

in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of purchasing sugar beet seed for the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven (1897).

SEC. 2. That the treasurer of the state of Minnesota is hereby authorized to purchase five thousand dollars (\$5,000) worth of sugar beet seed, immediately upon the passage of this act, from Germany.

Distributed  
to farmers  
at cost.

SEC. 3. Said seed shall be distributed by said state treasurer immediately upon the receipt thereof to such farmers as shall have made application therefor, and on payment to him of the actual cost of the seed so taken and received by each of said farmers, which said treasurer shall take receipts for the amount of seed so delivered to each of said farmers, and file the same in his office.

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

Approved April 19, 1897.

H. F. No. 762.

#### CHAPTER 147.

Legalizing  
county bonds.

*An act to legalize bonds heretofore issued by county commissioners purporting to have been issued pursuant to chapter 297 of the general laws of Minnesota for the year 1895.*

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

When issued  
and nego-  
tiated for  
funds for  
roads and  
bridges.

SECTION 1. That in all cases where the county commissioners of any county in this state shall have heretofore issued the bonds of that county to raise funds for the purpose of constructing and repairing roads or bridges purporting to have been issued pursuant to the terms of chapter 297 of the general laws of Minnesota for the year 1895, approved April fifth (5th), 1895, which bonds have been actually negotiated, and the county has received the proceeds thereof, and which do not exceed in amount two per cent. of the taxable property valuation of the county, as shown by the last preceding tax list prior to the issue of such bonds, and which are payable in not less than three years nor more than twenty years from the date of issue, said bonds so issued are hereby in all respects legalized and made binding and valid obligations of the county which has issued the same, according to the terms and at the rate of interest in said bonds specified notwithstanding that the amount of such bonds exceeds one per cent. of the as-

essed valuation of the county at the time of their issue, and notwithstanding it may require a tax levy of more than one mill upon the dollar of the taxable property in any one year to meet the payment of principal and interest when the same comes due; *provided* this act shall not apply to any suit now pending relative to the legality of any bonds so issued.

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

Approved April 19, 1897.

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CHAPTER 148.

H. P. No. 1025.

*An act to amend title C of chapter one hundred and sixty-two (162) of the general laws of 1891, relating to an appropriation to build a bridge in Mower county.*

Bridges in  
Mower  
county.

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

SECTION 1. That title C of chapter one hundred and sixty-two (162) of the general laws of 1891 be amended so as to read as follows:

Sec. 1. That the sum of eleven hundred dollars (\$1100) is hereby appropriated out of the internal improvement fund for the purpose of building bridges in Mower county under the direction of the board of county commissioners of said county.

\$1100 ap-  
propriated.

SEC. 2. Upon the receipt of a sworn statement signed by the chairman of the board of county commissioners of said county, to the effect that the amount appropriated by the provisions of this act has been expended by the commissioners of said county for bridge purposes, the state auditor shall thereupon issue a warrant in the sum of eleven hundred dollars (\$1100) payable to the county treasurer(s) of said Mower county.

SEC. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved April 19, 1897.