

Section 745. The board of county commissioners of any county in this state having less than 200,000 inhabitants, may appropriate annually out of the general revenue fund of such county, a sum of money not exceeding a sum equal to five cents per capita of the population of such county, according to the last census, either federal or state, of such county. Such sum so appropriated shall be paid to any incorporated development society or organization of this state which in the opinion of the board of county commissioners will use such money for the best interests of such county in advertising, improving or developing the agricultural resources of such county, and such other matter as may tend to a development of the county.

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

Approved April 10, 1919.

CHAPTER 206—S. F. No. 586.

An act providing for the general care, improvement and supervision of the land owned and acquired by the state of Minnesota under the provisions of Chapter 376, Laws of 1895, which land is situate in Renville county and known as the battlefield of Birch Coulie.

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

Section 1. Battlefield of Birch Coulie placed in charge of auditor.—Until otherwise provided for, the state auditor shall be vested with the care, improvement and supervision of the land now owned and acquired by the state of Minnesota under the provisions of chapter 376, Laws of 1895, which land is situate in Renville county, Minnesota, and known as the battlefield of Birch Coulie.

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

Approved April 10, 1919.

CHAPTER 207—S. F. No. 405.

An act requiring registers of deeds to record and return instruments within thirty days.

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

Section 1. Register of deeds required to record deeds, etc., within 30 days under penalty of removal from office.—Every register of deeds shall within thirty (30) days after any instrument entitled to record is left with him for that purpose, actually record the same in the manner provided by law and return the same, in person or by mail, to the person who left such instrument with him

for record, if his residence is known, or to such other person and at such address as he may be directed to deliver the same. Persistent failure to so record and return instruments entitled to record, upon demand therefor and payment of recording fees, shall constitute nonfeasance in office and be sufficient ground for removal therefrom.

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

Approved April 10, 1919.

CHAPTER 208—H. F. No. 213.

An act to amend Section 2, Chapter 260, Laws 1915, relating to the prescription by physicians, surgeons, and dentists of certain narcotics, for habitual users of the same so as to prohibit such prescriptions.

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

Section 1. **Certain narcotics prohibited.**—That section 2, chapter 260 of Laws 1915, be amended so as to read as follows:

Section 2. It shall be unlawful for any physician, surgeon or dentist to furnish to, or prescribe for, the use of any habitual user of the same any of the substances enumerated in section 1, chapter 260, Laws 1915, unless such physician, surgeon or dentist can show that it is necessary to furnish or prescribe the same to such user in order to save his life.

Approved April 10, 1919.

CHAPTER 209—H. F. No. 861.

An act authorizing the county board of any county to designate an assistant engineer of the highway department of the state to act as superintendent of maintenance on state roads and as such to issue time checks for work done in the maintenance of state roads under the provisions of Chapter 182, Laws 1915.

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

Section 1. **Assistant engineers authorized.**—The county board of any county is hereby authorized to appoint, by resolution, an assistant engineer of the state highway department as superintendent of maintenance on state roads within the county and may by complying with the requirements of chapter 182, Laws 1915, authorize such superintendent so appointed to issue time checks payable by the county treasurer in the manner specified in said chapter 182, Laws 1915.

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

Approved April 10, 1919.