and modes of proceeding as the said Supreme Court have prescribed or may hereafter prescribe: Provided, That on appeal, instead of the evidence at large, a statement of the facts of the case in the nature of a special verdict, and also the rulings of the court on the admission or rejection of evidence when excepted to, shall be made and certified by the court below, and transmitted to the Supreme Court together with the transcript of the proceedings and judgment or decree; but no appellate proceedings in said Supreme Court, heretofore taken upon any such judgment or decree, shall be invalidated by reason of being instituted by writ of error or by appeal: And provided further, That the appellate court may make any order in any case heretofore appealed, which may be necessary to save the rights of the parties; and that this act shall not apply to cases now pending in the Supreme Court of the United States where the record has already been filed.

Approved, April 7, 1874.

April 9, 1874. CHAP. 82.—An act to extend the time for completing the Wisconsin Central Railroad in Wisconsin.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the time specified in the ninth section of the act of Congress approved May fifth, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, entitled "An act granting lands to aid in the construction of certain railroads in the State of Wisconsin," for the completion of the road mentioned in the third section of said act, and for the reversion to the United States of the lands granted by said act, to aid in the construction of said road, be, and the same is hereby, extended until the thirty-first day of December, eighteen hundred and seventy-six.

Approved, April 9, 1874.

April 14, 1874. CHAP. 93.—An act to grant an American register to the Canadian tug "Noah P. Sprague."

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorized and directed to issue an American register to the American-built Canadian tug "Noah P. Sprague," owned by Edward Evans, of Tonawando, Niagara county, State of New York, said tug having been recently rebuilt in the city of Buffalo, in said State.

Approved, April 14, 1874.

April 15, 1874. CHAP. 96.—An act to establish a reservation for certain Indians in the Territory of Montana.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the following described tract of country, in the Territory of Montana, be, and the same is hereby, set apart for the use and occupation of the Gros Ventre, Piegan, Blood, Blackfoot, River Crow, and such other Indians as the President may, from time to time, see fit to locate thereon, viz: Commencing at the northwest corner of the Territory of Dakota, being the intersection of the forty-ninth parallel of north latitude and the one hundred and fourth meridian of west longitude; thence south to the south bank of the Missouri river; thence up and along the south bank of said river, to a point opposite the mouth of the Maria's river; thence along the main channel of the Maria's river to Birch Creek; thence up the main channel of Birch Creek to its source; thence west to the summit of the