

walks, to take the place of walks previously on the same street or streets, which have been ordered without any petition therefor by the owners of property fronting or abutting thereon, be and the same are hereby legalized and made valid and binding to the same extent as if a proper petition therefor had been presented; *provided* that nothing in this act shall affect any action or proceeding now pending wherein the validity of any such assessment is now being contested by any property owner affected thereby.

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

Approved April 14, 1903.

CHAPTER 214.

H. F. No. 898.

An act to provide for payment of expenses incurred in entertainment of President Roosevelt and Admiral Schley, and to appropriate money therefor.

State appropriation.

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

SECTION 1. That the sum of two hundred (\$200), or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the state treasury not otherwise appropriated, to pay for decorations and expenses necessarily incurred in receiving and entertaining President Roosevelt and Admiral Schley.

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

Approved April 14, 1903.

CHAPTER 215.

H. F. No. 278.

An act to repeal the first proviso of section 6 of chapter 167 of the Laws of 1901, and also to authorize any and all municipal corporations of less than ten thousand inhabitants operating under a special law or special charter to avail itself of the provisions of chapter 167, Laws of 1901.

Villages.

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

SECTION 1. That the first proviso of section six (6) of chapter one hundred and sixty-seven (167) of the