statutes of one thousand eight hundred and seventyeight (1878), as amended, desire to obtain the right of way over and across any lands needed for the construction of any railroad, or telegraph, or for sites and grounds for depots, shops and other buildings requisite for said business or contemplated by the provisions of said title one (1), such corporation shall at the time of filing its petition with the district court for the appointment of commissioners to determine the compensation to be paid to the owners of such land, or within ten (10) days thereafter, file or cause to be filed with the register of deeds of the county where said lands are situate, a notice describing with reasonable certainty and accuracy the lands and property to be taken or affected by such condemnation proceedings, and for what purpose or enterprise said lands are to be taken. In case said enterprise and said condemnation proceedings shall be abandoned, it shall be the duty of such corporation within ten (10) days thereafter to file or cause to be filed with the register of deeds a notice to that effect, giving a description with reasonable certainty of the lands so released and abandoned.

SEC. 3. No informality in the notice provided for by Informalities. this act, or error or inaccuracy therein in the description of the said lands to be taken; or affected, or of the course of said improvement, shall in any way affect the validity or any of the condemnation proceedings.

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

Approved April 19th, 1895.

## CHAPTER 247.

An act to authorize cities to annex certain territory Annexing terriin certain cases.

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

SECTION 1. Whenever any state lands which were acquired and held for state institutions are not included lande. in any incorporated city or village but which are immediately adjoining any city, and it is deemed desirable by a majority of the resident electors thereof that the city limits should be extended so as to include the said territory, or some part thereof, a petition signed by a majority of such resident electors as appears by the votes cast at the last preceding general election may

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be presented to the city council of such city asking for the annexing of such territory or some designated part thereof, and said city council may by ordinance thereupon annex such territory to said city and shall therein designate to what ward or wards the said territory shall be annexed.

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

Approved April 25th, 1895.

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## CHAPTER 248.

Boundary line.

An act to define the boundary between the counties of St. Louis and Lake.

Whereas, it is represented to the Legislature that the boundary between the counties of St. Louis and Lake has no permanent location and that great inconvenience has resulted and is likely to result because of the indefiniteness thereof; therefore

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

Between St. Louisand Lake counties.

SECTION 1. That the boundary line between the counties of St. Louis and Lake be and is hereby defined to be coincident with the line known as the True Meridian; the same being the line dividing range eleven (11) west from range twelve (12) west; and that this definition thereof shall be taken and accepted in all courts and places whatsoever as the true intent and meaning of that part of the act of the Legislature of the territory of Minnesota which ordains that the said boundary line shall begin at the mouth of Knife river and extend due north therefrom.

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

Approved April 9th, 1895.