any of the provisions of this act, or knowingly permit the violating of any of the provisions of this act, or of the act of which this act is amendatory, whereby any of the moneys, property or assets of a bank are unlawfully loaned or used shall be punished by imprisonment in the state prison for a term not to exceed ten (10) years, and shall be severally liable to each and every creditor of such bank for the full amount of the debt due from such bank to such creditor.

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

Approved April 23, 1897.

CHAPTER 229.

S. F. No. 272.

An act to require annuity, safe deposit or trust companies to pay a fee for deposit of securities with the state auditor.

Fees for deposits of securities with state auditor.

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

SECTION 1.   Annuity, safe deposit or trust companies, organized under the laws of this state and required by law to make and keep a certain amount in securities on deposit with the state auditor, shall pay to the state auditor a fee of one (1) dollar for each bond or mortgage now on deposit or that may hereafter be deposited, pursuant to law.

SEC. 2.   The fees received by the state auditor under this act shall be paid into the state treasury and credited to the general revenue fund.

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

Approved April 23, 1897.

CHAPTER 230.

S. F. No. 408.

An act to authorize boards of commissioners in certain counties, by law specially empowered to erect court houses or other public buildings for county purposes, to audit and allow the claims of mechanics and laborers for deficiencies due them from insolvent contractors for work upon such buildings.

Commissioners authorized to audit accounts of mechanics against insolvent contractors.

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

SECTION 1. In any county of this state having a population of over one hundred and seventy-five thousand (175,000) inhabitants, any board of commissioners under whose direction any court house or other public building has been erected for such county for court house and county purposes, pursuant to special authority by law vested in such board, by whatever name, is hereby authorized and empowered to audit and allow the claims of mechanics and laborers for work and labor heretofore done and performed upon any such court house or building, for any balance due them therefor from any contractor who, through insolvency, has failed and is unable to pay the same, and there is no other security or fund from which the same may be realized.

SEC. 2. Such board of commissioners may allow to such mechanics or laborers severally the amount found justly and equitably due them for such work and labor, and thereupon the same shall be deemed valid, legal claims against the said board, to be paid in due course out of the proper fund, as in other cases.

SEC. 3. The aggregate amount hereby authorized to be paid in any such case in satisfaction of such claims shall not exceed sixteen hundred dollars ($1,600).

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

Approved April 23, 1897.

CHAPTER 231.

An act to amend section two hundred and ninety-eight (298) and section two hundred and fifty-one (251) of chapter forty-six (46) of the general laws of one thousand eight hundred and eighty-nine (1889), being section four thousand seven hundred and eleven (4711) and section four thousand six hundred and sixty-four (4664) of the general statutes of one thousand eight hundred and ninety-four (1894), and being a part of the Probate Code.

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

Amendment.   SECTION 1. That section two hundred and ninety-eight (298) of chapter forty-six of the general laws of one thousand eight hundred and eighty-nine (1889), being section four thousand seven hundred and eleven (4711) of the general statutes of one thousand eight