

laws of the United States", approved June twentieth, eighteen hundred and seventy-four, shall be made by the Secretary of State under the seal of the Department of State, and so much of said section as provides that such certificate shall be under the seal of the United States, is hereby repealed.

R. S. 204, p. 31,  
amended.

SEC. 2. That section number two hundred and four of the revised statutes of the United States shall hereafter read as follows: Whenever a bill, order, resolution or vote of the Senate and House of Representatives, having been approved by the President, or not having been returned by him with his objections, becomes a law or takes effect, it shall forthwith be received by the Secretary of State from the President; and whenever a bill, order, resolution or vote is returned by the President with his objections, and, on being reconsidered, is agreed to be passed, and is approved by two-thirds of both Houses of Congress, and thereby becomes a law or takes effect, it shall be received by the Secretary of State from the President of the Senate, or Speaker of the House of Representatives in whichever House it shall last have been so approved, and he shall carefully preserve the originals.

Approved, December 28, 1874.

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CHAP. 10.—An act for the relief of certain settlers on the public lands.

Certain settlers injured by grasshoppers allowed to be absent from settlements.

*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 pre-emption settlers on the public lands, whose crops were destroyed or seriously injured by grasshoppers in the year eighteen hundred and seventy-four to leave and be absent from said lands until July 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; and where such grasshoppers shall re-appear in eighteen hundred and seventy-five, to the like destruction of the crops of settlers, the right to leave and be absent as aforesaid shall continue to July first, eighteen hundred and seventy-six.

Adverse rights not to attach during absence of settler.

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

Extension of time for final proof and payment.

SECTION 3. That the time for making final proof and payment by pre-emptors whose crops have been destroyed or injured as aforesaid, is hereby extended for one year after the expiration of the term of absence provided for in the first section of this act.

Approved, December 28, 1874.

Jan. 1, 1875.

CHAP. 12.—An act suspending so much of the act entitled "An act re-organizing the several staff-corps of the Army," approved June twenty-third, eighteen hundred and seventy-four, as applies to contract-surgeons.

Act June 23, 1874, c. 458, s. 4, suspended, as to contract-surgeons.

*Ante*, p. 245.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That so much of the act entitled "An act re-organizing the several staff-corps of the Army," approved June twenty-third, eighteen hundred and seventy-four, as applies to contract-surgeons, be, and is hereby, suspended until otherwise provided by law.

Approved, January 1, 1875.

Jan. 11, 1875.

CHAP. 13.—An act to create an additional land-district in the State of Oregon, to be called the Dalles land-district.

The Dalles land-district, in Oregon, established.

*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 to establish an additional land-district in the State of Oregon, which district shall be bounded as fol-