

one, entitled "An act to enable organized counties and townships to vote aid to any railroad, and to provide for the payment of the same," be, and the same is hereby, disapproved and annulled, except in so far as is herein otherwise provided. But the passage of this act shall not invalidate or impair the organization of the company heretofore organized for the construction of the Dakota Southern railroad, leading from Sioux city, Iowa, by way of Yankton, the capital of said Territory, to the west line of Bon Homme county, or any vote that has been or may be given by the counties of Union, Clay, Yankton, and Bon Homme, or any township granting aid to said railroad, or any subscription thereto, or any thing authorized by, and that may have been done in pursuance of, the provisions of the aforesaid act of the legislative assembly of said Territory toward the construction and completion of said railroad; and the said Dakota Southern Railroad Company, as organized under and in conformity to the acts of the legislative assembly of said Territory, is hereby recognized and declared to be a legal and valid corporation; and the provisions of the act of said legislative assembly first aforesaid, so far as the same authorize, and for the purpose of validating any vote of aid and subscriptions to said company for the construction, completion, and equipment of the main stem of said railroad, between the termini aforesaid, are hereby declared to be and remain in full force, but no further, and for no other purpose whatsoever.

disapproved, except, &c.  
Dakota Southern R.R. Co. declared a legal corporation, and votes of counties or towns granting aid to its construction, not invalidated.

SEC. 2. That for the purpose of enabling the said Dakota Southern Railroad Company to construct its said road through the public lands between the termini aforesaid, the right of way through the said public lands is hereby granted to said company to the extent of one hundred feet in width on each side of said road: *Provided*, That nothing in this act shall relieve said Dakota Southern Railroad Company from constructing and completing said railroad in accordance with the conditions and stipulations under which the citizens of the counties therein named voted aid to said railroad in accordance with the laws of said Territory, approved April twenty-first, eighteen hundred and seventy-one: *Provided further*, That said Dakota Southern Railroad Company shall issue, to the respective counties and townships voting aid to said railroad, paid up certificates of stock in the same in amounts equal to the sums voted by the respective counties and townships.

Right of way through the public lands granted to said corporation.  
Conditions, &c., to be complied with.  
Amount of stock to be issued to counties, &c.

APPROVED, May 27, 1872.

CHAP. CCXXI. — *An Act to change the Name of the Schooner La Pette to La Petite.* May 27, 1872.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the name of the schooner La Pette, of Huron, Erie county, State of Ohio, be, and is hereby, changed from its present name to that of La Petite.

APPROVED, May 27, 1872.

Name of schooner "La Pette" changed to "La Petite."

CHAP. CCXXVI. — *An Act for the Relief of certain Officers of the Navy.* May 28, 1872.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That in conformity with and to carry into effect the recommendation and conclusions of the board of officers organized in pursuance of the "Resolution for the relief of certain officers of the navy," approved July first, eighteen hundred and seventy, the President of the United States be, and he is hereby, authorized, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, to restore Commodore Joseph F. Green to his original position on the navy list, next below Rear-Admiral Boggs; to promote Commodore John DeCamp to his original relative position as a rear-admiral on the retired list; to promote Commodore Charles W. Pickering to the grade of commodore on the retired list, with the retired pay of his advanced rank; to advance

Certain navy officers to be restored, &c., to original position on navy list. Vol. xvi. p. 383  
Joseph F. Green, John DeCamp, Charles W. Pickering.

Egbert Thompson, Samuel R. Franklin, John H. Russell and others.

Captain Egbert Thompson in rank next below Captain Thomas G. Corbin ; to promote Commander Samuel R. Franklin to take rank next after Commander James S. Thornton ; to restore Commander Edward Y. McCauley to his original rank, next after Commander W. D. Whiting ; to restore Commanders John H. Russell, A. W. Johnson, P. C. Johnson, John Watters, A. E. K. Benham, Austin Pendergrast, and W. P. McCann, respectively, to their original places on the navy list.

APPROVED, May 28, 1872.

May 28, 1872.

CHAP. CCXXVII. — *An Act to restore Lazarus L. Reamey to the Navy of the United States as a Midshipman.*

Lazarus L. Reamey may be restored to the navy as, &c., if, &c.

*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, and he is hereby, authorized, if in his opinion the good of the service will be promoted thereby, to restore Lazarus L. Reamey to the navy of the United States as a midshipman at the foot of the class of eighteen hundred and seventy, of which he was a member at the time of his resignation.

APPROVED, May 28, 1872.

May 28, 1872.

CHAP. CCXXVIII. — *An Act to provide for furnishing Trusses to disabled Soldiers.*

Trusses to be furnished to Union soldiers, ruptured in line of duty.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That every soldier of the Union army who was ruptured while in the line of duty, during the late war for the suppression of the rebellion, shall be entitled to receive a single or double truss of such style as may be designated by the Surgeon-General of the United States army as the best suited for such disability.

Applications therefor, how to be made.

SEC. 2. That application for such truss shall be made by the ruptured soldier to an examining surgeon for pensions, whose duty it shall be to examine such applicant, and for every such applicant, found to have a rupture or hernia, shall prepare and forward to the Surgeon-General an application for such truss, without charge to the soldier.

Surgeon-General to purchase the trusses.

SEC. 3. That the Surgeon-General of the United States army is hereby authorized and directed to purchase and procure the number of trusses which may be required for distribution to such disabled soldiers, at a price not greater than the same are sold to the trade at wholesale ; and the cost of the same shall be paid, upon the requisition of the Surgeon-General, out of any moneys in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Cost, and how paid.

APPROVED, May 28, 1872.

May 28, 1872.

CHAP. CCXXIX. — *An Act to provide for the Completion of three Volumes of Wilkes's United States Exploring Expedition.*

Three unfinished volumes of Wilkes's U. S. exploring expedition to be completed and published.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the joint committee on the library be, and they are hereby, authorized to contract for the completion of three unfinished volumes of the United States Exploring Expedition of the years eighteen hundred and thirty-eight to eighteen hundred and forty-two, to consist of physics and hydrography of the expedition by Charles Wilkes, and the volume of botany of the expedition by John Torrey and others ; said publication to be made in the same style as the volumes heretofore published, and distributed in the same manner : *Provided,* That no more than nine thousand dollars shall in any case be required to finish said volumes.

See Post, p. 362.

Limit to cost.

APPROVED, May 28, 1872.