

walks, to take the place of walks previously on the same street or streets, which have been ordered without any petition therefor by the owners of property fronting or abutting thereon, be and the same are hereby legalized and made valid and binding to the same extent as if a proper petition therefor had been presented; *provided* that nothing in this act shall affect any action or proceeding now pending wherein the validity of any such assessment is now being contested by any property owner affected thereby.

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

Approved April 14, 1903.

CHAPTER 214.

H. F. No. 898.

An act to provide for payment of expenses incurred in entertainment of President Roosevelt and Admiral Schley, and to appropriate money therefor.

State
appropriation.

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

SECTION 1. That the sum of two hundred (\$200), or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the state treasury not otherwise appropriated, to pay for decorations and expenses necessarily incurred in receiving and entertaining President Roosevelt and Admiral Schley.

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

Approved April 14, 1903.

CHAPTER 215.

H. F. No. 278.

An act to repeal the first proviso of section 6 of chapter 167 of the Laws of 1901, and also to authorize any and all municipal corporations of less than ten thousand inhabitants operating under a special law or special charter to avail itself of the provisions of chapter 167, Laws of 1901.

Villages.

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

SECTION 1. That the first proviso of section six (6) of chapter one hundred and sixty-seven (167) of the

Not applica-
ble to
villages of
less than
10,000, un-
der special
charter.

Laws of 1901, which proviso reads as follows: "Provided, however, that this act shall not apply to any city or village of this state having a population of less than ten thousand operating under a special law or special charter," be and the same hereby is repealed.

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

Approved April 14, 1903.

H. F. No. 288.

CHAPTER 216.

Legalizing
defective
acknowl-
edgments.

An act to legalize and validate the defective acknowledgment of deeds, mortgages, powers of attorney and other instruments and the record thereof.

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

SECTION 1. Any acknowledgment to any deed, mortgage, power of attorney or other instrument heretofore taken before a deputy auditor of any county in this state, under the seal of the county auditor is, together with the record of said deed, mortgage, power of attorney or other instrument, hereby legalized and made as valid and effectual to all intents and purposes, and of the same force and effect in all respects for the purposes of notice, evidence, or otherwise as though said deputy auditor was at the time of taking said acknowledgments expressly authorized by law so to do.

SEC. 2. The provisions of this act shall not affect any action now pending in any court in this state.

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

Approved April 14, 1903.

H. F. No. 562.

CHAPTER 217.

Drainage.

An act to amend the title of chapter 318 of the General Laws of the State of Minnesota, for the year 1897, entitled "An act entitled, an act to create a board of state drainage commissioners and prescribe its duties."

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

Amends
title of
ch. 318, 1897.

SECTION 1. That the title of chapter 318 of the General Laws of Minnesota for the year 1897 be and the