the improvement of Chelsea street, bordering on the United States navy-yard, in what was formerly known as Charlestown, Massachusetts.

Approved, December 19, 1874.

CHAP. 5.—An act relating to the disposition of certain lands to be reclaimed in sections fourteen, twenty-three, and twenty-six, in township sixteen north, of range twenty, in the county of Sheboygan, in the State of Wisconsin. Dec. 21, 1874.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That so much of the bed of the marsh or pond in sections fourteen, twenty-three, and twenty-six, in township sixteen north, of range twenty east of the fourth principal meridian, in the county of Sheboygan, in the State of Wisconsin, as shall or may be reclaimed by draining the water from the same, shall be owned and held, so far as any rights or interests of the United States are concerned, by the owners of the lands abutting upon said marsh or pond, and draining the same to the centre or thread thereof, and divided among the several owners adjoining and abutting said marsh or pond, according to the rules of law, upon payment by said adjoining owners into the treasury of the United States of one dollar and twenty-five cents per acre for the amount of land that has been or may be so reclaimed.

Release of certain swamp lands in Sheboygan County, Wisconsin, at $1.25 per acre, when drained.

Approved, December 21, 1874.

CHAP. 7.—An act reserving for the use of Congress one hundred and fifty copies of the Revised Statutes authorized to be printed by the act of June twentieth eighteen hundred and seventy-four. Dec. 24, 1874.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the one hundred and fifty copies of the Revised Statutes of the United States bound and delivered to the two houses of Congress by the Congressional Printer, under the concurrent resolution agreed to on the eleventh of December eighteen hundred and seventy-four for that purpose be taken and reserved from the number ordered by the Secretary of State under the act of Congress passed the twentieth day of June eighteen hundred and seventy-four.

One hundred and fifty copies of the Revised Statutes to be part of number ordered.

Ante, p. 113.

Approved, December 24, 1874.

CHAP. 8.—An act to enable the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia to proceed with its jury-business. Dec. 28, 1874.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That until the first day of February, eighteen hundred and seventy-five, it shall be lawful for the supreme court of the District of Columbia, in its various terms, to cause to be drawn by lot and impaneled from time to time the proper number of persons for grand and petit jurors in said court from those whose names are now deposited with the clerk of the said court in the general jury box as jurors of the District of Columbia; and such panels so drawn and constituted shall be deemed and held to be valid and legal: *Provided*, That nothing herein shall be construed to impair the right of challenge to individual jurors, as now existing by law.

Grand and petit jurors in District of Columbia to be drawn from existing lists.

Approved, December 28, 1874.

CHAP. 9.—An act providing for the authentication of the revised statutes of the United States and for preserving the originals of all laws in the Department of State. Dec. 28, 1874.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the certificate to the printed volume of the revised statutes of the United States required by section two of "An act providing for publication of the revised statutes and

Certificate to Revised Statutes, how to be made.
Ante, p. 113.

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 whichsoever 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 preemptors 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-