

benefit of said church, in manner and form as the legally constituted authorities of said church shall prescribe and direct.

APPROVED, July 25, 1868.

CHAP. CCXLII. — *An Act to extend the Time for the Construction of the Southern Pacific Railroad in the State of California.* July 25, 1868.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Southern Pacific Railroad Company of the State of California shall, instead of the times now fixed by law for the construction of the first section of its road and telegraph line, have until the first day of July, eighteen hundred and seventy, for the construction of the first thirty miles, and they shall be required to construct at least twenty miles every year thereafter, and the whole line of their road within the time now provided by law.

APPROVED, July 25, 1868.

Time for Southern Pacific R. R. Co. of California to construct first section of road, &c. extended. Rest of road when to be built.

CHAP. CCXLIII. — *An Act providing for the Sale of the Arsenal Grounds at Saint Louis and Liberty, Missouri, and for other Purposes.* July 25, 1868.

See post, p. 339.

*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 is hereby, authorized to sell, at such time and in such manner as he may deem most advantageous to the interests of the government, subject to the provisions hereinafter contained, the following military reservations and public property, namely :

Arsenals at Saint Louis and Liberty, Missouri, and other property, may be sold.

The ground now occupied by the Saint Louis arsenal, in the city of Saint Louis, Missouri, except the westernmost six acres thereof, and that occupied by the United States arsenal situated at Liberty, Missouri, together with such buildings, machinery, and other property appertaining thereto as cannot be advantageously employed in the construction or improvement of other arsenals or military posts.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the ground occupied by the Saint Louis arsenal, except the westernmost six acres thereof, shall be divided into blocks and lots of convenient size for building purposes, with public streets, conforming, as near as may be without detriment to the interest of the government in the sale, to the public streets of the city of Saint Louis adjoining said grounds ; a plat of this division, made in accordance with the laws of the State of Missouri, shall be filed with the proper officer in the city of Saint Louis ; and the said lots shall be sold separately, at public auction, to the highest bidder, after thirty days' notice by advertisement in at least three daily papers in the city of Saint Louis ; payment to be made one-third in cash, the remainder in one and two years, with six per cent. interest per annum, secured by deed of trust on the lots sold. The stone wall surrounding said arsenal shall be sold in sections not exceeding one hundred feet in length.

Ground occupied by Saint Louis Arsenal, except, &c. to be divided into lots, and sold at auction.

Mode of payment. Stone wall, how to be sold.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That the westernmost six acres of the tract of ground occupied by the said Saint Louis arsenal is hereby granted to the city of Saint Louis, to be by it held as a public ground forever, open to the use of the public as a place of public resort, and for no other use whatever, and without any power in said city to make any disposition of the same, or any part thereof, for any private use whatever : *Provided, however,* That this grant is upon the express condition that the said city or the association formed and now existing in the State of Missouri for the purpose of erecting a monument to the memory of the late Brigadier-General Nathaniel Lyon, shall, within three years after the passage of this act, complete the erection upon the said six acres of such a monument, upon a plan and of a character to be approved by the President of the United States ; in default whereof this grant shall be null and void.

Westernmost six acres granted to the city of Saint Louis as a public ground. See post, p. 339. Proviso.

Monument to General Lyon to be erected thereon in three years.