

## Insane asylum.

Also, the bonds and indebtedness, amounting to the sum of thirty thousand dollars, authorized by section one of an act of the said legislative assembly of the Territory of New Mexico, entitled "An act to provide an addition to the insane asylum of New Mexico for the accommodation of all the insane persons of the Territory, and for other purposes," approved May thirteenth, eighteen hundred and ninety-five; and

## School buildings.

Also, the bonds and indebtedness, amounting to the sum of thirty-five thousand dollars, authorized by section one of an act of the said legislative assembly of the Territory of New Mexico, entitled "An act to provide for the completion of the buildings for the normal schools of New Mexico at Las Vegas and Silver City, and to provide for the necessary furnishings therefor; and for additions to the New Mexico College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts, at Las Cruces," approved February twenty-seventh, eighteen hundred and ninety-five, be, and the same are hereby, approved, confirmed, and made valid;

## Santa Fe County.

Also, the certain bonds and indebtedness, one hundred and seventy-two thousand five hundred dollars in amount, together with the interest coupons thereto attached, of the county of Santa Fe, Territory of New Mexico, dated March first, eighteen hundred and ninety-two, issued under the provisions of an act of the Territorial general assembly known as the refunding act. Such bonds having been issued in refunding and in lieu of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars of bonds, and the overdue interest thereon, of said county of Santa Fe, theretofore issued and outstanding, are hereby validated, approved, and confirmed.

Also the certain bonds and indebtedness, together with interest coupons thereto attached, of the county of Santa Fe, Territory of New Mexico, dated September twenty-ninth, eighteen hundred and ninety-one, issued under the provisions of an act of the territorial general assembly of the Territory of New Mexico, entitled "An act for the financial relief of counties and municipalities," approved February twenty-sixth, eighteen hundred and ninety-one.

Such bonds having been issued in refunding and in lieu of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars of bonds, overdue interest, and a judgment rendered thereon, of said county of Santa Fe, theretofore, in the year eighteen hundred and eighty, issued and outstanding, are hereby validated, approved, and confirmed. Also the certain bonds and

## Grant County.

indebtedness, fifty-six thousand dollars in amount, together with the interest coupons thereto attached of the county of Grant, Territory of New Mexico, dated July first, eighteen hundred and eighty-three, being the unretired part of an issue of sixty thousand dollars in bonds issued by said county of Grant under the provisions of an act of the Territorial general assembly, dated February first, eighteen hundred and seventy-two, are hereby validated, approved, and confirmed. Also the

## Silver City.

certain bonds and indebtedness, fifty thousand dollars in amount, together with the interest coupons thereto attached, of the city of Silver City, county of Grant, Territory of New Mexico, dated March first, eighteen hundred and ninety-three, issued under the provisions of an act of the Territorial general assembly of the Territory of New Mexico entitled "An act enabling the authorities having charge of the finances of any town or city of the Territory of New Mexico to refund any bonds or other obligations of said town or city, by the issuance of similar obligations, bearing a less rate of interest," approved February eleventh, eighteen hundred and ninety-one. Such bonds having been issued in refunding and in lieu of bonds and indebtedness to the amount of fifty thousand dollars of said city of Silver City, county of Grant, theretofore issued and outstanding, are hereby validated, approved, and confirmed.

## Extent of approval.

It is intended hereby to validate, approve, and confirm any and all laws, ordinances, and proceedings, and bonds relating to the matter necessary to the validation of the said bonds of the Territory of New Mexico and of the said Santa Fe County, Grant County, and town of Silver City bonds, but no further and for no other purpose.

The said county of Santa Fe is hereby authorized and empowered to again refund all or any portion of the indebtedness thereof by this Act validated within one year from the passage of this Act, in accordance with the terms and provisions of an act of the legislature of the Territory of New Mexico, being chapter seventy-nine, entitled "An act for the financial relief of counties and municipalities" (House bill numbered one hundred and ninety-two), approved February twenty-sixth, eighteen hundred and ninety-one, except that such refunded bonds shall bear interest at the rate of four per centum per annum, payable semiannually, and shall become due twenty-five years from the date of the issue of such refunded bonds, and shall be issued for the amount of unpaid principal of the bonds of said county by this Act validated, with interest thereon from the date thereof, to wit, September, eighteen hundred and ninety-one, and March, eighteen hundred and ninety-two, respectively, at the rate of four per centum per annum until the date when the sum shall be refunded as herein provided, less the amount of interest heretofore paid on such bonds; and when said bonds shall be so refunded they shall be subject in all other respects to all the provisions, liabilities, rights, obligations, benefits, and advantages of said act of the legislature herein referred to. In case said bonds shall not be refunded by said county of Santa Fe upon the terms and conditions in this section set forth, then the bonds validated by this Act shall remain as the legal obligation of said Santa Fe County.

Refunding of indebtedness by Santa Fe County.

If said bonds shall be refunded as herein provided, the holders of the bonds herein validated shall, upon actual notice given by said county, deliver to said county the bonds herein validated, and shall receive in lieu thereof the refunded bonds provided for in this section: *Provided*, That any of said bonds which shall not be delivered for refunding to said county of Santa Fe within six months after said notice shall be given, as herein required, shall not bear a rate of interest greater than four per centum per annum from date of issue: *Provided*, That nothing in this Act shall be so construed as to make the Government of the United States liable or responsible for the payment of any of said bonds by this Act approved, confirmed, and made valid.

*Proviso.*  
Interest on refunded bonds.

Nonliability of United States.

Received by the President, January 5, 1897.

[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.]

**CHAP. 61.**—An Act Providing for certain requirements for vessels propelled by gas, fluid, naphtha, or electric motors.

January 18, 1897.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That all vessels of above fifteen tons burden, carrying freight or passengers for hire, propelled by gas, fluid, naphtha, or electric motors, shall be, and are hereby, made subject to all the provisions of section forty-four hundred and twenty-six of the Revised Statutes of the United States, relating to the inspection of hulls and boilers and requiring engineers and pilots; and all vessels so propelled, without regard to tonnage or use, shall be subject to the provisions of section forty-four hundred and twelve of the Revised Statutes of the United States, relating to the regulation of steam vessels in passing each other; and to so much of sections forty-two hundred and thirty-three and forty-two hundred and thirty-four of the Revised Statutes, relating to lights, fog signals, steering, and sailing rules, as the Board of Supervising Inspectors shall, by their regulations, deem applicable and practicable for their safe navigation.

Vessels propelled by gas, electricity, etc.

Inspection, etc., required.  
R. S., sec. 4226, p. 858.

Subject to rules for vessels passing.  
R. S., sec. 4212, p. 854.

Regulation of machinery.  
R. S., secs. 4233, 4234, p. 859.  
Vol. 28, p. 690.

Approved, January 18, 1897.

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**CHAP. 62.**—An Act To provide for the entry of lands in Greer County, Oklahoma, to give preference rights to settlers, and for other purposes.

Greer County, Okla.  
Vol. 26, p. 92.  
Occupants allowed  
preference for home-  
stead entries.

Purchases of addi-  
tional land.

Allowance to mem-  
bers of settler's family.

Entries in case of  
settler's death.  
R. S., secs. 2291, 2292,  
p. 420.

Removal of crops  
and improvements.

Unoccupied lands  
open to homestead en-  
try.

Town-site entries.  
R. S., secs. 2387-2389,  
p. 437.

Proviso.  
Preference to set-  
tlers.

Reservations for  
public uses.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That every person qualified under the homestead laws of the United States, who, on March sixteenth, eighteen hundred and ninety-six, was a bona fide occupant of land within the territory established as Greer County, Oklahoma, shall be entitled to continue his occupation of such land with improvements thereon, not exceeding one hundred and sixty acres, and shall be allowed six months preference right from the passage of this Act within which to initiate his claim thereto, and shall be entitled to perfect title thereto under the provisions of the homestead law, upon payment of land office fees only, at the expiration of five years from the date of entry, except that such person shall receive credit for all time during which he or those under whom he claims shall have continuously occupied the same prior to March sixteenth, eighteen hundred and ninety-six. Every such person shall also have the right, for six months prior to all other persons, to purchase at one dollar an acre, in five equal annual payments, any additional land of which he was in actual possession on March sixteenth, eighteen hundred and ninety-six, not exceeding one hundred and sixty acres, which, prior to said date, shall have been cultivated, purchased, or improved by him. When any person entitled to a homestead or additional land, as above provided, is the head of a family, and though still living, shall not take such homestead or additional land, within six months from the passage of this Act, any member of such family over the age of twenty-one years, other than husband or wife, shall succeed to the right to take such homestead or additional land for three months longer, and any such member of the family shall also have the right to take, as before provided, any excess of additional land actually cultivated or improved prior to March sixteenth, eighteen hundred and ninety-six above the amount to which such head of the family is entitled, not to exceed one hundred and sixty acres to any one person thus taking as a member of such family.

In case of the death of any settler who actually established residence and made improvement on land in said Greer County prior to March sixteenth, eighteen hundred and ninety-six, the entry shall be treated as having accrued at the time the residence was established, and sections twenty-two hundred and ninety-one and twenty-two hundred and ninety-two of the Revised Statutes shall be applicable thereto.

Any person entitled to such homestead or additional land shall have the right prior to January first, eighteen hundred and ninety-seven, from the passage of this Act to remove all crops and improvements he may have on land not taken by him.

**SEC. 2.** That all land in said county not occupied, cultivated, or improved, as provided in the first section hereof, or not included within the limits of any town site or reserve, shall be subject to entry to actual settlers only, under the provisions of the homestead law.

**SEC. 3.** That the inhabitants of any town located in said county shall be entitled to enter the same as a town site under the provisions of sections twenty-three hundred and eighty-seven, twenty-three hundred and eighty-eight, and twenty-three hundred and eighty-nine of the Revised Statutes of the United States: *Provided,* That all persons who have made or own improvements on any town lots in said county made prior to March sixteenth, eighteen hundred and ninety-six, shall have the preference right to enter said lots under the provisions of this Act and of the general town-site laws.

**SEC. 4.** Sections numbered sixteen and thirty-six are reserved for school purposes as provided in laws relating to Oklahoma, and sections thirteen and thirty-three in each township are reserved for such purpose as the legislature of the future State of Oklahoma may prescribe. That whenever any of the lands reserved for school or other purposes

under this Act, or under the laws of Congress relating to Oklahoma, shall be found to have been occupied by actual settlers or for town-site purposes or homesteads prior to March sixteenth, eighteen hundred and ninety-six, an equal quantity of indemnity lands may be selected as provided by law.

SEC. 5. That all lands which on March sixteenth, eighteen hundred and ninety-six, are occupied for church, cemetery, school, or other charitable or voluntary purposes, not for profit, not exceeding two acres in each case, shall be patented to the proper authorities in charge thereof, under such rules and regulations as the Secretary of the Interior shall establish, upon payment of the Government price therefor, excepting for school purposes.

Lands occupied for religious, etc., uses.

SEC. 6. That there shall be a land office established at Mangum, in said county, upon the passage of this Act.

Land office at Mangum.

SEC. 7. That the provisions of this Act shall apply only to Greer County, Oklahoma, and that all laws inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, applying to said territory in said county, are hereby repealed; and all laws authorizing commutations of homesteads in Oklahoma shall apply to Greer County.

Inconsistent laws repealed.

Commutations.

SEC. 8. That this Act shall take effect from its passage and approval.  
Approved, January 18, 1897.

Effect.

**CHAP. 66.**—An Act To provide an American register for the steamer Kahului.

January 20, 1897.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Commissioner of Navigation is hereby authorized and directed to cause the foreign-built steamer Kahului, purchased and owned by Charles Nelson, a citizen of the United States, and repaired in the United States, to be registered as a vessel of the United States.

"Kahului," steamer. Granted American register.

SEC. 2. That the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorized and directed to cause the inspection of said vessel, steam boilers, steam pipes, and their appurtenances, and to cause to be granted the usual certificate issued to steam vessels of the merchant marine, without reference to the fact that said steam boilers, steam pipes, and appurtenances were not constructed pursuant to the laws of the United States, and were not constructed of iron stamped pursuant to said laws; and the tests in the inspection of said boilers, steam pipes, and appurtenances shall be the same in all respects as to strength and safety as are required in an inspection of boilers constructed in the United States for marine purposes.

Inspection, etc.

Approved, January 20, 1897.

**CHAP. 67.**—An Act To amend an Act entitled "An Act to amend section forty-one hundred and seventy-eight, Revised Statutes, in relation to the marking of vessels' names at bow and stern, and also to provide for marking the draft," approved February twenty-first, eighteen hundred and ninety-one.

January 20, 1897.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Act entitled "An Act to amend section forty-one hundred and seventy-eight, Revised Statutes, in relation to the marking of vessels' names at bow and stern, and also to provide for marking the draft," approved February twenty-first, eighteen hundred and ninety-one, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Shipping. Marking vessels' names. Vol. 26, p. 765.

"That section forty-one hundred and seventy-eight of the Revised Statutes be, and the same is hereby, amended to read entire as follows:

R. S. sec. 4178, p. 805, amended.

"SEC. 4178. The name of every documented vessel of the United States shall be marked upon each bow and upon the stern, and the home port shall also be marked upon the stern. These names shall be painted

Name of vessels to be marked on bow and stern.