

now paid in case of such disability, the sum of thirty dollars, in cases of total deafness, and such proportion thereof in cases of partial deafness as the Secretary of the Interior may deem equitable; the amount paid to be determined by the degree of disability existing in each case.

Approved, August 27, 1888.

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CHAP. 914.—An act to provide aid to State or Territorial homes for the support of disabled soldiers and sailors of the United States.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That all States or Territories which have established, or which shall hereafter establish, State homes for disabled soldiers and sailors of the United States who served in the war of the rebellion, or in any previous war, who are disabled by age, disease, or otherwise, and by reason of such disability are incapable of earning a living, provided such disability was not incurred in service against the United States, shall be paid for every such disabled soldier or sailor who may be admitted and cared for in such home at the rate of one hundred dollars per annum. The number of such persons for whose care any State or Territory shall receive the said payment under this act shall be ascertained by the Board of Managers of the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers, under such regulations as it may prescribe, but the said State or Territorial homes shall be exclusively under the control of the respective State or Territorial authorities, and the Board of Managers shall not have nor assume any management or control of said State or Territorial homes. The Board of Managers of the National Home shall, however, have power to have the said State or Territorial homes inspected at such times as it may consider necessary, and shall report the result of such inspections to Congress in its annual report.

SEC. 2. That the sum of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to carry out the provisions of this act, and payments to the States or Territories under it shall be made quarterly by the said Board of Managers for the National Home for Disabled Volunteers to the officers of the respective States or Territories entitled, duly authorized to receive such payments, and shall be accounted for as are the appropriations for the support of the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers.

Approved, August 27, 1888.

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CHAP. 915.—An act for the erection of a marine hospital at Evansville, Indiana.

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 purchase a site for, and cause to be erected thereon, a suitable building for a marine hospital at the city of Evansville, Indiana. The plans, Specifications, and full estimates for said building shall be previously made and approved according to law, and shall not exceed, for the site and building complete, the sum of one hundred thousand dollars; nor shall any site be purchased until estimates for the erection of the building which will furnish sufficient accommodations for such hospital, and which shall not exceed in cost the balance of the sum herein limited, after the site shall have been purchased and paid for and approved by the Secretary of the Treasury: *Provided,* That no money appropriated for this purpose shall be available until a valid title to

Disabled soldiers and sailors.
Aid to State homes for.

Board of Managers of National Home to make rules, etc.

R. S., sec. 4825, p. 936.

Inspection.

Appropriation.

Payments.

Evansville, Ind.
Marine hospital.

Site, plans, etc.

Estimates.

Proviso.
Title, etc.

the site for said building shall be vested in the United States, nor until the State of Indiana shall have ceded to the United States exclusive jurisdiction over the same, during the time the United States shall be or remain the owner thereof, for all purposes except the administration of the criminal laws of said State and the service of civil process therein.

Approved, August 27, 1888.

CHAP. 916.—An act to regulate the subdivision of land within the District of Columbia.

August 27, 1888.

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 and directed to make and publish such general orders as may be necessary to regulate the platting and subdividing of all lands and grounds in the District of Columbia; and no such plat of subdivision made in pursuance of such orders shall be admitted to record in the office of the surveyor of said District without an order to that effect indorsed thereon by the Commissioners of said District.

District of Columbia. Platting and subdivision of land.

SEC. 2. That all spaces on any duly recorded plat of land thereon designated as streets, avenues, or alleys shall thereupon become public ways, provided they are made in conformity with the provisions of section one of this act, and as such be under the protection of the laws and ordinances in force applicable to public roads out of said city.

Streets, avenues, and alleys.

SEC. 3. That if by the extension of any of the present streets or avenues, or the opening of any public way, it becomes necessary to traverse any grounds now used as a cemetery, or place of burial, the Commissioners are hereby empowered to secure a right of way through the same by stipulation with the proprietors thereof.

Right of way for extension of streets.

SEC. 4. That the orders of the Commissioners made pursuant to this act shall have the force and effect of law, thirty days subsequent to the day of publication; and all laws and provisions of laws inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

Orders.

SEC. 5. No future subdivision of land in the District of Columbia, without the limits of the cities of Washington and Georgetown, shall be recorded in the surveyors office of the said District unless made in conformity with the general plan of the city of Washington.

Future subdivisions.

Approved, August 27, 1888.

CHAP. 917.—An act authorizing the Richmond and Danville Railroad Company to lay tracks, and so forth, in the District of Columbia.

August 27, 1888.

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 the Richmond and Danville Railroad Company, a corporation created by and existing under the laws of the State of Virginia, to run and operate steam locomotives and trains of cars for the transportation of passengers and freight within the District of Columbia as hereinafter provided; and the said Richmond and Danville Railroad Company may put down, construct, and use one or more tracks along Maryland avenue, in the city of Washington, from its western terminus to and across Thirteenth and one-half street to block two hundred and sixty-nine, and thence obliquely through said block and over and across E and Thirteenth streets to block three hundred, and it shall be lawful for said Richmond and Danville Railroad Company to put down, construct, and use one or more tracks from said block two hundred and sixty-nine over and across

District of Columbia. Richmond and Danville Railroad Company may lay tracks in.

Location.