

March 3, 1885. **CHAP. 348.**—An act to provide for the appraisement and sale of lots in the town of Peru, Dubuque County, Iowa

Lots in Peru,
Iowa.
1836, vol. 5, ch.
262, p. 70.
1837, vol. 5, ch.
36, p. 178.
Preamble.

Whereas, under an act approved July second, eighteen hundred and thirty-six, and an act amendatory thereto, approved March third eighteen hundred and thirty-seven, entitled "An act for laying off the towns of Fort Madison and Burlington, in the county of Des Moines, and the towns of Bellevue, Dubuque, and Peru, in the county of Dubuque," and so forth, certain disposition was therein provided for the lands set off for such towns; and

Whereas the site for the said town of Peru, in the year eighteen hundred and forty, and the lots thus reserved, have been settled upon by bona fide settlers, who have made valuable improvements thereon: Therefore

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 appoint three commissioners, any two of whom shall be a quorum to do business, who, before entering upon the discharge of their duties, shall take an oath to faithfully perform the same. Said commissioners shall have power, and it is hereby made their duty, to view said lots and appraise their value, not taking into consideration the improvements thereon; after which appraisement the proper register and the proper receiver shall expose said lots to public sale to the highest bidder, after advertising the same in three public newspapers at least three months, reserving from such sale such lots as, according to the records of the General Land Office, have already been paid for or patented: *Provided*, That the actual settlers upon said lots who have made valuable improvements thereon shall first be entitled to purchase the same at their appraised value.

President to appoint commissioners to appraise.

Duties of commissioners.

Sale; how conducted.

Lots, paid for or patented, reserved.

Actual settlers may purchase at appraised value.

Pay of commissioners.

SEC. 2. That said commissioners shall each be entitled to five dollars per day for each day actually employed as provided above, to be paid by the receiver of public moneys of the proper land district.

Approved, March 3d, 1885.

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CHAP. 349.—An act relative to the Chinese indemnity fund.

Chinese indemnity fund.

President to convert into coin and return to Chinese Government.

Balance covered into Treasury.

Proviso, Charles E. Hill to be first paid for steamer Keorgeor.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to cause the residue of the indemnity received from China, which is now in the custody of the Secretary of State and is known and designated in the accounts and reports of the Department of State as the Chinese indemnity fund, to be converted into coin, and the sum of five hundred and eighty-three thousand four hundred dollars and ninety cents be returned to the Chinese Government, and the balance of said fund, if any, be covered into the Treasury of the United States: *Provided*, That before the payment to China the Secretary of State shall pay from said fund to the executors of Charles E. Hill the sum of one hundred and thirty thousand dollars, upon receipt of a release in full for all claims upon China for the use and loss of the steamer Keorgeor, in or about the year eighteen hundred and sixty-three.

Approved, March 3d, 1885.

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CHAP. 350.—An act to amend section fifteen hundred and fifty-six of the Revised Statutes, giving longevity pay to certain officers of the Navy.

Longevity pay to certain Navy officers.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That from and after the passage of this act the passed assistant engineers of the Navy shall receive during the third five years after the date from which they take rank as

passed (first) assistants, when at sea, two thousand four hundred and fifty dollars; on shore duty, two thousand two hundred and fifty dollars; on leave or waiting orders, one thousand nine hundred dollars. During and after the fourth five years from such date, when at sea, two thousand seven hundred dollars; on shore duty, two thousand three hundred and fifty dollars; on leave or waiting orders, one thousand nine hundred and fifty dollars. And section fifteen hundred and fifty-six of the Revised Statutes is hereby amended accordingly.

Passed assistant engineers to have increased pay.

R. S., sec. 1556, p. 266. Amended.

Approved, March 3, 1885.

CHAP. 351.—An act to empower the Commissioners of the District of Columbia to examine the claim of, and providing for the payment of, Outerbridge Horsey, assignee.

March 3, 1885.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Commissioners of the District of Columbia be, and they are hereby, authorized to examine the claims of Outerbridge Horsey, assignee of T. B. Winter, for medicines furnished the poor of the sixth council district in said District, and ascertain forthwith what, if any, sum be due and unpaid thereon; and that thereupon the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, empowered and directed to pay the sum found to be due to Outerbridge Horsey, out of any moneys in the Treasury otherwise unappropriated; and the sum of one hundred and sixty-one dollars and twenty-five cents, or so much thereof as may be required, is hereby appropriated for the payment of said claim out of money in the Treasury otherwise unappropriated.

Commissioners of District of Columbia to examine claim of Outerbridge Horsey, assignee of T. B. Winter. Secretary of Treasury to pay if due. Appropriation.

Approved, March 3d, 1885.

CHAP. 352.—An act for the benefit of soldiers and sailors who have lost an arm at the shoulder-joint,

March 3, 1885.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That all soldiers and sailors of the United States who have had an arm taken off at the shoulder-joint, caused by injuries received in the service of their country while in the line of duty, and who are now receiving pensions, shall have their pensions increased to the same amount that the law now gives to soldiers and sailors who have lost a leg at the hip-joint; and this act shall apply to all who shall be hereafter placed on the pension-roll,

Soldiers and sailors of United States. Pension hereafter for loss of arm at shoulder-joint to be same as for loss of leg at hip-joint.

Approved, March 3d, 1885.

CHAP. 353.—An act amending section seven hundred and sixty-four of the Revised Statutes.

March 3, 1885.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section seven hundred and sixty-four of the Revised Statutes be amended so that the same shall read as follows:

R. S., sec. 764, p. 143. Amended.

From the final decision of such circuit court an appeal may be taken to the Supreme Court in the cases described in the preceding section.

Appeal to Supreme Court.

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