

such property for sale he shall state the amount of taxes, interest and costs due thereon, as hereinbefore provided for redemption thereof, and he shall first offer each piece or parcel to the highest bidder therefor, but if no bidder shall offer to pay the amount due, or more, he shall then offer the same to the bidder that will pay the highest sum, not less than the amount of the state tax due thereon, together with the costs of proceedings authorized by this act. *Provided, however,* that any piece or parcel of land against which judgment shall be rendered for the taxes of 1895, and no other year or years, and which shall be sold to a purchaser or bid in for the state, may be redeemed at any time within one year from the date of sale, by any person having an interest therein who shall pay into the treasury of the county, for the use of the person entitled thereto, the amount for which the same was bid in, with interest thereon at the rate one (1) per cent per month.

The provisions of the general tax laws now in force relative to the giving of notice of the expiration of the period of redemption shall apply in all respects to the redemption of such pieces or parcels of land as may be subject to redemption under this act.

The county treasurer shall attend the sale and receive all money paid thereon.

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

Approved March 22, 1899.

Notice of expiration of time for redemption; general law to apply.

CHAPTER 85.

S. F. No. 485.

An act appropriating money for a governor's contingent fund to pay for cablegrams and other means of information from the sick and wounded soldiers belonging to the 13th Regiment, Minnesota Volunteers.

Governor's contingent fund; appropriation for.

Whereas, several of the brave men of the Thirteenth (13th) Regiment, Minnesota Volunteers, now stationed in the Philippine Islands are suffering with wounds received in battle and sickness contracted in the service of this country, causing great anxiety and fear to their parents and relatives at home, who are besieging and imploring the governor of this state to cable inquiries as to their safety; and,

Whereas, there is no money in the governor's contingent fund with which to pay the expenses for such cablegrams; therefore,

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

\$1,500 appropriation to pay for cablegrams of 13th Regiment in Philippines.

SECTION 1. That fifteen hundred dollars (\$1,500), or as much thereof as may be needed, be and the same hereby is appropriated out of the general fund of this state as a contingent fund, to be used by the governor of this state, to pay for cablegrams and such other means of information from the wounded and sick men of the Thirteenth (13th) Regiment, Minnesota Volunteers, now stationed in the Philippine Islands, and the state auditor is hereby authorized and directed to draw his warrant upon the state treasurer for said amount, and the governor is hereby authorized to draw upon said fund for the purpose named herein, and turn back to the general fund of the state any sum or sums of said fund remaining unpaid when he deems it unnecessary for any further use thereof.

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

Approved March 22, 1899.

CHAPTER 86.

S. F. No. 399.

Seals on contracts.

An act to abolish private seals and to provide that contracts in writing shall import a consideration.

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

Private seals abolished.

SECTION 1. The use of private seals in written contracts is hereby abolished, and the addition of a private seal to an instrument in writing shall not affect its character in any respect.

Written contracts shall import consideration, without seal.

SEC. 2. All contracts in writing expressing a consideration, signed by the party to be bound, or by his duly authorized agent or attorney, shall import a consideration.

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

Approved March 22, 1899.