

all the foregoing property has been contracted for at a price not to exceed thirty-six thousand (36,000) dollars, or if the contract price shall exceed said sum of thirty-six thousand (36,000) dollars, then that the excess shall have been made up, collected and paid into the city treasury as a bonus to aid in the purchase of said property, to make up any deficiency over and above said thirty-six thousand (36,000) dollars.

*Provided*, That before any of the bonds authorized by this act are issued, the proposition to issue the same shall be submitted to a vote of the electors of the city of St. Paul, at the next general city election in May, one thousand eight hundred and eighty one (1881). The ballot to be issued thereat shall have printed or written thereon, or partly written or printed the words, "For the issue of park bonds," or the words, "Against the issue of park bonds;" said votes shall be canvassed in the same manner as votes for city officers are canvassed, and the result thereof announced, and if upon such official canvass it be found that a majority of the votes cast upon that subject are in favor of the issue of said bonds, then the issue of said bonds shall be lawful, and said bonds so issued shall be lawful for all intent and purposes.

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

Approved March 8, 1881.

## CHAPTER 185.

AN ACT to authorize the construction of a free bridge across the St. Croix river in Chisago county, and to appropriate money to aid in the construction thereof.

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

SECTION 1. That John Dean, Joel G. Ryder, and E. McCutchen, of the county of Chisago, be and they are hereby appointed commissioners, whose duty it shall be to cause the construction of a suitable wagon bridge across the St. Croix river, at or near the site of the present ferry, on the north branch and Polk county, Wisconsin, wagon road, to adopt plans for the same, and to contract for and superintend the construction of said bridge.

SEC. 2. That said commissioners shall severally or jointly give bond to the State of Minnesota in the penal sum of ten thousand dollars, (\$10,000), with sureties to be approved by the judge of the district court of the first (1st) judicial district, conditioned for the faithful application all of moneys that may come into their hands under the provisions of this act, for the purpose of constructing

said bridge, and for the faithful discharge of their duties as such commissioners, which bond when so executed and approved shall be filed with the treasurer of the county of Chisago within sixty (60) days from the time of the passage of this act.

SEC. 3. That said commissioners may receive and expend any sum of money appropriated by the said county of Polk, or by any person or corporation, together with the amount in this act appropriated, and spend the same in the construction of said bridge: that to aid in the construction thereof there is hereby appropriated the sum of six hundred (600) dollars out of the internal improvement fund of the State to be expended by said commissioners in the construction of said bridge.

SEC. 4. That said bridge when constructed shall be forever free of toll or charge to any citizen of the United States or other person crossing or using the same.

SEC. 5. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved March 7, 1881.

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#### CHAPTER 186.

AN ACT to authorize the Board of County Commissioners of Mower county to levy a tax for and to expend the same on Roads and Bridges in said county.

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

SECTION 1. That the board of county commissions of Mower county are hereby authorized and empowered to levy annually a tax in the same manner that other taxes are levied by them, to an amount not exceeding one and one half (1½) mills per centum upon the valuation of all the taxable property of said county as fixed by the State board of equalization, which tax shall constitute a separate fund and shall be known and designated as the special road and bridge fund.

SEC. 2. The board of county commissioners aforesaid shall have power to expend and appropriate from said fund in the same manner as now provided for by law in respect to other county funds, such sums of money as in their discretion may be deemed advisable for the opening, re-surveying, repairing, ditching, or otherwise improving the roads of said county, and also for the building or repairing of bridges and drains upon said roads.

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

Approved February 10, 1881.