

crop of the present year, and loan the same to those settlers of that county where crops were destroyed by grasshoppers during the year 1875. The quantity of seed wheat furnished to any one settler or family shall not exceed a quantity of wheat sufficient to seed fifty acres of land. The appropriation made by the board of commissioners, under this act, shall be made only from the surplus funds of the county revenue, and not to exceed in the aggregate the amount of such surplus funds which may be on hand at the time of making such appropriation.

SEC. 2. Before furnishing any seed wheat under this act to any person, the board of commissioners shall require the person to whom the same is to be furnished to enter into a contract with the said board of commissioners, whereby the parties so receiving such loan shall give to the said board of commissioners a lien on the crop to be grown from the wheat so loaned to the amount of the value of such seed wheat furnished, and further authorize the said board of commissioners to receive and take possession of a sufficient quantity of wheat, the crop raised from the seed so furnished, to re-imburse the county for the loan together with the expense of marketing the same at the time of threshing the crop, or at any time thereafter as the said board of commissioners may direct. The said board are authorized to receive any other security for the repayment of the loan which shall be approved by the board.

SEC. 3. All disbursements made under this act shall be by orders drawn on the treasurer of McLeod county, and all repayments shall be made payable into the treasury of said county, either by the persons receiving such loans or from the proceeds of wheat received in payment, or as security for repayment.

SEC. 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved January 27, 1876.

CHAPTER CXCIX.

AN ACT TO LEGALIZE THE ACTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RAPIDAN, IN THE COUNTY OF BLUE EARTH, STATE OF MINNESOTA, IN OFFERING A BOUNTY FOR CATCHING GRASSHOPPERS, AND ALL ACTS DONE BY SAID BOARD RELATING THERETO.

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

SECTION 2. That the actions of the town board of supervisors of the town of Rapidan, in the county of Blue Earth, in offering a bounty for catching grasshoppers, and in issuing bonds to obtain funds to pay said bounties, and the special town meeting held by the legal voters of

said town, on the 22d day of June, 1875, authorizing said supervisors to issue said bonds, be and the same are hereby legalized and made lawful acts.

SEC. 2. And the said board of supervisors, and their successors in office, are hereby authorized and required to levy a special tax upon the taxable property of said town, to provide for the payment of said bonds, and the interest thereon as they mature.

SEC. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved February 17, 1876.

CHAPTER CC.

AN ACT TO AMEND THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF STILLWATER, PROVIDING FOR A MUNICIPAL COURT THEREIN.

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

SECTION 1. An act entitled "An act to reduce the law incorporating the city of Stillwater, in the county of Washington, and state of Minnesota, and the several acts amendatory thereof into one act and to amend the same," approved March 3, 1870, with the amendments thereto thereafter duly made, is hereby amended as follows, viz: Section two (2), chapter two (2) of said act, amended so that the first clause thereof comprising part of the first four lines, as the same appear in the copy thereof printed by authority of the legislature as special laws, shall read as follows:

Sec. 2. The elective officers of said city shall be a mayor, treasurer and a judge of the municipal court, all of which officers shall be residents in and qualified voters of said city.

SEC. 2. The words "one justice of the peace and" in the fourth and fifth lines of said copy of said section are hereby stricken out, and the words "justices of the peace," when the same refer to the justices of the peace in and for said city, wherever they may occur in said act are hereby stricken out, also the words "justices of the peace" in line three, of section thirteen, of chapter three, of said act printed as aforesaid, and the proviso occurring in lines seventeen, eighteen, nineteen and twenty of said section thirteen is hereby stricken out, and the last clause, being part of the last six lines of section fourteen of said chapter three of said act. Said act is also amended by substituting the words "judge of the municipal court" in place of "city justices," whenever the same occur therein.

SEC. 3. The third section of chapter six of said act is also hereby amended by striking out the words "which the said justice shall reduce to writing," in lines thirteen and fourteen of said section, and also by striking out the sentence commencing in the seventeenth line of said