CHAP. XIV.—An Act to establish certain Post-routes in the State of Iowa.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the following be, and the same are hereby, established as post-routes in the State of Iowa:

From Franklin, in Winneshiek County, State of Iowa, to Washington Prairie, in the same county; also,

From Waukon, in Allamakee County, State of Iowa, via Rud's, Dorcester, Wilmington, to Caledonia, in the State of Minnesota.

APPROVED, February 2, 1872.

CHAP. XV.—An Act in Relation to the Embassy from Japan.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the sum of fifty thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby, appropriated, to be paid out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, to defray such expenses of the embassy and its suite from Japan, which has arrived in the United States, as the Secretary of State may deem proper, but not to exceed the amount herein appropriated; this sum or so much thereof as may be necessary, to be expended under the direction of the Secretary of State, and on vouchers to be filed in the Treasury Department, and a statement thereof to be reported to Congress by the Secretary of State.

APPROVED, February 2, 1872.

CHAP. XVI.—An Act to exempt the Iron Steam Ice-boats constructed by the City of Philadelphia from the Inspection required by the Act of February twenty-eighth, eighteen hundred and seventy-one, entitled "An Act to provide for the better Security of Life on Board of Vessels propelled in Whole or in Part by Steam, and for other Purposes."

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the iron steam ice-boats, constructed by the city of Philadelphia for the purpose of keeping open the navigation of the rivers Delaware and Schuylkill during the winter months, be, and they are hereby, exempt from the inspection required by the act approved twenty-eighth of February, eighteen hundred and seventy-one, entitled "An act to provide for the better security of life on board of vessels propelled in whole or in part by steam, and for other purposes:"

Provided, That this act shall expire at the end of six months from and after its passage.

APPROVED, February 6, 1872.

CHAP. XVIII.—An Act establishing certain Post-roads in Vermont.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the following post-roads be established in the State of Vermont, viz.:

From the station on the Portland and Ogdensburgh railroad, in Greensboro', via Greensboro', East Craftsbury, and Craftsbury, to North Craftsbury.

Also, from the station on the same railroad at South Hardwick, to North Craftsbury.

APPROVED, February 12, 1872.

CHAP. XIX.—An Act for the Relief of Alexander Smith and Halcyon Skinner.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the commissioner of patents be, and he is hereby, directed to grant a rehearing of the application of Alexander Smith and Halcyon Skinner, for the extension of letters-patent granted to them on the fourth day of November, eighteen hundred and fifty-six, for improvement in power-looms; and he is hereby authorized to revive and extend the said letters-patent for the further term