

laws of the United States", approved June twentieth, eighteen hundred and seventy-four, shall be made by the Secretary of State under the seal of the Department of State, and so much of said section as provides that such certificate shall be under the seal of the United States, is hereby repealed.

R. S. 204, p. 31,
amended.

SEC. 2. That section number two hundred and four of the revised statutes of the United States shall hereafter read as follows: Whenever a bill, order, resolution or vote of the Senate and House of Representatives, having been approved by the President, or not having been returned by him with his objections, becomes a law or takes effect, it shall forthwith be received by the Secretary of State from the President; and whenever a bill, order, resolution or vote is returned by the President with his objections, and, on being reconsidered, is agreed to be passed, and is approved by two-thirds of both Houses of Congress, and thereby becomes a law or takes effect, it shall be received by the Secretary of State from the President of the Senate, or Speaker of the House of Representatives in whichever House it shall last have been so approved, and he shall carefully preserve the originals.

Approved, December 28, 1874.

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CHAP. 10.—An act for the relief of certain settlers on the public lands.

Certain settlers injured by grasshoppers allowed to be absent from settlements.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That it shall be lawful for homestead and pre-emption settlers on the public lands, whose crops were destroyed or seriously injured by grasshoppers in the year eighteen hundred and seventy-four to leave and be absent from said lands until July first, eighteen hundred and seventy-five, under such regulations as to proof of the same as the Commissioner of the General Land Office may prescribe; and where such grasshoppers shall re-appear in eighteen hundred and seventy-five, to the like destruction of the crops of settlers, the right to leave and be absent as aforesaid shall continue to July first, eighteen hundred and seventy-six.

Adverse rights not to attach during absence of settler.

SECTION 2. That during such absence no adverse rights shall attach to said lands; such settlers being allowed to resume and perfect their settlement as though no such absence had been enjoyed or allowed.

Extension of time for final proof and payment.

SECTION 3. That the time for making final proof and payment by pre-emptors whose crops have been destroyed or injured as aforesaid, is hereby extended for one year after the expiration of the term of absence provided for in the first section of this act.

Approved, December 28, 1874.

Jan. 1, 1875.

CHAP. 12.—An act suspending so much of the act entitled "An act re-organizing the several staff-corps of the Army," approved June twenty-third, eighteen hundred and seventy-four, as applies to contract-surgeons.

Act June 23, 1874, c. 458, s. 4, suspended, as to contract-surgeons.

Ante, p. 245.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That so much of the act entitled "An act re-organizing the several staff-corps of the Army," approved June twenty-third, eighteen hundred and seventy-four, as applies to contract-surgeons, be, and is hereby, suspended until otherwise provided by law.

Approved, January 1, 1875.

Jan. 11, 1875.

CHAP. 13.—An act to create an additional land-district in the State of Oregon, to be called the Dalles land-district.

The Dalles land-district, in Oregon, established.

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 establish an additional land-district in the State of Oregon, which district shall be bounded as fol-

lows, viz: Commencing on the Columbia River at the intersection of the range-line, between ranges eight and nine east, thence south on said range-line to the fourth standard parallel, which is the north boundary of the Linkton land-district; thence east on said parallel to range twenty-seven east; thence north on range-line between ranges twenty-six and twenty-seven to the Columbia River; thence down said river to the place of beginning, comprising all that land in Oregon situate north of the Linkton land-district and between ranges eight and twenty-seven east of the Willamette meridian. Said district, as above bounded, shall be known and designated as The Dalles district; and the office of said district shall be located at the city of The Dalles, or such place as the President shall direct, in the State of Oregon; and the President of the United States shall have power to change the location of said land-office, in said State, from time to time, as the public interests may seem to require.

Land-office at The Dalles.

Location may be changed.

Register and receiver.

SEC. 2. That the President is hereby authorized to appoint, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, or during the recess thereof, a register and a receiver for the district hereby created, who shall each reside in the place where said land-office is located, and shall have the same powers, responsibilities, and emoluments, and be subject to the same acts and penalties, which are, or may be, prescribed by law in relation to other land-officers in said State.

SEC. 3. That the public lands in said district shall be subject to sale and disposal upon the same terms and conditions as other public lands of the United States: *Provided*, That all sales and locations made at the office of the old district of lands situated within the limits of the new district, which shall be valid and right in other respects, up to the day on which the new office shall go into operation, be, and the same are hereby, confirmed.

Sale of lands in The Dalles district.

Sales at former land-office confirmed.

Approved, January 11, 1875.

CHAP. 14.—An act explanatory of the resolution entitled "A resolution for the relief of settlers upon the Absentee Shawnee lands in Kansas," approved April seventh, eighteen hundred and sixty-nine.

Jan. 11, 1875.

Whereas several tracts of land ceded to the Shawnee Indians by the treaty concluded between them and the United States which was proclaimed November second, eighteen hundred and fifty-four, were erroneously set apart and allotted to various individuals of the Shawnee tribe of Indians, and which said allotments were subsequently canceled, and therefore form a part of the residuum of the land which by the treaty aforesaid was to be set apart for the Absentee Shawnees: Therefore,

Vol. 10, p. 1053.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the terms of the resolution approved seventh April, eighteen hundred and sixty-nine, for the relief of the settlers upon the Absentee Shawnee lands in Kansas, should be extended to those settlers who now occupy and have improved tracts of land known and described as the east half of the northeast quarter and the southwest quarter of the northeast quarter of section twenty-nine, in township twelve, of range twenty-three east, of the sixth principal meridian; the south half of the southwest quarter of section five; the south half of the southwest quarter, the north half of the southwest quarter, and the northwest quarter of section eight, in township thirteen of range twenty-two east, of the sixth principal meridian; all located in the State of Kansas, within the boundaries of the tract ceded to the Shawnees by the treaty proclaimed on the second November, eighteen hundred and fifty-four.

Res. 9, April 7, 1869, extended to certain settlers on Absentee Shawnee lands.

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Approved, January 11, 1875.