

are hereby authorized to provide light, for use of such city or for use of its inhabitants, by contract with individuals or private corporations, if such cities have no lighting plant of their own; and for such purpose may contract for such light on such terms and conditions, and for such period, not exceeding fifteen (15) years, as the city council of such cities by an affirmative vote thereof shall determine; and may from time to time alter, renew, or extend any such contract that may now be in force or hereafter made by like vote of said city council, and as a part of such contract may authorize the occupation of the streets, alleys, and public streets of the city with the poles, wires and other apparatus necessary therefor.

SEC. 3. Said cities shall have power to levy such taxes as may be required to pay all sums agreed to be paid by them according to any contracts so made, but only such installments as are agreed to be paid by said cities under said contracts during the current year shall be considered an indebtedness within the meaning of any law limiting the amount of indebtedness that may be incurred in any one year by such cities.

Tax levy.

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

Approved April 14, 1903.

CHAPTER 186.

S. F. No. 77.

An act relating to the advertising for bids and the letting of contracts in excess of five hundred (\$500) dollars by county commissioners in the counties of this state having a population of not more than seventy-five thousand inhabitants.

Counties not over 75,000.

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

SECTION 1. The county commissioners of any county in this state having a population of not more than seventy-five thousand inhabitants shall not make, suffer, or cause to be made any purchase or contract for goods, wares, merchandise or materials or furniture and fixtures, or any contract for any work or labor to be performed in and about the construction, alteration or repair of any county building, for or on behalf of their county, the estimated value or expense of which said goods,

County commissioners not to incur expense of over \$500, without giving notice by publication for bids.

wares, merchandise or materials, or furniture and fixtures, or work and labor shall exceed five hundred dollars, without first causing at least ten (10) days notice to be given in a newspaper of general circulation in the county, publishing the official proceedings of the county commissioners, that proposals will be received for the purchase or furnishing of any such goods, wares, merchandise or materials or for the performance of such work and labor for said county, and said county commissioners shall make, or cause to be made, such purchase or contract with the lowest responsible bidder, or in case bids so received are not satisfactory, they shall readvertise for new bids.

Approval by county commissioners.

SEC. 2. All contracts for such supplies, materials, goods, wares or merchandise, or for furniture or fixtures, or for the performance of any such work or labor, shall be approved by the board of county commissioners and signed by the chairman of such board. Any action of such board of county commissioners, or of any committee thereof, or of any person or persons in violation of the provisions of this act, shall be null and void, as against the county.

To invite bids by posting notices and publications.

SEC. 3. It shall be the duty of the county commissioners in any such county, when they have decided what work shall be done on the roads and bridges of the county, upon which they are by law authorized to expend county road and bridge funds, to invite bids for all such work, the estimated cost or expense of which shall exceed five hundred (\$500) dollars, by posting notices for at least fifteen (15) days prior to the letting of the contract for the same, in at least three (3) of the most public places in the township wherein such work is to be done, and also by one publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the county, publishing the official proceedings of the board of county commissioners, at least ten (10) days previous to the date when such contracts are to be awarded, and in case any portion of such work is within the limits of any incorporated village, by also posting notices in three (3) of the most public places in such village, and such notices shall contain a brief description of such work, and shall state the time and place of awarding the contract for the same, and at the time and place mentioned in such notice, it shall be the duty of such board to let such contract or contracts to the lowest responsible

Notice to give description of work, time and place for award of contract.

bidder, who shall in all cases be required to enter into a written contract, evidencing the same, and said board shall require a satisfactory bond for the faithful performance of such contract. In case bids so received are not satisfactory to said board of county commissioners, they shall advertise for new bids. In all cases where there are no newspapers published in the county, the publication of the notices mentioned in this act in a newspaper shall not be necessary.

SEC. 4. In case of an actual and unforeseen emergency arising from the breakage of machinery located about the court house in any county, or washouts or breakage of roads and bridges that cannot be allowed to wait for the time required to advertise for bids as herein required, then such repairs may be made without advertising for bids; *provided, however*, such work is authorized by a majority of the board of county commissioners and such action shall be ratified and recorded in the official proceedings of said board at their next meeting.

Emergency
exception.

SEC. 5. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed.

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

Approved April 14, 1903.

CHAPTER 187.

S. F. No. 260.

An act to regulate the manufacture and sale of amber cane or sorghum syrup, to prevent fraud, and to preserve the public health.

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

SECTION 1. Any person, firm or corporation, or any person who, as the agent of any firm or corporation, shall sell, offer or expose for sale, or have in his possession with intent to sell, any syrup made from amber cane or sorghum that shall be mixed or adulterated with glucose, or corn sugar syrup, or any other substance of any name whatever not natural or normal to amber cane or sorghum syrup, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction be punished by a fine of not less than twenty-five (25) dollars, nor more than seventy-five (75) dollars

Adulterated
syrups.

Misdemeanor.
Penalty.