transferred to special board of trustees.

"An act providing for the education of colored children in the cities of Washington and Georgetown, District of Columbia, and for other purposes," approved May twenty-first, eighteen hundred and sixty-two, be, and the same are hereby, transferred to Daniel Breed, Sayles J. Bowen, and Zenas C. Robbins, and their successors in office, who are hereby created a board of trustees of the schools for colored children in the cities aforesaid, and who shall possess all the powers and perform all the duties conferred upon and required of the trustees of public schools in the said cities of Washington and Georgetown by the aforesaid act.

Powers and duties of new board.

Term of office of trustees.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the before-named trustees shall hold their offices for the respective terms of one, two, and three years, to be determined by lot, and it shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Interior, on the first day of July, eighteen hundred and sixty-three, and annually on that day thereafter, to appoint from among the residents of the said cities a trustee in place of the one whose term has expired or is about to expire. And the Secretary of the Interior is also authorized to fill vacancies in said board of trustees whenever, from any cause, such vacancies may occur.

Vacancies.

APPROVED, July 11, 1862.

July 12, 1862.

1862, ch. 120. *Ante*, p. 489.

CHAP. CLIV.—*An Act to amend an Act entitled "An Act to aid in the Construction of a Railroad and Telegraph Line from the Missouri River to the Pacific Ocean, and to secure to the Government the Use of the same for Postal, Military, and other Purposes," approved, July 2, 1862.*

First meeting of commissioners on Pacific railroad and telegraph, to be held in Chicago.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the first meeting of the commissioners named in the act entitled "An act to aid in the construction of a railroad and telegraph line from the Missouri River to the Pacific Ocean, and to secure to the government the use of the same for postal, military, and other purposes," approved July second, eighteen hundred and sixty-two, and of the five commissioners directed by said act to be appointed by the Secretary of the Interior, shall be held at Bryan Hall, in the city of Chicago, in the State of Illinois, on the first Tuesday of September next, at twelve o'clock, at noon. A notice of said meeting, to be signed by at least ten of the commissioners named in said act, shall be published at least once a week during the six successive weeks commencing on the twentieth of July, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-two in one daily newspaper in each of the cities of Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Cincinnati, Chicago, and St. Louis, and no other notice of said meeting shall be requisite.

Notice.

APPROVED, July 12, 1862.

July 12, 1862.

1862, ch. 54. *Ante*, p. 376.

CHAP. CLV.—*An Act Supplementary to the "Act for the Release of Certain Persons held to Service or Labor in the District of Columbia," approved April sixteen, eighteen hundred and sixty-two.*

Oath, &c., may be made by whom.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the oath or affirmation required by the second section of the act entitled "An act for the release of certain persons held to service or labor in the District of Columbia," to verify the statements or petitions in writing filed before the commissioners, under the act aforesaid, of persons holding claim to service or labor against persons of African descent, freed and discharged therefrom, under the act aforesaid, may in all cases in which the persons holding claims, as aforesaid, are infants or minors, be made by the guardian or by any other person, whether separately or jointly, having the custody, management, or control by law of the person and property of such infants or minors; and that in all cases in which the persons holding claims as aforesaid are non-residents of the District of Columbia, or resident absentees, the oath or

Minors.

Non-residents.

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