

mental headquarters for the purpose of holding an election outside of their own station, they shall be allowed for traveling and incidental expenses, the sum of three dollars per day, not to exceed two days, in addition to transportation."

Sec. 3. **Skeleton organization from three batteries of field artillery—Limit of appropriation.**—That Section 1048 of the Revised Laws of Minnesota, 1905, as amended by Chapter 56, Session Laws of Minnesota for the year 1909, be and the same is hereby further amended to read as follows:

"Sec. 1048. How constituted—Peace—Strength.—The active militia, organized, armed and equipped as required by law, shall be known as the 'Minnesota National Guard.' In time of peace it shall consist of three regiments of infantry, organized into a brigade, and one *regiment* of field artillery which may be attached to the brigade for the purpose of administration and instruction: also the several staff corps and departments, similar to the staff corps and departments prescribed for the regular army of the United States, which are hereby authorized to the extent that the same may be necessary to provide proper staff officers and enlisted men for the national guard as herein established. The term 'National Guard' shall apply only to the militia organized as a land force. The provisions of this chapter relating to the corps of artillery or *battalion of field artillery* shall apply to the *regiment of field artillery*, *Provided, that three batteries of the regiment of field artillery may have a skeleton organization to consist of the officers and non-commissioned officers only, with or without complete armament or equipment, and provided further that the expenditure of state funds for the inspection, camp pay and equipment of the enlisted strength of the regiment of field artillery shall be limited to the appropriations available for the authorized strength of one battalion of field artillery.*"

Approved March 5, 1913.

CHAPTER 45—H. F. No. 1.

An Act to authorize any city of the first class not governed by a home rule charter to issue and sell its bonds for the purpose of arching or covering over any creek in such city.

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

Section 1. **\$50,000 stone arch bonds authorized.**—Any city of the first class not governed by a home rule charter is hereby authorized, by resolution duly passed by an affirmative vote of not less than two thirds of all the members of its city council or other governing body, to issue and sell not to exceed \$50,000

par value, of the bonds of such city, for the purpose of arching or covering over any creek flowing in, over or across any lands or public highway in such city including the straightening of such stream and the acquiring of private property necessary to the making of such improvement.

Sec. 2. 'How issued and sold.—The bonds so authorized may be issued and sold notwithstanding any law of this state prescribing or fixing a limit upon the bonded indebtedness of such city. The faith and credit of the city shall be pledged for the payment of the bonds issued hereunder and the current interest thereon. The city council or other governing body of such city shall include each year in the tax levy of such city an amount sufficient to provide for the payment of such interest, and the sinking fund of the city shall be pledged to the redemption of such bonds at maturity.

Sec. 3. To bear interest at 4%, and to run not longer than 30 years.—No bonds shall be issued under this act to run for a longer term than thirty years, or bearing a higher rate of interest than four (4) per cent, payable semi-annually. The place of payment of principal and interest and the denomination in which such bonds shall be issued shall be such as may be determined by the city council or other governing body, and may be in the form of coupon bonds or registered certificates, so called.

Sec. 4. To be signed by mayor and clerk and countersigned.—All such bonds shall be signed by the mayor, attested by the city clerk and countersigned by the city comptroller of such city and shall be sealed with the city seal, except that the signatures to the coupon attached thereto, if any, may be lithographed thereon; and none of such bonds shall be sold at less than 95 per cent of their par value and accrued interest, and only to the highest responsible bidder therefor.

Sec. 5. This act shall not apply to any city governed by a home rule charter.

Approved March 6, 1913.

CHAPTER 46—H. F. No. 206.

An Act authorizing certain cities of the first class to issue bonds for acquiring land and erecting hospital and workhouse improvements, and for the acquisition of additional equipment for existing hospitals and workhouses.

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

Section 1. \$300,000 hospital improvement bonds authorized.—Any city of the first class not governed by a home rule charter is hereby authorized to issue and sell its bonds, to an