

Lien of certificate.

a lien upon the property on or against which they are issued. And if the said certificates are not paid within one year, the said Commissioners of the District of Columbia shall, upon the application of the holder thereof, proceed to sell the property against which they are issued, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay said tax; such sales to be first duly advertised, daily, for one week, in some newspaper published in the city of Washington, and to be made at public auction to the highest bidder; and a deed given by the said Commissioners of the District of Columbia in pursuance hereof shall be deemed and held to be a good and perfect title to any property bought at such sale hereby authorized: *Provided*, That the owner of said real estate shall have the right to redeem the property sold by paying the amount of purchase-money and ten per centum, with costs, on the amount of the said purchase, within one year from the date of the sale.

Sale of property on non-payment of certificate.

SEC. 7. That the said paving-commission shall not repave that portion of Pennsylvania avenue between Ninth and Tenth streets on the north side of the railroad track, unless it may be necessary for them so to do to perfect the whole system. Where street-railroads cross Pennsylvania avenue, the pavement between their tracks shall conform to the kind of pavement used on the said avenue; and the companies owning these intersecting railroads shall pay for paving the same in the same manner and proportion as is required, by section three, of the Georgetown and Washington Railroad Company.

Redemption.

Certain portion not to be repaved, unless, etc.

SEC. 8. That it shall be the duty of the Commissioners of the District of Columbia to see that all water and gas mains service-pipes, and sewer-connections are laid without delay to the contractors before the pavement authorized by this act is put down; and it shall be the duty of the board of water-commissioners and of the Washington Gas-Light Company, under the direction of the said paving-commissioners, to take up, lay, and replace all gas-pipes, water-mains, and connections on said Pennsylvania avenue, at such time and places as said paving-commission may direct; and the old wood paving-blocks, which are required to be removed under this act, shall be delivered to the said Commissioners of the District of Columbia for such use or disposition as they may see fit to make.

Intersecting railroads.

Water and gas mains, etc.

Wooden paving-blocks.

Appropriation.

SEC. 9. That the sum of three thousand dollars is hereby appropriated out of any money in the Treasury of the United States not heretofore appropriated, and a like amount is directed to be paid by the District of Columbia Commissioners to the said paving-commission, to defray the necessary expenses of said commission.

Expenses of commission.

Approved, July 19, 1876.

July 19, 1876.

CHAP. 214.—An act for changing the name of the steam-propeller "Senator Mike Norton" to "America."

Name of steamer "Senator Mike Norton" changed.

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 be, and is hereby, authorized and directed to change the name of the steam-propeller "Senator Mike Norton" to "America," and grant a new register for the same.

Approved, July 19, 1876.

July 21, 1876.

CHAP. 220.—An act to provide for the sale of the Fort Kearney military reservation in the State of Nebraska.

Whereas the tract of land in the State of Nebraska known as the Fort Kearney military reservation is no longer needed or used for military purposes, and has been abandoned by the military authorities: Therefore,

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That it shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Interior to cause said tract of land to be surveyed, sectionized, and subdivided as other public lands, and after said survey, to offer said land to actual settlers only at minimum price, under and in accordance with the provisions of the homestead laws: *Provided,* That if any person has made permanent improvements upon said land prior to the first day of June, eighteen hundred and seventy-six, (being an actual settler thereon,) has exhausted his right to make a homestead entry, such person, or his heirs, may enter one quarter-section of said land under the provisions of the pre-emption-laws: *And provided further,* That the heirs of any deceased person who had made settlement and improvement as above described prior to June first, eighteen hundred and seventy-six, may complete the pre-emption or homestead entry of the person so deceased.

Sale of Fort Kearney military reservation.

Homesteads.

Heirs of homesteader.

Appropriation.

SEC. 2. That the sum of three thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated, out of any moneys in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this act.

Approved, July 21, 1876.

CHAP. 221.—An act to continue the provisions of an act entitled "An act to provide temporarily for the expenditures of the Government."

July 21, 1876.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the provisions of an act entitled "An act to continue the provisions of an act entitled an act to provide temporarily for the expenditures of the Government" approved June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and seventy-six approved July tenth, eighteen hundred and seventy-six, be, and the same are hereby, extended and continued in full force and effect, until and including the thirty-first day of July, eighteen hundred and seventy-six

Appropriations for expenditures of Government continued.

Ante, pp. 65, 78.
Post, 122, 131, 168.

Approved, July 21, 1876.

CHAP. 222.—An act establishing the rank of the Paymaster-General

July 22, 1876.

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 rank of the Paymaster-General of the United States Army shall be brigadier-general; but no pay or allowances shall be made to said officer other than from the date of appointment under this act.

Post, p. 270.

Rank of Paymaster-General.

Approved, July 22, 1876.

CHAP. 223.—An act to provide for the construction of military posts on the Yellowstone and Muscleshell Rivers.

July 22, 1876.

Whereas, Lieutenant General Philip H. Sheridan and Brigadier General Alfred H. Terry have, in their reports to the Secretary of War for the year eighteen hundred and seventy-five, set forth the great importance and immediate necessity of the construction of Military posts at certain points on the Yellow-stone and Muscleshell Rivers, in the Territory of Montana, and in the Military Department of Dakota, and such recommendations have been transmitted to Congress with the approval of the Secretary of War: Therefore,

Preamble.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United