

ing the products of their labors, (4) by care and relief for the indigent blind, and in any other practicable means of alleviating their condition.

Sec. 3. **Necessary expenses to be defrayed from current expense appropriations.**—The board of directors of the Minnesota school for the blind are hereby authorized to defray the necessary expenses of the aforesaid agency from the appropriations for the current expenses of said board.

Sec. 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after August first, 1913.

Approved April 24, 1913.

CHAPTER 489—H. F. No. 967.

An Act to provide for the separation from cities of two thousand population or less, incorporated as a city under Chapter 8 of the General Laws of 1895, and incorporated as a village under Chapter 40 of the Special Laws of 1881, platted agricultural lands included with the corporate limits in such cities, in certain cases.

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

Section 1. **When agricultural land may be detached from city.**—The owner of all the lots and blocks of any platted tract of land containing not less than forty acres, used, and occupied solely for agricultural purposes, situated within the corporate limits of any city in this state of not more than two thousand population, incorporated as a city under Chapter 8 of the General Laws of 1895, and incorporated as a village under Chapter 40 of the Special Laws of 1881, and apart from the settled, built up portion of said city, may petition the board of county commissioners of the county in which said tract of land is situated, for an order detaching said tract from said city.

Sec. 2. **Petition to be filed and date fixed for hearing.**—Upon the filing of said petition in the office of the county auditor of said county, the board of county commissioners thereof, shall, at their next meeting thereafter fix a time and place for the hearing of such petition, which time shall not be less than thirty days thereafter, and shall direct a notice of such hearing to be issued and signed by the county auditor of said county, on behalf of such board, which notice shall state the name of such petitioner, describe the tract of land sought to be detached, and the time and place of such hearing, and shall contain a copy of such petition, which notice said petitioner shall cause to be served upon the mayor of said city or the city clerk thereof, at least twenty days before the day of hearing, and shall post three copies of such notice, one in each of three of the most pub-

lic places in said city, and said notice shall also be served personally within the same time upon the town clerk of the town to which said land will be annexed, if the petition is granted, and said notice shall also be published for two successive weeks, once in each week in a legal newspaper printed and published in said city.

Sec. 3. Hearing and order of county board.—At the time and place set in said notice for the hearing upon said petition, the said board of county commissioners shall hear all evidence and arguments for and against said petition, produced before them; if they shall find that all the lots and blocks in said tract of land are owned by the petitioner, and are used and fit solely for agricultural purposes, and that the same is not a part of the settled built up portion of said city, and that the said land is so conditioned, as not properly to be subjected to city government and is not necessary for the sewerage of said city or for the reasonable exercise of the police powers or other powers or functions of said city, and that the same may be so detached from said city without unreasonably affecting the symmetry of the settled portion thereof, such board of county commissioners shall make their order detaching said land, and all the streets and alleys between the lots and blocks therein contained, from said city, and thereupon said tract of land and all the lots and blocks therein contained and said streets and alleys shall be and become detached from said city, and shall thereafter form a part of the township in which it was originally situated, and shall in all things, be subject to the town government of such township, and not in any manner under the jurisdiction of said city, and such order shall be filed in the office of the county auditor of such county and recorded in the office of the register of deeds thereof, and a duplicate thereof shall be filed in the office of the city clerk of said city, within five days after the same shall have been made.

Provided, however, that no streets in said tract of land, which are, at the time of said petition, graded and used as public highways, shall be thereby vacated.

Sec. 4. Property still subject to bonded indebtedness.—Such separation from said city, shall not release such tract of land from its liability on account of any outstanding bond or other indebtedness of such city, existing at the time of its separation therefrom, and in order that such detached territory shall pay its proportionate share of such outstanding indebtedness, and any renewal of such indebtedness or extension thereof, and interest thereon, the common council of such city where such territory shall thereafter be detached, under this act, may submit proof at the time of the hearing upon said petition, and the county board may find and determine the amount of indebtedness outstanding at the time of such detaching of said territory, and

incorporate the amount of the same in its order; and said city council shall, in each year thereafter, at the time of levying the various taxes for city purposes, levied upon the taxable property of such city, and upon the taxable real estate within such detached territory, thereafter taxes sufficient to pay such outstanding indebtedness or any renewal or extension thereof, and interest thereon, due and payable in each year, and the county auditor shall place the same upon the tax list of such city in the same manner as other taxes therein, and upon such detached real estate in such detached territory, upon the tax list in the taxing district where the same is then situated, in the same manner as other taxes therein, and such taxes shall be collected with and in like manner as county and state taxes are paid, and payment thereof enforced and the county treasurer shall pay such taxes when collected over to the treasurer of such city, in the same manner as other taxes are paid over.

Sec. 5. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved April 24, 1913.

CHAPTER 490—H. F. No. 989.

An Act relating to manufacture and sale of mattresses, and providing a penalty for the violation thereof.

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

Section 1. Mattresses offered for sale must be properly branded.—Whoever manufactures for sale, offers for sale, sells, delivers, or has in his possession with intent to sell or deliver any mattress which is not properly branded, or labeled or whoever uses, either in whole or in part in the manufacture of mattresses, any cotton, or other material which has been used, or has formed a part of any mattress, or bedding used in or about public or private hospitals or on or about any person having infectious or contagious diseases or whoever dealing in mattresses, has a mattress in his possession for the purpose of sale, or offers it for sale, without a brand or label as herein provided, or removes, conceals or defaces the brand or label thereon, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of not less than twenty-five dollars nor more than five hundred dollars, or by imprisonment in the county jail not to exceed six months, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

Sec. 2. What statement brand must contain.—The brand or label therein required shall contain, in plain print in the English language, a statement of the material used in the manufacture of such mattresses, whether such materials are, in whole or in