

for the reception of passengers; said depots to be kept well lighted and warmed for the space of time aforesaid. And where the annual business of any railroad company at any such station amounts to eight thousand (\$8,000) dollars or more, based upon the outgoing and incoming freight and passenger traffic, then such railway company shall keep an agent at said depot during the business hours of each business day during the entire year; except stations where receipts from out-going and in-coming freight and passenger traffic for any consecutive three months shall not amount to fifteen hundred (\$1,500) dollars. And any railroad company violating the provisions of this act shall be subject to the penalty as provided in section two (2) of chapter one hundred and ninety (190) of the General Laws of the year one thousand eight hundred and eighty-five (1885).

Provided, That the Railroad and Warehouse Commission may authorize the withdrawal of such agent at depots where the business is periodical during such time as there is no business at any such station.

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

Approved April 13, 1901.

CHAPTER 271.

S. F. No. 238.

An act to provide for a suitable place of burial for indigent insane soldiers and sailors of the war of the Rebellion and of the war with Spain, and the wives and widows of such soldiers who may die in any of the hospitals for the insane of this state.

Burial of indigent insane soldiers and sailors.

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

SECTION 1. Whereas, in this state quite a large number of soldiers of the war of the Rebellion, and the wives or widows of soldiers of said war, who died at such hospitals, have heretofore been buried in a plot of ground furnished by the state in which to bury the indigent dead near each of such hospitals, without stone or other mark to designate their last resting places or to indicate their service, and

SEC. 2. Whereas, in many cases such persons become insane either through hardships encountered in the service of their country or from causes incident thereto, and it is not meet or proper, when so much has been done by the country in providing suitable places for the burial of its

defenders, that these poor unfortunates should be placed in a "Potters Field."

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

Appropriation of \$2,500.

Section 1. That the sum of two thousand five hundred dollars is hereby appropriated out of any money in the state treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of providing places for the burial of soldiers of the Union Army in the War of the Rebellion, and of the late war with Spain, their wives or widows who may die at any of the hospitals for insane in this state, and for whose burial no provision is made by their relatives or friends.

How disbursed; selection of burial ground.

SEC. 2. That the fund so appropriated shall be disbursed by the state auditor in the manner and under the conditions following, and not otherwise, viz.: That as soon as the citizens or any number of them of any town in the state in which an insane hospital is located shall have procured a suitable lot or plot of ground of sufficient size in some public cemetery near such hospital, and such plot of ground shall be deeded to some responsible person or persons in said town or vicinity in trust for the burial of the persons heretofore named, and shall file a copy of the deed conveying such plot of ground with the state auditor, and such officer shall be satisfied that the ground so selected and deeded is sufficient and suitable for such purpose he shall thereupon draw an order upon the state treasurer for the payment of the sum of five hundred dollars, payable to the Grand Army Post nearest such hospital, and such order shall be paid by said treasurer to the post quartermaster when endorsed by the commander of such post and by such quartermaster; and said fund shall be employed by such post in beautifying and caring for such grounds, and in the erection of a suitable monument thereon; annual accounts of the disposition and condition of which said fund shall be furnished by the quartermaster of such post and filed in the office of said state auditor. *Provided* that it shall be no objection to said deed of trust if it shall also provide for the burial in said plot of ground of the bodies of indigent soldiers and sailors, their wives and widows as aforesaid who may die in the vicinity.

Disbandment of Post.

SEC. 2. In case any such Post shall disband or go out of existence then any balance of such fund remaining in the hands of its quartermaster shall be turned over to the persons to whom such lot was conveyed as aforesaid or to their successors; *Provided* they first give a bond to the state auditor in a sum double the amount of such fund.

with sureties approved by such auditor, conditioned for the employment of said fund for the purpose of caring for and beautifying such grounds, and for the making of annual reports as aforesaid of the condition of said fund.

SEC. 3. That as soon as such ground is provided and accepted as aforesaid notice thereof may be given by the Post, or any person interested to the superintendent of the hospital for insane, and such superintendent shall thereafter cause to be buried in said plot the bodies or all persons herein designated, hereafter dying at such hospital; and in all cases when practicable, shall also cause to be removed and placed in such plot the bodies of those who have heretofore been buried in the hospital grounds. It shall also be the duty of such superintendent to furnish in each case to the Post or persons in charge of said plot the name of the person buried and all such facts within his possession from the records of such hospital as may be necessary for the purpose of providing a suitable inscription to be placed upon the monument to be erected upon said plot.

Notice to
superintend-
ent of
hospitals.

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

Approved April 13, 1901.

CHAPTER 272.

S. F. No. 246.

An act to amend sections 1426, 1427, 1428 and 1429 of chapter ten (10), title five (5) of the General Statutes of 1894, as amended by chapter one hundred and fourteen (114) of the General Laws of 1897 and chapters forty-eight (48) and one hundred and sixty-two (162) of the General Laws of 1899, relating to public libraries and reading rooms.

Amendment,
Public
libraries
and reading
rooms.

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

SECTION 1. That section 1426 of the General Statutes of 1894, as amended by chapter one hundred and sixty-two (162) of the General Laws of 1899 be amended so as to read as follows:

Sec. 1426. When any city or village council shall have been thus authorized to establish and maintain a public library and reading room or either of them under this act, written notice shall be posted in three of the most public places in said city or village, signed by the city clerk or village recorder of said city or village, requesting the qualified voters of the city or village in which

Notices by
clerk or
recorder.