

CHAPTER XCIX.

March 4, 1871. *An Act to establish the county of Holcomb, and provide for its organization.*

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

Establishment of
said county—
boundary lines.

SECTION 1. That so much territory of the counties of Otter Tail and Wilkin, as is embraced in the following boundaries, be and the same is hereby established, as the county of Holcomb, beginning at the southeast corner of township one hundred and thirty-one north, of range forty-one west, and running thence north along the range line between ranges forty and forty-one, to the northeast corner of township one hundred and thirty-seven of range forty-one, thence west along the line between townships one hundred and thirty-seven and one hundred and thirty-eight, to the northwest corner of township one hundred and thirty-seven, range forty-three, thence south along the range line between ranges forty-three and forty-four, to the southwest corner of township one hundred and thirty-seven of range forty-three, thence west along the township line to the northwest corner of township one hundred and thirty-six of range forty-four, thence south along the range line between ranges forty-four and forty-five, to the south-west corner of township one hundred and thirty-one of range forty-four, thence east along the township line between townships one hundred and

thirty and one hundred and thirty-one, to the place of beginning.

SEC. 2. The name of the above included county shall be Holcomb, and the county-seat of said county shall be at the village of Fergus Falls, on the north-west quarter of section three, of township one hundred and thirty-two north, of range forty-three west. County seat.

SEC. 3. At the time of giving notice of the next general election, it shall be the duty of the officers in Otter Tail and Wilkin counties required by law to give notice of such general election, to give notice in like manner, that at said election a vote will be taken on the question establishing the county of Holcomb in accordance with the provisions of this act. At said election the voters in each of said counties in favor of establishing the county proposed in this act shall have distinctly written or printed on their ballots, "for establishing the county of Holcomb," and those opposed to the establishing of said proposed county "against establishing the county of Holcomb." The votes upon said question shall be canvassed in the same manner and returned to the same office by the judges of election of the several townships, as votes for county officers. To be submitted to voters of Otter Tail and Wilkin counties—ballots how prepared—how canvassed.

SEC. 4. The county officers to whom the returns are made, in each of said counties, shall, within ten days after said election, canvass the votes returned for and against establishing the proposed county, and shall forthwith certify the result of such canvass to the governor, who, if it appears that a majority of the voters in said counties, present at said general election, and voting upon the question of establishing the county proposed in this act, shall have voted in favor thereof, shall make proclamation thereof by causing to be published in two daily newspapers in the city of St. Paul, that the establishing of said county of Holcomb proposed by this act has been ratified by a majority of the voters of said counties. Governor to issue proclamation—when.

SEC. 5. That in case the establishing of the county proposed by this act shall be ratified by the voters of said counties as herein provided, the governor shall appoint three qualified electors of said county of Holcomb as commissioners of said county, and the said commissioners shall, as soon as may be after their appointment, meet at the county seat and qualify, and enter upon the duties of their offices, and they shall hold their offices

until the next general election occurring more than thirty days after their qualification and until their successors are elected and qualified.

Duty of Commissioners,

SEC. 6. The county commissioners appointed and qualified according to the provisions of section five of this act shall, at their first meeting, or at any meeting thereafter, appoint qualified persons to fill all the county offices in said county except clerk of the district court, who shall be appointed by the judge of said court, which persons, so appointed and having qualified, shall hold their offices until the next general election occurring more than thirty days after their appointment, and until their successors are elected and qualified.

Repeal of inconsistent acts.

SEC. 7. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with this act be and the same are hereby repealed.

When act to take effect.

SEC. 8. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved March 4, 1871.