

priations which may be made for the purpose, but the academy shall receive no compensation whatever for any services to the Government of the United States. Expenses thereof.

APPROVED, March 3, 1868.

CHAP. CXII. — *An Act to establish the Gauge of the Pacific Railroad and its Branches.* March 3, 1868.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the gauge of the Pacific railroad and its branches throughout their whole extent, from the Pacific coast to the Missouri River, shall be, and hereby is, established at four feet eight and one half inches. Gauge of Pacific railroad and branches. Act, p. 495.

APPROVED, March 3, 1868.

CHAP. CXIII. — *An Act to enable the District Courts of the United States to issue Executions and other final Process in certain Cases.* March 3, 1868.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That in all cases wherein the district courts of the United States within and for the several districts of Texas, Florida, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, and Kansas had rendered final judgments or decrees prior to the passage of an act entitled "An act to amend the act of the third of March, eighteen hundred and thirty-seven, entitled 'An act supplementary to the act entitled an act to amend the judicial system of the United States,'" approved July fifteenth, eighteen hundred and sixty-two, which cases might have been brought, and could have been originally cognizable in a circuit court, said district courts shall have power to issue writs of execution or other final process, or to use such other powers and proceedings as may be in accordance with law, to enforce the judgments and decrees aforesaid, anything in said act of the fifteenth of July, eighteen hundred and sixty-two, to the contrary notwithstanding. Certain district courts to issue executions, &c., in certain cases. 1837, ch. 34. Vol. v. p. 176. 1862, ch. 178. Act, p. 576.

APPROVED, March 3, 1868.

CHAP. CXIV. — *An Act to provide for issuing an American Register to the Steam-vessel "Maple Leaf."* March 3, 1868.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there be issued, under the direction of the Secretary of the Treasury, an American register to the British colonial built steam-vessel "Maple Leaf," now owned by Charles Spear and J. H. B. Lang, of Boston, in the State of Massachusetts. American register to issue to steamer "Maple Leaf."

APPROVED, March 3, 1868.

CHAP. CXV. — *An Act relating to the Validity of Deeds of Public Squares and Lots in the City of Washington.* March 3, 1868.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That no deed or conveyance heretofore made, in pursuance of law, of squares or lots of public land in the city of Washington, by the commissioner of public buildings, or any other authorized officer, shall be deemed invalid in law, for the want of an acknowledgment by said commissioner or other authorized officer before such judicial officers as deeds of real property made between individuals are required by law to be acknowledged. Deeds of public squares, &c., by any authorized public officer, not to be invalid for want of acknowledgment.

APPROVED, March 3, 1868.

March 8, 1868. CHAP. CXVI. — *An Act to grant the Right of Preemption to certain Purchasers on the "Socol Ranch," in the State of California.*

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That it may and shall be lawful for the commissioner of the general land-office to cause the lines of the public surveys to be extended over the tract of country known as the "Socol Ranch," in California, the claim to which by Don Mariana Gaudalupe Vallejo has been adjudged invalid by the supreme court of the United States, and to have approved plats thereof duly returned to the proper district land-office: *Provided,* That the actual cost of such survey and platting shall first be paid into the surveying fund by settlers, according to the requirements of the tenth section of the act of Congress, approved thirtieth of May, eighteen hundred and sixty-two, "to reduce the expenses of the survey and sale of the public lands in the United States."

Lines of public surveys to be extended over the Socol Ranch in California.

Cost of survey, &c., to be first paid.
1862, ch. 86, § 10.
Acte, p. 410.

Certain individuals may enter at \$1.25 the acre.

Municipal claims.

1844, ch. 17.
Vol. v. p. 687.

Claims to be presented within twelve months.

Adjudication thereon.

Claims not so brought to be barred, and lands to be treated as public lands.

Reserved and mineral lands excepted.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That after the return of such approved plats to the district office, it may and shall be lawful for individuals, bona fide purchasers from said Vallejo, or his assigns, to enter, according to the lines of the public surveys, at one dollar and twenty-five cents per acre, the land so purchased, to the extent to which the same had been reduced to possession at the time of said adjudication of said supreme court, joint entries being admissible by coterminous proprietors to such an extent as will enable them to adjust their respective boundaries.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That municipal claims within the limits of the said "Socol Ranch" may be entered under the terms, limitations, and conditions of the town-site act of twenty-third of May, eighteen hundred and forty-four.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted,* That all claims within the purview of this act shall be presented to the register and receiver within twelve months after the return of such surveys to the district land-office, accompanied by proof of bona fide purchase under Vallejo, of settlement, and the extent to which the tracts claimed had been reduced into possession at the time of said adjudication; and thereupon each case shall be adjudged by the register and receiver under such instructions as shall be given by the commissioner of the general land-office, to whom the proof and adjudication shall be returned by the local land-office, and no adjudication shall be final until confirmed by the said commissioner.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted,* That any claim not brought before the register and receiver within twelve months, as aforesaid, shall be barred, and the lands covered thereby, with any other tracts within the limits of said "Socol Ranch," the titles to which are not established under this act, shall be dealt with as other public lands: *Provided,* That no entry shall be made of lands reserved and occupied for military, naval, or other public uses, or which may be designated for such purposes by the President, nor shall any claim under this act extend to mineral lands.

APPROVED, March 8, 1868.

March 8, 1868. CHAP. CXVII. — *An Act to provide a temporary Government for the Territory of Idaho.*

Territory of Idaho established.

Boundaries.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That all that part of the territory of the United States included within the following limits, to wit: Beginning at a point in the middle channel of the Snake River where the northern boundary of Oregon intersects the same; then follow down said channel of Snake River to a point opposite the mouth of the Kooskooskia, or Clear Water River; thence due north to the forty-ninth parallel of latitude; thence east along said parallel to the twenty-seventh degree of longitude west of Washington; thence south along said degree of longitude to the northern boundary of Colorado Territory; thence west along said