

March 8, 1870.
1869, ch. 26.
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Little Rock
and Fort Smith
Railroad Com-
pany.

Repeal of pro-
viso as to mode
of sale of land.

CHAP. XXV. — *An Act to amend an Act entitled "An Act to extend the Time for the Little Rock and Fort Smith Railroad Company to complete the first Section of twenty Miles of said Road," approved April ten, eighteen hundred and sixty-nine.*

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the proviso of an act entitled "An act to extend the time for the Little Rock and Fort Smith Railroad Company to complete the first section of twenty miles of said road," approved April ten, eighteen hundred and sixty-nine, be, and the same hereby is, repealed.

APPROVED, March 8, 1870.

March 9, 1870.

Soldiers' mon-
ument commit-
tee of Rock
Island county
to have certain
condemned ord-
nance.

CHAP. XXVI. — *An Act to authorize the Secretary of War to place at the Disposal of the Soldiers' Monument Committee of Rock Island County, Illinois, certain condemned Ordnance.*

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 and directed to place at the disposal of the soldiers' monument committee at Rock Island, Illinois, twelve pieces of condemned ordnance from the arsenal of Rock Island, for the purpose of completing the soldiers' monument and appurtenances at said city of Rock Island.

APPROVED, March 9, 1870.

March 18, 1870.
1868, ch. 183.
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Fort Gratiot
military reser-
vation.

Grant to Port
Huron for a pub-
lic park.

CHAP. XXVIII. — *An Act to amend an Act entitled "An Act providing for the Sale of a Portion of the Fort Gratiot military Reservation in St. Clair County, in the State of Michigan," approved July twentieth, eighteen hundred and sixty-eight.*

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That an act entitled "An act providing for the sale of a portion of the Fort Gratiot military reservation in St. Clair county, in the State of Michigan," approved July twentieth, eighteen hundred and sixty-eight, be, and the same is hereby, amended by adding to the end of the second section thereof the following, to wit: "Provided, That there shall be, and is hereby, granted to the city of Port Huron, in perpetuity, for public grounds, to be designated and known as 'Pine Grove Park,' all that portion of said military reserve known and described as follows, to wit: commencing at a point on the St. Clair river bank, being north sixty degrees and fifty-five minutes east, one chain and seventy-five links from the southeast corner of Fort Gratiot military cemetery; thence south sixty degrees and fifty-five minutes west, eleven chains and fifteen links, at right angles with and to intersect the east line of Harrington Avenue, so called; thence south twenty-nine degrees and five minutes east, along the east line of said avenue, twenty chains; thence north sixty degrees and fifty-five minutes east, at right angles with said avenue, to the United States boundary line in the St. Clair river; thence northerly along said boundary line to a point at which the northerly line of the above-described 'Pine Grove Park' extended in a right line easterly would intersect the same; thence westerly along said extended northerly line to the place of beginning. Containing twenty and ninety-hundredth acres of land, together with the river front adjoining thereto."

APPROVED, March 18, 1870.

March 23, 1870.

Apportion-
ment of mem-
bers of certain
assemblies in
Arizona declared
legal.

CHAP. XXIX. — *An Act to confirm the Apportionment and amend certain Laws of the Territory of Arizona.*

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That the apportionment of members of the legislative assemblies of the Territory of Arizona, elected and convened in the years eighteen hundred and sixty-six, eighteen hun-

dred and sixty-seven, and eighteen hundred and sixty-eight, made by the governor in accordance with the laws of said Territory, be, and is hereby, declared legal and valid under the organic act.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That an election for members of the next legislative assembly, and for all township, county, and district officers, and for delegate to the Forty-second Congress of the United States, shall be held upon the Tuesday after the first Monday of November, in the year eighteen hundred and seventy, and the governor shall order such election by proclamation to be issued not less than two months previous to said day. In said proclamation he shall declare the number of members of each branch of the legislature to which each county or district of said Territory shall be entitled, and such apportionment shall be based upon the population as shown by the census to be taken in the year eighteen hundred and seventy, under the law of the United States, and if such census is not completed in time, then the apportionment shall be made according to the population as shown by the best information to be obtained. Said election shall be conducted in conformity to the laws of the Territory and of Congress; and the term of office of all township, county, and district officers shall expire upon the thirty-first day of December, eighteen hundred and seventy, and that of all officers elected as herein provided shall begin upon the first day of January, eighteen hundred and seventy-one.

Election to be held in November, 1870;

how ordered and conducted.

Apportionment.

Term of office.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That the persons thus elected to the next legislative assembly shall meet at the Capitol on the second Wednesday in January, eighteen hundred and seventy-one.

Next legislative assembly, where to meet.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted,* That the governor shall fill by appointment all vacancies in township, county, or district offices in said Territory, until the thirty-first day of December, eighteen hundred and seventy; and until the same time he may remove township, county, and district officers, and fill their places whenever in his judgment the public interest will be promoted thereby.

Governor may fill certain vacancies and make removals.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted,* That justices of the peace in said Territory of Arizona shall not have jurisdiction of any matter in controversy where the title or boundaries of land may be in dispute, or where the debt or sum claimed shall exceed three hundred dollars.

Jurisdiction of justices of the peace in Arizona limited.

APPROVED, March 23, 1870.

CHAP. XXX. — *An Act prescribing the Duty of the Secretary of the Treasury in certain Cases therein named.*

March 25, 1870.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That whenever any State shall have been, or may be, in default in the payment of interest or principal on investments in stocks or bonds issued or guaranteed by such State and held by the United States in trust, it shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Treasury to retain the whole, or so much thereof as may be necessary, of any moneys due on any account from the United States to such State, and to apply the same to the payment of such principal and interest, or either, or to the reimbursement, with interest thereon, of moneys advanced by the United States on account of interest due on such stocks or bonds.

Moneys due from the United States to any State to be withheld, &c. if State is in default in payment of interest or principal on stocks, &c. issued, &c. by it, and held in trust by the United States.

APPROVED, March 25, 1870.

CHAP. XXXI. — *An Act relating to Acknowledgments of Deeds or other Instruments of Writing in the District of Columbia.*

March 25, 1870.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That from and after the passage of this act the acknowledgment of any deed, contract, bond, or power of attorney, concerning lands in the District of Columbia, hereafter made

Acknowledgments of deeds, &c. of land in