than one hundred dollars (\$100.00) and to bear interest at the rate fixed by the common council, not to exceed twelve per cent. per annum, and the principal of said bonds payable at such time or times, not exceeding fifteen (15) years, as the common council of said city may fix.

SEC. 2. The bonds named in section one (1) shall be signed by the mayor of said city and countersigned by the recorder of said city, who shall keep a record of all such bonds issued under the

provisions of this act, giving the numbers, dates, amounts, rates of interest, to whom issued and when payable.

SEC. 3. The common council of the said city of Austin may negotiate said bonds at not less than their par value, but the proceeds thereof shall be used only to aid in the purchasing of grounds and in the erection of county buildings, at the said city of Austin aforesaid, or they may devote, absolutely or conditionally said bonds or the proceeds or any part thereof, to the county of Mower, to aid in the purchase of grounds and the erection of the buildings herein named, and said common council are hereby authorized and empowered to enter into any agreement or stipulation with the commissioners of said Mower county, within the scope of their authority conveyed in this act in reference to money or bonds of said city to aid in the purchase of grounds and the erection of said court house and county buildings, and such agreement or stipulation, when complied with on the part of Mower county, shall be binding and irrevocable on the part of said city.

SEC. 4. The common council of said city of Austin are hereby authorized and required to levy an annual tax on the taxable property of said city, in addition to 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 as other city taxes, and no part of such tax shall be appropriated for any other purpose than the payment of said bonds and the interest thereon.

SEC. 5. The proposition to issue said bonds shall be submitted to a vote of the electors of said city, at the next annual election of said city in March, A. D. one thousand eight hundred and seventy-eight (1878), or at any special or annual election in the years one thousand eight hundred and seventy-eight (1878), and one thousand eight hundred and seventy-nine (1879). The ballots used at such election shall have written or printed, or partly written and partly printed thereon the following words: "For issue of bonds to purchase grounds and to aid in the construction of a court house and county buildings," or "Against the issue of bonds to aid in the purchase of grounds and the construction of a court house and county buildings." Said votes shall be cast at said election in the same manner as votes cast for city officers, and if, upon canvass of said votes, in manner provided for canvass of votes for city officers, a majority of said electors who shall have voted on said proposition shall have voted in favor thereof, the issue of said bonds shall be lawful.

The city recorder shall at the time of giving notice of such election, insert in said notice a paragraph setting forth that the question of issuing said bonds will be voted upon at such election.

Provided, That any neglect or failure on the part of the city recorder to give such notice, shall not invalidate said election or prohibit the canvass of votes cast upon said question.

SEC. 6. In the event that the common council should have used

their appropriation in part or in whole, in the purchase of grounds for site of court house and county buildings, as aforesaid, and should afterwards arrange with the commissioners of Mower county to donate said lands to said Mower county, in that event the said common council are hereby empowered to convey the same, by a good and sufficient deed to said Mower county.

Provided, That the said common council shall not have the power to make any such donation or conveyance of land, as provided herein, to said county of Mower, until the commissioners of said Mower county shall contract to erect, at the city of Austin, in said county a suitable and appropriate court house.

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

Approved March 7, 1878.

CHAPTER 104.

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN OF LINCOLN, IN THE COUNTY OF BLUE EARTH, TO ISSUE BONDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF DRAINING SLOUGHS, SWAMPS AND WET LANDS IN SAID TOWN.

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

SECTION 1. The board of supervisors of the town of Lincoln in the county of Blue Earth, are hereby authorized to issue the bonds of said town to an amount not exceeding the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars (\$2,500) to be used by said board for the purpose of draining the sloughs, swamps and wet lands in said town.

SEC. 2. Such bonds may bear interest not exceeding ten (10) per cent. per annum payable annually, and the principal shall be payable not exceeding ten (10) years from the date of said bonds, said interest and principal to be payable at the city of St. Paul in said state. Said bonds shall be signed by the said board of supervisors, or a majority thereof, and countersigned by the town clerk of said town.

SEC. 3. The said board of supervisors shall not have authority to negotiate said bonds at less than their par value.

SEC. 4. The proposition to issue said bonds shall be submitted to the legal voters of said town for their approval or rejection at any annual election of said town; due notice, as provided by law in other elections, (and stating the proposition to be acted upon), being given. The ballots used at such election shall have written or printed thereon the words "Issue of town bonds to drain lands, -yes," or "Issue of town bonds to drain lands,—no." And said