

H. Starkweather of Connecticut, deceased, late a member of the House of Representatives as authorized by the resolution of the House of Representatives of May fifth, eighteen hundred and seventy-six, and concurred in by the Senate May twentieth eighteen hundred and seventy-six; said portraits to accompany the eulogies ordered to be printed by the same resolution.

SAM' J. RANDALL
Speaker of the House of Representatives
T. W. FERRY
President of the Senate pro tempore.

Received by the President December 16, 1876.

[NOTE BY THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE.—The foregoing act having been presented to the President of the United States for his approval, and not having been returned by him to the house of Congress in which it originated within the time prescribed by the Constitution of the United States, has become a law without his approval.]

CHAP. 18.—An act providing for the sale of Saline lands.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That whenever it shall be made appear to the register and the receiver of any land office of the United States that any lands within their district are saline in character, it shall be the duty of said register and said receiver, under the regulations of the General Land office, to take testimony in reference to such lands to ascertain their true character, and to report the same to the General Land office; and if, upon such testimony, the Commissioner of the General Land office shall find that such lands are saline and incapable of being purchased under any of the laws of the United States relative to the public domain, then, and in such case, such lands shall be offered for sale by public auction at the local land office of the district in which the same shall be situated, under such regulations as shall be prescribed by the Commissioner of the General Land office, and sold to the highest bidder for cash, at a price not less than one dollar and twenty five cents per acre; and in case said lands fail to sell when so offered, then the same shall be subject to private sale, at such land office, for cash, at a price not less than one dollar and twenty-five cents per acre, in the same manner as other lands of the United States are sold, *Provided,* That the foregoing enactments shall not apply to any State or Territory which has not had a grant of salines by act of Congress, nor to any State which may have had such a grant, until either the grant has been fully satisfied, or the right of selection thereunder has expired by efflux of time. But nothing in this act shall authorize the sale or conveyance of any title other than such as the United States has, and the patents issued shall be in the form of a release and quit-claim of all title of the United States in such lands.

SEC. 2. That all executive proclamations relating to the sales of Public Lands shall be published in only one newspaper, the same to be printed and published in the State or Territory where the lands are situated, and to be designated by the Secretary of the Interior.

Approved, January 12, 1877.

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Saline lands to be examined and reported on.

To be offered at public auction.

Minimum price.

To be sold at private sale.

When act not to apply.

Form of patent.

Advertisements.
Post, p. 357.

CHAP. 19.—An act authorizing the use of certain funds now in the Treasury, belonging to the Osage Indians.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he hereby is authorized to use a sum not exceeding Fifty Thousand dollars from funds now in the Treasury belonging to the Osage

Jan. 12, 1877.

Appropriation of funds of Osage Indians.

1870, ch. 296,
16 Stat., 362.

Indians, under an act of July fifteen, eighteen hundred and seventy, to be expended for their benefit, to aid them in agriculture; for their care and support, and in extending improvements already begun on their reservation, and in any other manner to promote their civilization and improvement.

Approved, January 12, 1877.

Jan. 13, 1877.

CHAP. 21.—An act to change the name of the steamship "Whirl-wind" to that of "Arcadia"

Name of steam-
ship Whirl-wind
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 he is hereby, authorized and directed to allow the owners of the steamship "Whirl-wind," a vessel of American ownership and register, to change her name, and be hereafter known as the "Arcadia."

Approved, January 13, 1877.

Jan. 16, 1877.

CHAP. 22.—An act to amend section ten hundred and thirty-six of the Revised Statutes relating to the District of Columbia.

R. S. D. C., 1036,
p. 121, amended.
Constables to
take oath and give
bond.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section ten hundred and thirty-six of the Revised Statutes relating to the District of Columbia be amended to read as follows: "Each constable shall, before performing any of the duties of his office, take the oath prescribed for civil officers in the District, and shall enter into a bond to the United States in the sum of five thousand dollars, with security, to be approved by the clerk of the supreme court of the District, conditioned for the faithful performance of the duties of his office, and for the punctual payment of all moneys coming into his hands to the persons entitled to receive the same. And the clerk of said supreme court shall approve of no bond of any constable until at least three bondsmen shall sign said constable's bond, and each of said bondsmen shall file with said constable's bond an affidavit that he is the owner in fee-simple of unincumbered real estate, situated in the District of Columbia, of the cash value of at least five thousand dollars."

When bond to be
approved.

Approved, January 16, 1877.

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CHAP. 23.—An act authorizing the recorder of the District of Columbia to appoint an assistant with certain powers.

Recorder of
deeds in District of
Columbia may ap-
point deputy.
Powers and du-
ties.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the recorder of deeds for the District of Columbia is authorized to appoint a deputy recorder; and all deeds of conveyance, leases, powers of attorney, and other written instruments required to be filed and recorded, and all copies of instruments and records, and certificates authorized by law, filed, recorded, made, and certified by the deputy recorder, shall have the same legality, force, and effect as if performed by the recorder. In case of a vacancy in the office of recorder by death, resignation, or other cause, the deputy recorder shall act until a recorder shall be duly appointed and qualified: *Provided,* That no additional expense shall be incurred by the District for said deputy, and no other fees shall be allowed than are now provided by law.

Proviso.

Approved, January 16, 1877.