shall first be established; and the President shall be authorized hereafter, from time to time, as circumstances may require, to adjust the boundaries of any and all of the land districts in said State, and change the location of the land office from time to time when the same shall be expedient.

Boundaries and location of districts and offices may be changed.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the President is hereby authorized to appoint, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, or during the recess thereof, and until the end of the next ensuing session, a register and receiver for said land district, who shall be required to reside at the site of the office, shall be subject to the same laws and responsibilities, and whose compensation and fees shall be respectively the same per annum, as are now allowed by law to other land officers in said State.

Register and receiver. Residence. Pay and fees.

APPROVED, July 3, 1866.

CHAP. CLXV. — *An Act making a Grant of Lands in alternate Sections to aid in the Construction and Extension of the Iron Mountain Railroad, from Pilot Knob, in the State of Missouri, to Helena, in Arkansas.*

July 4, 1866.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there be, and is hereby, granted to the State of Missouri, for the purpose of aiding in the construction and extension of the Iron Mountain railroad, from its present terminus at Pilot Knob to a point on the southern boundary line of the State of Missouri, every alternate section of land, designated by odd numbers, for ten sections in width on each side of said road; but in case it shall appear when the route of said road is definitely fixed that the United States have sold any sections or parts thereof, granted as aforesaid, or that the right of pre-emption has attached to the same, then it shall be lawful for any agent or agents to be appointed by the Governor of said State to select, subject to the approval of the Secretary of the Interior, from the lands of the United States nearest to the tiers of sections above specified so much land in sections or parts of sections, to be selected as aforesaid, as shall be equal to such lands as the United States have sold or otherwise appropriated or to which the rights of pre-emption have attached, which lands thus selected shall be held by the State of Missouri for the use and purposes aforesaid, and for none other: *Provided*, That the lands so located shall be within the Ironton land district as now established and not more than twenty miles from the line of said road: *And provided, further*, That all mineral lands except those containing coal and iron, and any lands heretofore reserved to the United States by any act of Congress or in any other manner by competent authority for the purpose of aiding in any object of internal improvement, or for any other purpose whatever, be, and the same are, reserved to the United States from the operation of this act, except so far as it may be found necessary to locate the routes of said railroad through the same, in which case the right of way only shall be granted, subject to the approval of the President of the United States.

Lands granted to Missouri for extension of Iron Mountain railroad.

Alternate sections.

If any of the lands have been before granted or pre-empted, other lands to be selected in lieu thereof.

Lands to be in Ironton land district, and within twenty miles of the road.

Mineral lands, except coal and iron, reserved.

Right of way granted.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That there be, and is hereby, granted to the State of Arkansas, for the purpose of aiding in the construction and extension of a railroad from the point where the Iron Mountain railroad intersects the southern boundary line of Missouri, by the nearest and most practicable route, to a point at or near the town of Helena, on the Mississippi river, every alternate section of land, designated by odd numbers, for ten sections in width on each side of said road; but in case it shall appear, when the line of said road is definitely fixed, that the United States have sold any sections or parts thereof, granted as aforesaid, or that the right of pre-emption has attached to the same, then it shall be lawful for any agent or agents to be appointed by the Gov-

Lands granted to Arkansas for extension of railroad to Helena.

Alternate sections.

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ernor of said State, to select, subject to the approval of the Secretary of the Interior, from the lands of the United States nearest to the tiers of sections above specified so much land, in alternate sections, designated as aforesaid, as shall be equal to such lands as the United States have sold or otherwise appropriated, or to which the rights of pre-emption have attached, which lands thus selected shall be held by the State of Arkansas for the use and purposes aforesaid, and for none other: *Provided*, That the land so selected and located shall in no case be further than twenty miles from the line of road when the same shall be located: *And provided further*, That all mineral lands, except those containing coal and iron, and any lands heretofore reserved to the United States by any act of Congress, or in any other manner by competent authority, for the purpose of aiding in any object of internal improvement, or for any other purpose whatever, be, and the same are, reserved to the United States from the operation of this act, except so far as it may be found necessary to locate the routes of said railway through the same, in which case the right of way only shall be granted, subject to the approval of the President of the United States.

Lands may be selected in lieu of those before granted, &c.;

to be within twenty miles of railroad.

Mineral lands, except coal and iron, reserved.

Right of way.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That the sections and parts of sections of land which shall remain to the United States within ten miles on either side of said road, and the even sections and parts of sections corresponding to the odd ones selected within twenty miles of the same, shall not be sold for less than double the minimum price of the public lands when sold, nor shall any of the said lands become subject to private entry until the same shall have been first offered at public sale to the highest bidder at or above the minimum price as aforesaid: *Provided*, That actual bona fide settlers under the pre-emption laws of the United States may, after the proof of settlement, improvement, and occupation, as now provided by law, purchase the same at the increased minimum price; *And provided, also*, That settlers under the provisions of the homestead law, who comply with the terms and requirements of *this* [said] act, shall be entitled to patents for an amount not exceeding eighty acres each, anything in this act to the contrary notwithstanding.

Sections of land remaining to the United States not to be sold for less than double minimum price; to be first offered at public auction.

Bona fide settlers under pre-emption laws.

Settlers under homestead law.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That the said railroads shall be, and remain, public highways, so far as the same may be constructed under this act, for the use of the government of the United States, free of all toll or other charges upon the transportation of any property or troops of the United States, and at the costs in all respects of said railroad companies; and the said roads are hereby required to be constructed within the term of five years from and after the first day of July, anno Domini eighteen hundred and sixty-six.

These railroads to be public highways, and free for the United States;

to be built in five years.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That the lands hereby granted to said States of Missouri and Arkansas shall be disposed of by said States for the purposes aforesaid only, and in manner following, namely: Whenever the governor of either of said States shall certify to the Secretary of the Interior that any section of ten consecutive miles of either of said roads is completed in a good, substantial, and workmanlike manner, as a first-class railroad, and the said Secretary shall be satisfied that said State has complied in good faith with this requirement, the said Secretary of the Interior shall issue to the said State patents for all the lands granted and selected as aforesaid, not exceeding ten sections per mile, situated opposite to and within a limit of twenty miles of the line of said section of road thus completed, extending along the whole length of said completed section of ten miles of road, and no further. And when the governor of said State shall certify to the Secretary of the Interior, and the Secretary shall be satisfied that another section of said road, ten consecutive miles in extent, connecting with the preceding section or with some other first-class railroad which may be at the time in successful operation, is completed as aforesaid, the said Secretary of the Interior shall issue to the

Lands hereby granted, how to be disposed of.

When the governor shall certify that a section of ten consecutive miles is completed, &c.;

that another section of ten consecutive miles, &c.

said State patents for all the lands granted and situated opposite to and within the limits of twenty miles of the line of said completed section of road or roads, and extending the length of said section, and no further, and not exceeding ten sections of land per mile for all that part of said road thus completed under the provisions of this act and the act to which this is an amendment, and so, from time to time, until said roads and branches are completed. And when the governor of said State shall so certify, and the Secretary of the Interior shall be satisfied that the whole of any one of said roads and branches is completed in a good, substantial, and workmanlike manner, as a first-class railroad, the said Secretary of the Interior shall issue to the said State patents to all the remaining lands granted for and on account of said completed road and branches in this act, situated within the said limits of twenty miles from the line thereof, throughout the entire length of said road and branches: *Provided*, That no land shall be granted or conveyed to said States under the provisions of this act on account of the construction of any railroad or part thereof that has been constructed under the provisions of any other act at the date of the passage of this act, and adopted as a part of the line of railroad provided for in this act: *And provided*, That nothing herein contained shall interfere with any existing rights acquired under any law of Congress heretofore enacted making grants of land to the said States of Missouri and Arkansas to aid in the construction of railroads: *And provided further*, That should said States or either of them fail to complete the roads herein recited within the time prescribed by this act, then the lands undisposed of, as aforesaid, within the States so failing shall revert to the United States.

Where the governor shall certify that other sections are completed;

that whole road is completed.

Lands not to be granted on account of the construction of certain railroads.

Vested rights not affected.

Lands when to revert to the United States.

SEC. 6. *And be it further enacted*, That so soon as the governor of either of said States shall file or cause to be filed with the Secretary of the Interior maps designating the routes of said roads herein mentioned, then it shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Interior to withdraw from market the lands embraced within the provisions of this act.

When maps are filed, lands to be withdrawn from market.

SEC. 7. *And be it further enacted*, That nothing contained in this act shall be held as vesting in the State of Arkansas title to the lands herein recited for the trust purpose aforesaid, or authorizing said State to make any disposition of the same, until said State shall be restored in all respects to its former relation to the national government and be represented in the Congress of the United States.

Arkansas to have no title to or power over the granted lands until restored to former relations.

APPROVED, July 4, 1866.

CHAP. CLXVI. — *An Act concerning certain Lands granted to the State of Nevada.* July 4, 1866.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the appropriation by the constitution of the State of Nevada to educational purposes of the five hundred thousand acres of land granted to said State by the law of September fourth, eighteen hundred and forty-one, for purposes of internal improvement, is hereby approved and confirmed.

Appropriation by Nevada of land for educational purposes confirmed.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That land equal in amount to seventy-two entire sections, for the establishment and maintenance of a university in said State, is hereby granted to the State of Nevada.

Lands granted for a university;

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That the grant made by law of the second day of July, eighteen hundred and sixty-two, to each State, of land equal to thirty thousand acres for each of its senators and representatives in Congress, is extended to the State of Nevada; and the diversion of the proceeds of these lands in Nevada from the teaching of agriculture and mechanic arts to that of the theory and practice of mining is allowed and authorized without causing a forfeiture of said grant.

for an agricultural college. 1862, ch. 130. Vol. xii. p. 503.

Theory and practice of mining may be taught.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That the President of the United States, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, shall be, and he