

June 18, 1874.

CHAP. 304.—An act explanatory of the act of June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and sixty-four.

Deposits in certain savings-banks to be exempt from taxation.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That all deposits made in institutions now existing which do business only as savings-banks, and are recognized as such by the laws of their respective States, or by Congress, are hereby declared to be exempt from taxation the same as deposits in savings institutions having no capital although they have a capital stock or bond for the additional security of their depositors, and pay dividends thereon; and no tax shall be assessed upon the deposits made in such institutions, or collected of them on said deposits, otherwise than as herein provided: *Provided,* That all the profits of such savings banks, less the aforementioned dividends on stock not exceeding at the rate of eight per cent. per annum are divided among the depositors, and that the capital stock is invested only in the same class of securities as is used for investing the deposits, and that interest at the rate of not less than four and one-half per cent. be paid in all cases to their depositors, to be made good if necessary from the capital stock.

J. G. BLAINE

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

MATT H CARPENTER

President of the Senate pro tempore.

Proviso,

Received by the President June 6, 1874.

[NOTE BY THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE.—The foregoing act having been presented to the President of the United States for his approval, and not having been returned by him to the house of Congress in which it originated within the time prescribed by the Constitution of the United States, has become a law without his approval.]

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CHAP. 305.—An act to authorize the issuance of patents for lands granted to the State of Oregon in certain cases.

Preamble.

Whereas certain lands have heretofore, by acts of Congress, been granted to the State of Oregon to aid in the construction of certain military wagon-roads in said State, and there exists no law providing for the issuing of formal patents for said lands: Therefore,

Patents to issue for lands granted for construction of wagon-roads in Oregon.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That in all cases when the roads in aid of the construction of which said lands were granted are shown by the certificate of the governor of the State of Oregon, as in said acts provided, to have been constructed and completed, patents for said lands shall issue in due form to the State of Oregon as fast as the same shall, under said grants, be selected and certified, unless the State of Oregon shall by public act have transferred its interests in said lands to any corporation or corporations, in which case the patents shall issue from the General Land Office to such corporation or corporations upon their payment of the necessary expenses thereof: *Provided,* That this shall not be construed to revive any land grant already expired nor to create any new rights of any kind except to provide for issuing patents for lands to which the State is already entitled

Proviso.

Approved, June 18, 1874.

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CHAP. 306.—An act authorizing the President to reinstate George M. Book on the active list of the Navy.

President authorized to reinstate George M. Book on active list of Navy.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President of the United States be, and he is hereby, authorized by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, to reinstate George M. Book on the active list of the

Navy: *Provided*, That he shall first be ordered to, and perform, actual sea-duty on some cruising vessel of war for the period of one year, and if at the expiration of such period of duty he shall be pronounced by proper naval authority to be no longer incapacitated for active service in any respect: *And provided further*, That he shall not receive any extra pay for the time he was on the retired list and not on active duty prior to his restoration under this act.

Proviso.
No extra pay while on retired list.

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CHAP. 307.—An act authorizing the Secretary of War to grant a right of way across a corner of the Fort Gratiot military reservation to the city railroad company, Port Huron, Michigan.

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of War be, and he is hereby, authorized, in his discretion, to grant a permit to the Port Huron city street railroad to lay and use a curved track over the northwest corner of the Fort Gratiot military reservation, in a curve having a radius of fifty-four feet, and encroaching upon the reservation about fifteen feet from the angle.

Right of way to street railroad over Fort Gratiot military reservation.

Approved, June 18, 1874.

CHAP. 308.—An act for the relief of certain settlers on the public lands in certain portions of the States of Minnesota and Iowa.

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That it shall be lawful for homestead and preemption settlers on the public lands in the counties of Cottonwood, Noble, Martin, Jackson, Watonwan, Murray, Rock, Lyon, Redwood, Brown, Chippewa, and Renville, in the State of Minnesota, and the counties of Iowa which compose the Sioux City Land District, and counties contiguous to either of the above exempted sections, where the crops of such settlers were destroyed or seriously injured by grasshoppers in the year eighteen hundred and seventy-three, and where such grasshoppers shall reappear in eighteen hundred and seventy-four to the like destruction of the crops of such settlers, to leave and be absent from said lands until May first, eighteen hundred and seventy-five, under such regulations as to proof of the same as the Commissioner of the General Land-Office may prescribe.

Homestead and pre-emption settlers in certain counties in Minnesota and Iowa may leave lands invaded by grasshoppers.

SEC. 2. That during such absence no adverse rights shall attach to said lands—such settlers being allowed to resume and perfect their settlements as though no such absence had been enjoyed or allowed.

No adverse rights to attach during absence.

SEC. 3. That the same exemption from continued residence shall be extended to those making settlements in eighteen hundred and seventy-four and suffering the same destruction of crops as those making settlement of eighteen hundred and seventy-three, or any previous year.

Same exemption extended to settlers of 1874.

Approved, June 18, 1874.

CHAP. 309.—An act for the honorable discharge from their several positions in the Army of Captain J. Horace McGuire, First Lieutenant Henry R. Gardner, Second Lieutenant William D. McGuire, and Second Lieutenant William C. Reddy, all late of the tenth regiment United States colored artillery, (heavy,) and directing their honorable muster out of the service of the United States as of the date of their dismissal.

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Whereas, the said Captain J. Horace McGuire, tenth regiment United States colored artillery, (heavy,) was, on the eighth day of September, eighteen hundred and sixty-six, dismissed the service of the United States by virtue of general order numbered four, headquarters depart-

Preachable.