

and interest to become due in the next year, to be known as the "Coupon bond fund," and to be collected by the county treasurer as other taxes are; and when so collected to be used for the payment of the interest and principal of said bonds and for no other purpose whatever, until said bonds are fully paid, principal and interest.

SEC. 5. The said board of county commissioners shall not have authority to negotiate said bonds, nor any of them at less than their par value.

SEC. 6. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved February 11, 1879.

CHAPTER CXLVI.

AN ACT TO ENABLE THE COUNTIES OF BELLOIT, STEARNS, MEEKER, McLEOD, SIBLEY, NICOLLET AND BLUE EARTH, AND EACH OF THE TOWNS AND INCORPORATED CITIES AND VILLAGES IN SAID COUNTIES TO ISSUE THEIR BONDS FOR THE PURPOSES THEREIN NAMED.

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

SECTION 1. That each of the counties of Benton, Stearns, Meeker, McLeod, Sibley, Nicollet and Blue Earth, and each of the towns and incorporated cities and villages in said counties, or either of them, are authorized to issue bonds as hereinafter provided to aid in the construction of a railway from Sauk Rapids in Benton county, via Saint Cloud, Litchfield, Hutchinson and Saint Peter, to Mankato in Blue Earth county. *Provided*, that no one of said counties, towns, incorporated cities or villages shall be allowed to vote bonds for the above named purpose to a greater amount than five per cent. of the taxable property of said counties, towns, incorporated cities or villages, as appears upon the assessment rolls for the preceding year. *And provided further*, that nothing in this act shall authorize the counties of Blue Earth, Nicollet and Sibley to issue county bonds in aid of said railroad, but all such aid shall be voted by the towns, incorporated cities and villages of said counties.

SEC. 2. Said bonds shall be issued in sums of not less than one hundred dollars each and bear interest at a rate not exceeding seven per cent per annum payable annually. They shall run for a period not exceeding twenty years from their respective dates, and be made payable to "bearer." The bonds issued by the counties shall be

signed by the chairman of the board of county commissioners and countersigned by the county auditor of each of said counties. Those issued by the towns shall be signed by the chairman of the board of town supervisors and countersigned by the town clerk, and those issued by the incorporated cities and villages shall be signed by the president of the council or other municipal authorities and countersigned by their clerk. Whenever a petition shall be presented to the board of county commissioners of either of said counties not excepted by the last proviso of section one, signed by fifty resident freeholders of said county; or whenever a petition shall be presented to the supervisors of any town or the municipal authorities of any incorporated city or village in said counties, signed by fifteen resident freeholders of such incorporated city, village or town, asking that the question of aiding in the construction of any railroad as above provided, and stating the amount desired to be furnished as such aid, and the place or locality where it is desired to expend the same, be submitted to the voters thereof, it shall be the duty of said board of county commissioners of such county, or board of town supervisors of such town, or city council or other municipal authorities of such incorporated city or village, to immediately give notice of an election by publication in some newspaper published in said county, if there be one, also by posting copies thereof in three public places in each of the towns of said county in case of a county election, and in five public places in such township, city or village, at least twenty days before said election, which notice shall specify the time and place of holding said election, the railroad proposed to be aided, the amount of bonds proposed to be issued by the county, town, incorporated city or village, the time of payment and rate of interest to be paid on said bonds, the terms of issue and delivery of the same, and the vote of the election thereon shall be by ballot. Those voting in favor of issuing said bonds having printed or written or partly printed and partly written on their ballots the words "For issuing bonds, yes," and those voting against issuing said bonds having printed or written or partly printed or written on their ballots the words "For issuing bonds, no."

SEC. 3. Said votes shall be received and canvassed by the judges of election of the several precincts in the different counties in the same manner as votes for county, town, city or village officers are canvassed, and in case of county elections under the provisions of this act, the returns shall be made to the county auditor of such county, in the same time and manner as annual election returns are made.

SEC. 4. The proper authorities of each of said counties, towns, incorporated cities and villages issuing said bonds, shall annually levy a tax in amount sufficient to pay the interest on said bonds, and also at the proper time to pay the principal of said bonds when due. Said taxes shall be levied and collected as other taxes are now levied and collected.

SEC. 5. No bonds shall be issued and delivered to any railroad company or corporation under the provisions of this act, until after the road for which such bonds were voted shall have been com-

pleted ready for the cars from one terminus continuously through or to the county, town, incorporated city or village voting such bonds, or to the nearest point on the line of said road to such county, town, incorporated city or village.

SEC. 6. In case of submission of the question of issuing bonds as aforesaid, and the same have been voted down in any county, town, city or incorporated village, the same question upon a new petition may be again submitted in the same manner and with the same effect as at the previous special election. *Provided*, that no more than one special election under this act shall be held in any county, town, incorporated city or village in any one year, unless held upon a day of general election, in such county, town, city or village. *Provided*, that, nothing in this act contained shall be so construed as to prevent the aid contemplated in this act from being applied to a narrow gauge railroad in case it should be deemed expedient to build a narrow gauge road.

SEC. 7. The public use and benefit of the above-mentioned railroad is hereby declared.

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

Approved March 10, 1879.

CHAPTER CXLVII.

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF FARIBAUT COUNTY, STATE OF MINNESOTA, TO ISSUE BONDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF BUILDING A JAIL.

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

SECTION 1. The county commissioners of Faribault county, state of Minnesota, are hereby authorized to issue the bonds of said county, in a sum not exceeding ten thousand dollars, with interest coupons attached, for the purpose of building a jail for the use of said county, at Blue Earth City, in said county; *Provided*, said bonds shall not be sold or disposed of by said commissioners for less than par value.

SEC. 2. Said bonds may be issued in such denominations as said commissioners may deem proper, and shall bear interest at the rate of seven per cent. per annum, interest payable annually, and be made payable within five years from their date.

SEC. 3. That the county commissioners of said county are hereby authorized to levy a tax sufficient to pay said bonds as they shall fall due.