or not scratched, the word "yes" thereon shall be counted in favor of said amendment, and any ballot having unmarked, not erased or not scratched, the word "no" thereon shall be counted against said amendment.

SEC. 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved April 15, 1891.

CHAPTER 2.

[Sec. 2, art. 9, State constitution.] AN ACT PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO SECTION THREE (3) OF ARTICLE NINE (9) OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA, AUTHORIZING THE TAXATION OF THE GROSS EARNINGS IN THIS STATE OF RAILROADS, SLEEPING, DRAWING ROOM AND PARLOR CAR COMPANIES, TELEGRAPH AND TELEPHONE COMPANIES, EXPRESS COMPANIES AND INSURANCE COMPANIES, OR IN LIEU OF SUCH TAX AUTHORIZING A LICENSE FEE OR TAX ON EITHER OR ANY OF SUCH COMPANIES, AND AUTHORIZING A SPECIFIC TAX ON MINING PROPERTY.

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

SECTION 1. The following amendment to section three (3) of article nine (9) of the constitution of the state of Minnesota is hereby proposed to the people of said state for their approval or rejection, that is to say, to add at the end of said section the following words:

"And there may be levied and collected annually a tax upon the gross earnings in this state of all railroads, sleeping, parlor and drawing room car companies, or owners, whose cars run in or into this state; on all telegraph and telephone companies, or owners, whose lines are in or extend into this state; on all express companies, or owners, doing business in this state; on all foreign insurance companies doing business in this state; on all domestic insurance companies of this state, or on either or any of such companies. Or in lieu of such tax on the gross earnings of such companies, or either or any of them, an annual license fee or tax imposed on them, or either or any of them; but no tax upon the gross earnings of any corporation shall be construed to prevent the taxation, by law, of any real estate owned by said corporation not used in the business of the same. And there may be levied and collected, in lieu of other taxation on mining property, a specific tax upon the
product of all mines in this state, but no such tax shall be
construed to prevent the taxation by law of any real estate
belonging to the owners of such mine not used in the busi-
ness of mining or in connection therewith."

SEC. 2. This proposed amendment shall be submitted to
the people of said state, for their approval or rejection, at
the next general election for the year eighteen hundred and
ninety-two (1892), and each of the legal voters of said state
may, at said election, vote by ballot for or against said
amendment, and the returns thereof shall be made and cer-
tified, and such votes and the result thereof declared, in
the manner provided by law for returning, certifying and
canvassing votes at general elections for state officers and
declaring the result thereof; and if it shall appear there-
from that a majority of the voters present and voting at said
election upon said amendment "yes" or "no," have voted
in favor of the same, then within ten (10) days after the re-
sult shall have been ascertained the governor shall make
proclamation thereof, and said amendment shall thereupon
take effect and be in full force as part of the constitution of
the state of Minnesota.

SEC. 3. The ballots used at said election on said amend-
ment shall have printed thereon, "Amendment to section
three (3) of article nine (9) of the constitution, providing
for the taxation of sleeping car companies and other com-
panies, yes—no;" and each elector voting on said amend-
ment shall erase, mark across, or scratch out one (1) of
said words "yes" or "no" on said ballot box, and no
ballots shall be counted except those having one (1) only
of said words "yes" or "no" thereon.

SEC. 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from
and after its passage.

Approved April 21, 1891.

CHAPTER 3.

[8. F. No. 354.]

AN ACT TO DIVIDE THE STATE OF MINNESOTA INTO SEVEN
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS.

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

SECTION 1. The State of Minnesota is hereby divided
into seven (7) congressional districts, each of which is
entitled to elect one (1) representative to the congress of the
United States.

SEC. 2. The counties of Houston, Fillmore, Mower,
Freeborn, Waseca, Steele, Dodge, Olmsted, Winona and
Wabasha shall constitute the first (1st) congressional dis-