

books, showing an abstract of the title to all the land in said Meeker county, as shown by the records in the office of the register of deeds, and place the same in the office of the register of deeds of said county for the use of the public and to keep the same complete, and they may make payment for the same out of any moneys belonging to said county of Meeker in the county treasury, or may issue orders bearing interest at a rate of not to exceed seven (7) per cent. per annum and payable on or before two (2) years from the date of their issue, to be used for the purpose of making such purchase in whole or in part. *Provided*, that the amount of such orders shall not exceed two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500).

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

Approved April 13, 1889.

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## CHAPTER 327.

[H. F. No. 184.]

### AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE AND REQUIRE EACH TOWNSHIP IN THE COUNTY OF RENVILLE TO SUPPORT ITS OWN POOR.

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

SECTION 1. The several towns in the county of Renville shall be authorized and required to provide for the assistance and support of all paupers and poor persons who are proper subjects for public charity, and who have been legal residents of the respective towns in the said county of Renville for one (1) year next before applying for or receiving public assistance; and the supervisors of the respective towns shall have entire and exclusive superintendence of such poor.

SEC. 2. All the rights, powers and duties granted to or imposed upon the county commissioners of the several counties of this state, relative to the support, maintenance, relief, removal and apprenticing of poor persons, by the general laws of this state, shall be within each town in the said county of Renville, and granted to and imposed upon the board of supervisors thereof; and in all cases where said town shall expend any money in the removal, relief, support, maintenance or burial of any person who has a relative chargeable by law with his or her support, or who has a legal settlement in any county or other town, city or municipal corporation within this state, it shall be entitled to and may recover from such relative, or from such county or other town, city or municipal corporation which is charged by law with the support of such person, the same amount and in the same manner as is provided by law for counties to recover under like circumstances.

SEC. 3. The several towns shall levy or cause to be levied each year

a tax upon the real and personal property in said town, respectively, of such sum as it shall deem necessary to provide for the relief of poor persons having a legal settlement therein needing public relief or support; which tax may, if necessary, be in addition to and in excess of the aggregate amount of township taxation otherwise authorized by law to be levied therein.

SEC. 4. The county treasurer of the county of Renville shall at each settlement with the county auditor hereafter made, set apart for each town, respectively, and pay over to the treasurer of said respective towns, all taxes and moneys in the county treasury at the time of such settlement levied and collected as taxes upon the real and personal property in such town for the support of the poor; and no taxes for the support or relief of poor shall be hereafter levied upon property in said towns, except such as may be voted by such towns, as hereinafter provided.

SEC. 5. All persons who have been supported in whole or in part within the several towns, by the said county, and who had not a legal settlement in said towns for the full period of one (1) year next prior to receiving aid from said county, shall, for all purposes of this act, be considered residents of the town in which they had a legal settlement at the time of first receiving aid.

SEC. 6. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with this act, are hereby repealed.

SEC. 7. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage; *provided*, that the county of Renville shall continue to have charge of the poor within the county until fifteen (15) days after the first settlement between the county treasurer and auditor after the passage of this act.

Approved March 11, 1889.

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## CHAPTER 328.

[H. F. No. 173.]

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A FREE PONTOON WAGON BRIDGE ACROSS THE MINNESOTA RIVER BETWEEN THE CITY OF SAINT PETER, IN THE COUNTY OF NICOLLET, AND THE TOWN OF KASOTA, IN THE COUNTY OF LE SUEUR, AND APPROPRIATING MONEY THEREFOR.

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

SECTION 1. That the city of Saint Peter, in the county of Nicollet is hereby authorized to construct and maintain a good and substantial free pontoon wagon bridge, provided with a suitable draw, with an opening of not less than eighty (80) feet, which on seasonable sig-