

June 6, 1874.

**CHAP. 222.**—An act to change the name of the schooner-yacht "Quarantine," to "Welcome."

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, authorized to change the name of the schooner-yacht "Quarantine," owned by Michael J. Driscoll, of Boston, and to issue a register under the name of "Welcome."

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**CHAP. 223.**—An act obviating the necessity of issuing patents for certain private land-claims in the State of Missouri, and for other purposes.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That all of the right, title, and interest of the United States in and to all of the lands in the State of Missouri which have at any time heretofore been confirmed to any person or persons by any act of Congress, or by any officer or officers, or board or boards of commissioners, acting under and by authority of any act of Congress, shall be, and the same are hereby, granted, released, and relinquished by the United States, in fee-simple, to the respective owners of the equitable titles thereto, and to their respective heirs and assigns forever, as fully and as completely, in every respect whatever, as could be done by patents issued therefor according to law.

**SEC. 2.** That nothing contained in the first section of this act shall, in any manner, abridge, divest, impair, injure or prejudice any valid right, title or interest of any person or persons in or to any portion or part of the lands mentioned in said first section; and this act shall in no wise affect any lands or lots heretofore relinquished to the United States.

**SEC. 3.** That whenever the Secretary of the Interior shall be of the opinion that the public interest no longer requires the continuance of the office of recorder of land titles in Missouri, he may close and discontinue the same; and all of the records, maps, plats, field-notes, books, papers, and everything else concerning, pertaining, or belonging to said office of recorder, shall be delivered to the State of Missouri: *Provided, however,* That said State shall provide by law for the reception and safe-keeping of said records, maps, plats, field-notes, books, papers, and everything else belonging to said office of recorder, as public records, and for the allowance of free access to the same by the authorities of the United States, for the purpose of taking extracts therefrom, or making copies thereof, without charge of any kind: *And provided further,* That when said office of recorder shall be closed and discontinued as aforesaid, the Commissioner of the General Land-Office shall forever thereafter possess and exercise all of the powers and authority and perform all the duties of said recorder.

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**CHAP. 224.**—An act to legalize and establish a pontoon-railway-bridge across the Mississippi River at Prairie du Chien, and to authorize the construction of a similar bridge at or near Clinton, Iowa.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the railway pontoon bridge across the Mississippi River, and an island therein, communicating with the Milwaukee and Saint Paul railway at Prairie du Chien, in the State of Wisconsin, and the Milwaukee and Saint Paul railway at North McGregor, in the State of Iowa, be, and is hereby, legalized and declared a lawful structure: *Provided,* That the said John Lawler and the said Prairie du Chien and McGregor Railway Company, their successors and assigns, shall keep up and maintain a suitable pontoon draw of not less than three hundred and ninety-six feet in length in the east-

Draws to be maintained.