

March 16, 1876.

**CHAP. 29.**—An act to establish certain post-routes in the State of Texas.

*Post*, pp. 12, 319, 336.

Post-roads es-  
tablished in—  
Texas.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the following post-routes be, and they are hereby, established, to wit:

A post-route from Paris, Lamar County, Texas, by way of Cotton Plant, in said county, and by way of Cooper, in Delta County, in said State, to Sulphur Springs, in Hopkins County, in said State; also, a post-route from Bonham, in Fannin County, Texas, by way of Ladonia, in said county, and Ben Franklin, in Delta County, Texas, to Cooper in said county.

Approved, March 16, 1876.

March 23, 1876.

**CHAP. 30.**—An act making appropriations for the payment of invalid and other pensions of the United States, for the year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and seventy seven.

*Post*, p. 223.

Appropriations.

Army pensions.

R. S., 4782, p. 936.

1874, ch. 335,  
18 Stat., 115.

Proviso.

Navy pensions.

Proviso.

1870, ch. 238,  
16 Stat., 222.  
R. S., 4755, p.  
932.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the following sums be, and the same are hereby, appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the payment of pensions for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and seventy seven: Pensions for Army invalids, for widows, minors, and dependent relatives and for survivors and widows of the war of eighteen hundred and twelve, twenty eight million four hundred thousand dollars, including such contingent expenses as may be recommended by the Commissioner of Pensions, and approved by the Secretary of the Interior, fees for preparing vouchers and administering oaths, two hundred and fifty thousand dollars; fees of examining surgeons, one hundred thousand dollars; compensation to pension agents, and the expenses of the several pension agencies, two hundred thousand dollars, as provided under the act of June sixth, eighteen hundred and seventy-four, and of March third, eighteen hundred and seventy-three; also for furnishing artificial limbs or apparatus for resection, with transportation or commutation therefor, fifty thousand dollars: *Provided*, That the same shall be expended and disbursed under the direction of the Surgeon General of the Army and in accordance with existing laws; for Navy pensions to invalids, and for widows and dependent relatives, five hundred and twenty five thousand dollars; for fees of examining surgeons, one thousand dollars; for fees for preparing vouchers and administering oaths, as provided by the several acts of Congress, three thousand dollars; compensation to pension agents, two thousand five hundred dollars, including such contingent expenses as may be recommended by the Commissioner of Pensions, and approved by the Secretary of the Interior; for furnishing artificial limbs or apparatus for resection, with transportation or commutation therefor, two thousand dollars, which appropriation shall be expended under the direction of the Surgeon General of the Army: *Provided*, That the appropriation aforesaid for Navy pensions, and other expenditures under that head, shall be paid from the income of the Navy pension fund, so far as the same may be sufficient for that purpose, as provided by the act of July eleventh, eighteen hundred and seventy.

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**CHAP. 31.**—An act to confirm certain school-indemnity selections of public lands by the State of Nebraska

School lands in  
Nebraska, title  
confirmed.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the selections of school lands made by the State of Nebraska as indemnity for tracts in sections sixteen and thirty-six otherwise disposed of, which are suspended in the

General Land Office, for the reason that they are for lands which, under the act of March sixth, eighteen hundred and sixty eight, can only be disposed of under the homestead and preemption laws, and to which no other legal objection exists be, and the same are hereby, confirmed; and title shall be transferred to the State as in other cases of such selections

1868, ch. 20,  
15 Stat., 39.

Approved, March 23, 1876.

**CHAP. 40.**—An act to incorporate the Washington City Inebriate Asylum in the District of Columbia.

March 30, 1876.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That all persons who shall become subscribers pursuant to this act shall hereby constitute and be declared a community-corporation and body politic forever, or until Congress by law direct this charter to cease and determine, by and under the name of the Washington City Inebriate Asylum of the District of Columbia; and by and under the same name and title they shall be able and capable in their corporate name to take, purchase, have, lease, and hold real estate, not exceeding sixty acres, in the District of Columbia, and erect thereon a building or buildings suitable for the purposes of an asylum hereinbefore named; and to take, purchase, hold, and convey such personal property as may be necessary to carry out the objects of said asylum, namely, the care and medical treatment and control of the inebriate, and for no other purpose. Said asylum shall have power to sue and be sued, to make and use a common seal, and alter the same at pleasure, to take and hold any grant or devise of land, or any donation or bequest of money or other personal property to be applied to the maintenance of said asylum. But the limitation that the said asylum shall not take, purchase, have, lease, and hold real estate shall only apply to property leased or purchased, and shall not prevent the said asylum from taking and holding any estate, real or personal, given or devised to it, not exceeding in value five hundred thousand dollars: *Provided,* That the property held by the said asylum shall never exceed five hundred thousand dollars in value.

Corporators.

Name.

Powers.

Proviso.

Subscribers.

Fund.

Trustees.

SEC. 2. That any person donating the sum of ten dollars to the asylum hereby incorporated shall be deemed a subscriber and stockholder.

SEC. 3. That the fund of said institution shall be fifty thousand dollars, but may be increased to three hundred thousand dollars at any time the board of directors may think it compatible with the best interest of said asylum, and shall be deemed personal property.

SEC. 4. That all the affairs and concerns of said asylum shall be managed by, and conducted under, the direction of twenty-five trustees, who shall be subscribers and citizens of the United States of America, and who shall be elected by the subscribers, after the present year, annually, on the first Thursday in November of each year, by ballot, by a plurality of subscribers present or represented by proxy, each and every subscription of ten dollars having one vote; if for any cause such election shall not be so held, the said asylum shall not be deemed dissolved, but an election shall be held within twelve months thereafter; notice of time and place of such election shall be published for two weeks immediately preceding the day appointed therefor in at least two newspapers of the District of Columbia. The said board of trustees, annually, from their own body, and as soon as may be after their election, shall proceed to elect, by ballot, a president and one treasurer of said asylum, who, so long as they shall continue trustees of said asylum, shall hold their offices respectively during the pleasure of the board of trustees; and the said trustees shall have power to fill vacancies in their own body, caused by the death, resignation, removal, or otherwise, of any trustee or trustees, and to make all by-laws, not inconsistent with the Constitution and laws of the United States, as they may

President and  
treasurer.

Vacancies in  
board.

By-laws.