

of the United States, under the general incorporation laws of any Territory of the United States, shall be construed as having authorized and as authorizing the legislative assemblies of the Territories of the United States, by general incorporation acts, to permit persons to associate together as bodies corporate for purposes above named.

APPROVED, June 10, 1872.

CHAP. CDXXXV.—*An Act to reimburse the State of Nevada for Expenses incurred while a Territory in Purchase of a Prison and in Support of United States Courts.* June 10, 1872.

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 pay, out of any funds in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of sixty thousand dollars, to be received in full payment of all claims against the United States for expenses incurred by said Territory of Nevada.

Nevada to be reimbursed for expenses of courts and a prison, incurred while a territory.

APPROVED, June 10, 1872.

CHAP. CDXXXVI.—*An Act for the Relief of certain Tribes of Indians in the northern Superintendency.* June 10, 1872.
See Post, p. 517.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That with the consent and concurrence of the Omaha tribe of Indians, expressed in open council in the usual manner, the Secretary of the Interior be, and hereby is, authorized to cause to be surveyed, if necessary, a portion of their reservation in the State of Nebraska, not exceeding fifty thousand acres, to be taken from the western part thereof, and to be separated from the remaining portion of said reservation by a line running along the section lines from north to south. The said lands so separated shall be appraised by three competent commissioners, one of whom shall be selected by said Omaha tribe of Indians in open council, and the other two shall be appointed by the Secretary of the Interior. After the survey and appraisal of said lands, as herein provided, the Secretary of the Interior shall be, and hereby is, authorized to offer the same for sale for cash in hand; and sealed proposals, duly invited by public advertisements, shall be received for the same for tracts not exceeding one hundred and sixty acres each, and also for the entire body offered; and he shall be, and hereby is, authorized to accept the proposal for the entire tract, or the highest bids for separate tracts, whichever shall be deemed best for the interests of the Indians: *Provided,* That no bids for separate tracts shall be accepted which may be less than the appraised value of such tract, nor less than one dollar and twenty-five cents per acre; or for the entire tract which shall be less than the aggregate appraised value of the same, nor less than one dollar and twenty-five cents per acre. The proceeds of such sale shall be placed to the credit of said Indians on the books of the treasury of the United States, and bear interest at the rate of five per centum per annum, payable semi-annually, except such portion thereof as the Secretary of the Interior, with the approval of the President of the United States, may deem necessary to be expended for their immediate use in improving and fencing farms, building houses, purchasing implements of agriculture and live stock, and in establishing and supporting schools: *Provided also,* That not more than twenty-five per centum of the principal of the aggregate amount of sales of said lands shall be expended in any one year: *Provided,* That no sale shall be approved unless the average sales of each of said parcels of said land shall be at least two dollars and fifty cents per acre.

Western part of reservation of the Omahas in Nebraska to be separated and surveyed, if, &c.;

to be appraised.

Proposals for purchase for cash, as a whole or in tracts, to be invited by advertisement.

Best bid to be accepted.

Certain bids to be rejected.

Proceeds of sale to be placed to credit of the Indians, at interest, except, &c.,

Provisos.

SEC. 2. That with the consent and concurrence of the Pawnee tribe of Indians, expressed in open council in the usual manner, the Secretary of the Interior be, and hereby is, authorized to cause to be surveyed, if nec- Portion of the reservation of the Pawnees in Nebraska to be