

1854, ch. 84.

Willamette land district.

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.

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.

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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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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.

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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.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That all voluntary or intentional injuries to said line of telegraph, or to any property thereto belonging, within the territories of the United States, shall be deemed, and are hereby declared to be wilful and malicious trespasses, and shall be punished as such; and all laws of the United States now in force in any territory thereof, or which may hereafter be enacted for the better security and protection of property, and applicable to such offences, shall be, and they are hereby, extended, for the protection of said line of telegraph, into and over all the territory belonging to, and under the jurisdiction of, the United States, through which the same may be constructed; and all legal process and proceedings for the detection and punishment of the aforesaid offences shall be within the jurisdiction of the courts, and shall be issued and executed by the proper law officers in the States or organized territories.

Penalties for injuries to such telegraph.

APPROVED, February 17, 1855.

CHAP. CXVII. — *An Act to establish the Office of Surveyor-General of Utah, and to grant Land for School and University Purposes.* Feb. 21, 1855.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, shall be, and he is hereby, authorized to appoint a surveyor-general for Utah, whose annual salary shall be three thousand dollars, and whose power, authority, and duties, shall be the same as those provided by law for the surveyor-general of Oregon, prior to the act of July seventeen, eighteen hundred and fifty-four: and he shall locate his office from time to time at such places as may be directed by the President of the United States.

Appointment of a surveyor-general for Utah. Salary, power, and duties. 1854, ch. 84.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That when the lands in said territory shall be surveyed under the direction of the government of the United States, preparatory to bringing the same into market, sections numbered sixteen and thirty-six in each township in said territory shall be, and the same are hereby, reserved for the purpose of being applied to schools in said territory, and in the States and territories hereafter to be created out of the same.

Reservations for schools.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That when the lands in said territory shall be surveyed as aforesaid, a quantity of land equal to two townships shall be, and the same is hereby, reserved for the establishment of a university in said territory, and in the State hereafter to be created out of the same, to be selected under the direction of the legislature, in legal subdivisions of not less than one half section, and to be disposed of as said legislature may direct.

Reservation for an university.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That full power and authority are hereby given to the Secretary of the Interior to issue all needful rules and regulations for fully carrying into effect the several provisions of this act.

Rules and regulations authorized.

APPROVED, February 21, 1855.

CHAP. CXVIII. — *An Act to provide for holding an Additional Term of the Circuit Court of the United States for the District of Missouri, and for holding Special Terms of the District and Circuit Courts of the United States for the Northern District of Ohio.* Feb. 21, 1855.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That it shall be the duty of the district judge of the United States for the district of Missouri, to hold, at the city of St. Louis, on the first Monday in October, in every year, a term of the circuit court of the United States for said district, at which term any business may be transacted which might be transacted at the April term of said court.

Additional term of the circuit court for Missouri.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the United States circuit court for said district shall have power, at any time, to order an adjourned