

tion 7020, General Statutes, 1913, be and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 7020. Whoever contributes to the improvement of real estate by performing labor, or furnishing skill, material or machinery, for any of the purposes hereinafter stated, whether under a contract with the owner of such real estate or at the instance of any agent, trustee, contractor or subcontractor of such owner, shall have a lien upon said improvement, and upon the land on which it is situated or to which it may be removed, for the price or value of such contribution; that is to say, for the erection, alteration, repair, or removal of any building, fixtures, bridge, wharf, fence, or other structure thereon, or for grading, filling in or excavating the same, or for clearing or grubbing land, or for digging or repairing any ditch, drain, well, fountain, cistern, reservoir, or vault thereon, or for laying, altering or repairing any sidewalk, curb, gutter, paving, sewer, pipe, or conduit in or upon the same, or in or upon the adjoining half of any highway, street or alley upon which the same abuts.

Approved April 17, 1917.

CHAPTER 286—H. F. No. 155.

An act to legalize acknowledgments taken by notaries public who are members of the legislature at the time of taking such acknowledgments, together with the record of instruments bearing such acknowledgments.

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

Section 1. Acknowledgments of representatives in legislature as notaries public legalized.—That all acknowledgments taken by any member of the legislature of this state as a notary public, who at the time of taking such acknowledgment was a member of said state legislature, are hereby legalized and made valid and effectual in all particulars, together with the records thereof where the instrument bearing such acknowledgment has been recorded as provided by law; provided that this act shall not extend to any action or proceeding now pending.

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

Approved April 17, 1917.

CHAPTER 287—H. F. No. 167.

An act to amend Section 4284, General Statutes 1913, relating to construction of side tracks to elevators, etc.

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

Section 1. Side tracks to sand or gravel pit, crushed rock, or concrete plants authorized in connection with tracks to other

institutions.—That section 4284, General Statutes 1913, be amended so as to read as follows:

4284. Every such company, upon written demand of the owner of any grain warehouse or mill of not less than five thousand (5,000) bushels capacity, adjacent to the right of way of such company and at or near any regular station thereof, shall construct, maintain and operate at its own expense, proper side tracks, connecting such warehouse or mill with the tracks of such railroad, and afford the owner thereof proper and reasonable facilities for shipment therefrom. Should additional right of way be required for such side track, the cost and expense of procuring it shall be paid by the owner of said mill or warehouse. Such company shall also construct, maintain, and operate side tracks connecting with its road any such grain warehouse, dock, wharf, mill, coal yard, quarry, brick or lime kiln, sand or gravel pit, crushed rock or concrete plant, or manufactory adjacent thereto as shall be required and on such terms as may be fixed by the commission on application of either party.

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

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CHAPTER 288—H. F. No. 168.

An act validating and legalizing proceedings for termination and the foreclosure and cancellation of contracts for the sale or purchase of real estate, and the records thereof where the mortgage tax on such contracts has not been paid prior to the foreclosure or cancellation thereof, or subsequent thereto.

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

Section 1. Certain contracts of foreclosure and purchase of real estate and records pertaining to same legalized.—That in all cases where a contract for the purchase or sale of real estate has been foreclosed or cancelled, or attempted to be foreclosed or cancelled, and such foreclosure or cancellation is defective by reason of the fact that prior thereto no mortgage registration tax has been paid on said contract, such foreclosure or cancellation, and all proceedings in connection therewith and the records thereof, if any, shall have been made, are hereby legalized and made as valid and effectual to all intents and purposes and of the same force and effect in all respects, for the purpose of notice, evidence, validity, foreclosure, cancellation and in all respects, the same as if such mortgage registration tax had been paid prior to the time of the commencement of any such proceedings, provided, that said mortgage registration tax on any such contract shall be paid in full before the