The following communications were received from His Excellency the Governor:

STATE OF MINNESOTA,
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
St. Paul, March 9, 1893.

Hon. D. M. Clough, President of the Senate.

DEAR SIR: I have approved and signed the following Senate Files:

S. F. No. 122, An act authorizing sheriffs and deputy sheriffs to complete foreclosure sales after the expiration of their term of office.

S. F. No. 403, An act to fix the time for holding the general terms of the district court in the several counties of the eighth judicial district,

And have deposited the same in the office of the Secretary of State.

Yours respectfully,

KNUTE NELSON,
Governor.

STATE OF MINNESOTA,
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
St. Paul, March 10th, 1893.

Hon. D. M. Clough, Lieut. Governor.

DEAR SIR: I return herewith, without my approval, S. F. No. 110, entitled an act to amend chapter two hundred and forty-two (242), General Laws of one thousand eight hundred and eighty-nine (1889), entitled an act to amend chapter one hundred and fifteen (115), General Laws of one thousand eight hundred and eighty-one (1881), entitled an act to provide for the publication of a legislative manual.

An edition of 3,000 copies of the legislative manual can be printed and distributed under the existing law, and each member of the Legislature is entitled to ten copies of the same, which seems a liberal allowance.

The proposed act increases this edition to 6,000 copies, which will entail an additional expense of not less than $3,200, which seems uncalled for and unnecessary. The phrase “State officers” in the third section of the act is ambiguous. If it be held to embrace only such officers as are named in the Constitution and elected by the people, then there will be a total of over 5,400 copies for distribution among the members of the Legislature, or an average of thirty-two copies for each member.
If, on the other hand, the phrase be taken in a more liberal sense, and all officers, aside from mere clerks, be considered as state officers, then there will be a total of not less than 5,040 copies for distribution among the members, or an average of thirty copies for each member.

This method of distribution, in view of the fact that none of the state officers are entitled to more than six copies each, and in view of the fact that only eighty-two copies are left with the secretary of state for purposes of exchange and for the general public, seems inequitable and one sided.

For these reasons it appears to me that I ought not to approve this act.

Yours respectfully,
Knute Nelson,
Governor.

Mr. Day moved that the communication be referred to the Committee on Printing,
Which motion prevailed.

FIRST READING OF HOUSE BILLS.

H. F. No. 780, A bill for an act to legalize subscriptions by villages for the encouragement of agricultural fairs, or for educational purposes,
Was read the first time.
Mr. Erickson moved
That the rules be suspended and that
H. F. No. 780,
Be read a second and third times and put upon its final passage.
Which motion prevailed.
H. F. No. 780,
Was read the second time.
H. F. No. 780,
Was read the third time and put upon its final passage.
The question being taken on the passage of the bill,
And the roll being called, there were yeas 29 and nays 4, as follows:
Those who voted in the affirmative were:
Messrs. Dean, Hammer, Probstfield and Sanborn voted in the negative.
So the bill passed and its title was agreed to.
H. F. No 778, A bill for an act to authorize councils of villages and cities of less than one hundred thousand inhabitants to file a corrected plat,
Was read the first time.
Mr. Canestorp moved
That the rules be suspended and that
H. F. No. 778
Be read a second and a third time and put upon its final passage.
Which motion prevailed.