

Section 1. The St. Paul and Pacific Railroad Company, a corporation existing under the laws of this state, is hereby authorized to survey, construct and maintain a branch line of its railroad commencing at Sauk Centre in the county of Stearns, and running thence by the way of Benson in the county of Swift and Montevideo in the county of Chippewa, to Marshall in the county of Lyon: *Provided*, The said branch road shall be constructed and completed to the village of Marshall on or before the first day of September, A. D. one thousand eight hundred and seventy-seven.

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

Approved March 6, 1873.

CHAPTER CIX.

AN ACT TO AMEND THE CHARTER OF THE MINNESOTA CENTRAL RAILROAD COMPANY.

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

SECTION 1. That chapter one hundred and seven (107) of the special laws of 1872, entitled "An act to amend an act to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Minnesota Central Railroad Company," approved May twenty-third, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-seven, approved March ninth, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-seven, be amended by adding thereto the following sections, namely:

Sec. 4. That if it shall be found convenient for the construction or operating of said branch road authorized by this act, or of any portion of its main or branch lines, said company are hereby authorized to create general or common, or special or preferred stock, applicable to said branch road or its main and branch lines, or either of them, and may provide by agreement for the management of the business of said road authorized by this act, as a distinct, separate interest; *Provided*, That the stock, property, bonds, debts and liabilities, issued or contracted for the benefit of said branch, shall apply to and bind only the property of said branch, and it is further provided that debts and liabilities contracted for the benefit of the main line shall apply to and bind only the property of said main line.

Sec. 5. Said company may by resolution of its board of directors, designate the name by which said branch line may be known, to take effect after public notice of such change or designation shall be given for one month in one of the daily newspapers of the city of St. Paul, but such change of name shall not affect any rights or liabilities of said company under any former name.

Sec. 6. The stockholders of said branch line are hereby authorized to elect a board of directors to consist of not less than seven nor more than eleven, and to have a president, secretary and treasurer, which organization shall have full and entire control and management of said branch line, and have a common seal; and said board of directors shall have all the powers and privileges granted by the charter of the said Minnesota Central Railroad Company and the amendments thereto, so far as the same may be made applicable to the construction and operation of said branch line.

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

Approved March 10, 1873.

CHAPTER CX.

AN ACT FOR THE CONSOLIDATION OF "THE CANNON RIVER IMPROVEMENT COMPANY," WITH "THE MINNESOTA CENTRAL RAILROAD COMPANY."

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

SECTION 1. The Cannon River Improvement Company, a corporation formed under the general laws of this state, is hereby enabled and authorized to consolidate all and singular, its franchises, rights, privileges, immunities, stock, and property of every kind and description, with the franchises, rights, privileges, immunities, stock and property of the Minnesota Central Railroad Company, a corporation formed under an act of the legislative assembly of the territory of Minnesota, entitled "An act to incorporate the Minnesota Central Railroad Company," approved May twenty-third, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-seven. And the said Cannon River Improvement Company is hereby authorized and empowered to sell, transfer, assign and convey unto the said Minnesota Central Railroad