designate one of their number to take, within twenty-four hours, said envelopes, containing said election returns and other papers, to the nearest postoffice, and cause them to be registered and mailed to the county auditor at his office. The person mailing such election returns and other papers shall receive for his compensation the sum of one dollar; and also ten cents per mile for each mile necessarily traveled in going to and returning from the postoffice where such election returns were mailed; said compensation to be paid out of the county treasury.

Misdemeanor.

SEC. 3. Should the judge of election so designated fail to register and mail said election returns and other papers within the time herein specified he shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and punished accordingly.

SEC. 4. Provided, however, that this act shall not apply to election districts where the place of holding the polls is within ten (10) miles of the office of the county auditor by the nearest traveled route.

SEC. 5. All acts or parts of acts inconsistent with this act are hereby repealed.

SEC. 6. This act shall take effect and be in force, from and after its passage.

Approved April 17, 1905.

H. F. No. 420.

## CHAPTER 215.

An act to amend section one thousand eight hundred sixty-three (1863) of the General Laws of 1894, relating to the obstruction of highways and the penalty therefor. Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

Obstruction to highways and penalty.

SECTION 1. That section one thousand eight hundred sixty-three (1863) of the General Statutes for 1894 be and the same is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

Section 1863. Whoever at any time obstructs any of the public highways in this state, in any manner, with intent to prevent the free use thereof by the public, or who shall dig any holes or remove any dirt, sand or clay from any such highway or any part thereof, and thereby damage the same, shall be subject to a fine of not less than five nor more than twenty-five dollars, together with the costs attending such conviction, and, on failure to pay such fine and costs, may be committed to the county jail, there to remain until such fine and costs are paid, or until dis-

charged, according to law; and it is hereby made the duty of the board of supervisors of the several towns of this state to make complaint and prosecute, in their official capacity, all violations of the provisions of this section.

SEC. 2. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent here-

with are hereby repealed.

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

Approved April 17, 1905.

## CHAPTER 216.

S. F. No. 246.

An act to provide for the payment of claims against the state for animals killed under the provisions of chapter 141, Laws of 1903.

Whereas, chapter 141 of the Laws of 1903 was unintentionally repealed by chapter 352 of the laws of the same session, and, whereas, the public authorities of said state have in good faith proceeded under the terms of said chapter 141, and have in many cases appraised and killed animals of the classes therein referred to, therefore

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

Section 1. That all proceedings heretofore taken under and according to the terms of said chapter 141 of the Laws of 1903, or the law of which it was amendatory, relating to the condemnation, appraisement and killing of the class of diseased animals therein described, are hereby in all respects validated, and each and every person in said state owning any animals so killed and appraised shall be paid the amount he would have been entitled to under said law, the same as if the same had not been so repealed, out of the money heretofore or hereafter appropriated for the purpose.

The president and secretary of the state live stock sanitary board are hereby authorized to examine all claims presented under this act, and if they find and certify that such claims come within its intent and meaning, such claims shall be paid, otherwise not. *Provided*, that no claim shall be paid unless presented within six (6) months after the passage of this act.

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

Approved April 17, 1905.

Condemnation of deceased animals.

Limit to payment of claims.