

ton, at which meeting the said proprietors shall proceed, as provided in sections two and three of this act, to elect a board of trustees, who shall hold office until their successors are duly elected and qualified under the annual election to be held on the first Monday in June following.

SAM' J. RANDALL

*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

T. W. FERRY

*President of the Senate pro tempore.*

Received by the President February 16, 1877.

[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. 79.**—An act to authorize the printing and distribution of the memorial addresses on the life and character of the late Michael C. Kerr, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

March 1, 1877.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* that twelve thousand copies of the memorial addresses on the life and character of the late Michael C. Kerr, Speaker of the House of Representatives be printed; three thousand copies for the use of the Senate and nine thousand copies for the use of the House of Representatives; and that the Secretary of the Treasury have engraved and printed the portrait of Mr Kerr to accompany the same, for which the sum of five hundred dollars or so much thereof as may be necessary is hereby appropriated, out of any moneys in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Eulogies on Speaker Kerr to be printed.

Portrait.  
Appropriation.

Approved, March 1, 1877.

**CHAP. 80.**—An act to authorize the printing and distribution of the eulogies delivered in Congress on announcement of the death of the late Allen T. Caperton a Senator from the State of West Virginia.

March 1, 1877.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That nine thousand copies of the eulogies delivered in the two Houses of Congress upon the late Allen T. Caperton, a Senator from the State of West Virginia, be printed; three thousand copies for the use of the Senate and six thousand copies for the use of the House of Representatives; and that the Secretary of the Treasury have engraved and printed the portrait of Mr. Caperton to accompany the same, for which the sum of five hundred dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated, out of any moneys in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Eulogies on Senator Caperton to be printed.

Portrait.  
Appropriation.

Approved, March 1, 1877.

**CHAP. 81.**—An act relating to indemnity school selections in the State of California

March 1, 1877.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the title to the lands certified to the State of California, known as indemnity school selections, which lands were selected in lieu of sixteenth and thirty-sixth sections, lying within Mexican grants, of which grants the final survey had not been made at the date of such selection by said State, is hereby confirmed to said State in lieu of the sixteenth and thirty-sixth sections, for which the selections were made.

Indemnity school lands confirmed to California.

When by final survey school sections are not in Mexican grants.

SEC 2. That where indemnity school selections have been made and certified to said State, and said selection shall fail by reason of the land in lieu of which they were taken not being included within such final survey of a Mexican grant, or are otherwise defective or invalid, the same are hereby confirmed, and the sixteenth or thirty-sixth section in lieu of which the selection was made shall, upon being excluded from such final survey, be disposed of as other public lands of the United States: *Provided*, That if there be no such sixteenth or thirty-sixth section, and the land certified therefor shall be held by an innocent purchaser for a valuable consideration, such purchaser shall be allowed to prove such facts before the proper land-office, and shall be allowed to purchase the same at one dollar and twenty-five cents per acre, not to exceed three hundred and twenty acres for any one person: *Provided*, That if such person shall neglect or refuse, after knowledge of such facts, to furnish such proof and make payment for such land, it shall be subject to the general land-laws of the United States.

Innocent purchasers of land certified for school sections protected.

Proviso.

Confirmation not to extend to claims of actual settlers.

If settlement made in good faith.

Time for proof of settlement, etc., limited.

Not to apply to mineral lands, etc.

SEC 3. That the foregoing confirmation shall not extend to the lands settled upon by any actual settler claiming the right to enter not exceeding the prescribed legal quantity under the homestead or pre-emption laws: *Provided*, That such settlement was made in good faith upon lands not occupied by the settlement or improvement of any other person, and prior to the date of certification of said lands to the State of California by the Department of the Interior: *And provided further*, That the claim of such settler shall be presented to the register and receiver of the district land-office, together with the proper proof of his settlement and residence, within twelve months after the passage of this act, under such rules and regulations as may be established by the Commissioner of the General Land-Office.

SEC 4. That this act shall not apply to any mineral lands, nor to any lands in the city and county of San Francisco, nor to any incorporated city or town, nor to any tide, swamp, or overflowed lands.

Approved, March 1, 1877.

March 2, 1877.

CHAP. 82.—An act to provide for the preparation and publication of a new edition of the Revised Statutes of the United States.

Commissioner to prepare new edition of Revised Statutes.

Duty of commissioner.

1874, ch. 333,  
18 Stat., 113.

Amendments to be incorporated. References.

References to subsequent legislation.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the President of the United States be, and he is hereby, authorized to appoint, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, one person, learned in the law, as a commissioner, for the purpose of preparing and publishing a new edition of the first volume of the Revised Statutes of the United States.

SEC 2. That in performing this duty, said commissioner shall be required to incorporate into the text of the Revised Statutes as published in the year anno Domini eighteen hundred and seventy-five, under the act of June twentieth, eighteen hundred and seventy-four, all the amendments which have been made in the revision so published since the first day of December, eighteen hundred and seventy-three, and all that shall be made up to the close of the present session of Congress, with marginal references to such amendatory acts, and to all the decisions of the several courts of the United States, (as far as the same may have been published,) which may have been made subsequent to those already cited in the margin of the present revision, and may include also citations to such judicial decisions of the various State courts as he may deem important; and he shall also make marginal references to the various statutes passed by Congress since the first day of December, eighteen hundred and seventy-three, not expressly therein declared to be amendments to the Revised Statutes, but which, in the opinion of said commissioner, may in any manner affect or modify any of the provisions of the said Revised Statutes, or any of the amendments thereto, indicating in such marginal notes by a difference in type the references