

1854, ch. 84. in the sixth section of the act approved July seventeen, eighteen hundred and fifty-four, entitled "An act to amend the act approved September twenty-seven, eighteen hundred and fifty, to create the office of surveyor-general of the public lands in Oregon," etc.: *Provided, however,* That this act shall not go into effect until three months after its passage.

Willamette land district.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the district lying north of the fourth standard parallel in said territory shall be known as the Willamette land district.

APPROVED, February 17, 1855.

Feb. 17, 1855. CHAP. CX. — *An Act making Appropriations for improving certain Military Roads in the Territory of Minnesota.*

Military roads in Minnesota.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the following sums of money be, and they are hereby, appropriated, for improving certain military roads in the Territory of Minnesota, to wit: —

For cutting out the timber on the territorial road from the Falls of St. Anthony to Fort Ridgely, five thousand dollars.

For cutting out the timber on the road from Fort Ripley, via Crow Wing River, to the point where said road intersects the main road leading to the Red River of the north, ten thousand dollars.

The aforesaid sums to be expended under the direction of the Secretary of War.

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Feb. 17, 1855. CHAP. CXI. — *An Act to provide for the Accommodation of the Courts of the United States for the District of Maryland, and for a Post-Office at Baltimore City, Maryland.*

Buildings in Baltimore, for courts and post-office.

*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 authorized to procure, or cause to be procured, a suitable site or sites for a building or buildings for a court-house and post-office in the city of Baltimore; and that he prepare and submit to Congress, at as early a day as practicable, plans and estimates for the construction of a building or buildings on such site or sites, together with the estimates for fitting up or furnishing the same for the purposes indicated. And if a building or buildings should be on such site or sites which can be remodelled or changed so as to answer the purposes indicated in the title of this bill, he shall submit to Congress plans and estimates for such alterations; and also estimates for fitting up or furnishing such building or buildings: *Provided,* That any contract or contracts he may make for any such site or sites shall be conditional and made subject to the approval of Congress.

APPROVED, February 17, 1855.

Feb. 17, 1855. CHAP. CXII. — *An Act authorizing the Construction of a Line of Telegraph from the Mississippi or Missouri Rivers to the Pacific Ocean.*

Right of way granted for a telegraph to the Pacific.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That Hiram O. Alden and James Eddy, their associates and assigns, are hereby authorized and empowered to construct, at their own expense, a line of telegraph, from such point on the Mississippi or Missouri River as they may hereafter select, through the public lands belonging to the United States, over which lands the right of way two hundred feet in width, for that purpose, is hereby granted, to San Francisco, in California, in as direct a line as practicable.