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CHAP. 52.—An act to authorize the purchase of additional grounds for the United States court house and post-office building at Springfield, Illinois.

Springfield, Ill. Secretary of the Treasury authorized to purchase ground.

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 to purchase the ground adjoining the United States court-house and post-office building in the city of Springfield, in the State of Illinois, bounded on the north by Monroe street, on the east by Seventh street, on the west by Sixth street, and on the south by the alley in the middle of the block: *Provided*, That said additional ground can be purchased, and a good and valid title secured to the United States, for not exceeding twenty-six thousand dollars. And there is hereby appropriated for this purpose, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of twenty-six thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary. The Secretary is authorized to cause the buildings now on said ground to be removed, and the lot inclosed and improved; and for this purpose he may use the proceeds derived from the sale of the buildings, and in addition the sum of one thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, which sum is hereby appropriated out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Proviso. Title.

Appropriation.

Appropriation for buildings to be removed.

Approved, February tenth, 1885.

Feb. 11, 1885.

CHAP. 55.—An act to amend section forty-four hundred and thirty-four of title fifty-two of the Revised Statutes of the United States, concerning commerce and navigation and the regulation of steam-vessels.

Commerce and navigation and regulation of steam vessels.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section forty-four hundred and thirty-four of the Revised Statutes of the United States be amended by adding thereto a proviso, so that the section will read as follows:

R. S., sec. 4434, p. 859, amended by *proviso* as to thickness of boiler-plates and space between flues.

"SECTION. 4434. No boiler to which the heat is applied to the outside of the shell thereof shall be constructed of iron or steel plates of more than twenty-six one-hundredths of an inch in thickness, the ends or heads of the boilers only excepted; and every such boiler employed on steam-vessels navigating rivers flowing into the Gulf of Mexico, or their tributaries, shall have not less than three inches space between and around its internal flues: *Provided*, That boilers to which the heat is applied to the outside of the shell thereof, may, in the discretion of the Secretary of the Treasury, be authorized and used on steam-vessels navigating the Atlantic or Pacific oceans, or salt-water bays or sounds, or the great lakes, or any of them, and waters flowing to and from the same, or any of them, when constructed of iron or steel plates not exceeding fifty one-hundredths of an inch in thickness".

Exception as to vessels navigating oceans and great lakes.

Approved, February eleventh, 1885.

Feb. 12, 1885.

CHAP. 56.—AN act making appropriations for the support of the Military Academy for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and eighty-six, and for other purposes.

Military Academy appropriations.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the following sums be, and the same are hereby, appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the support of the Military Academy for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and eighty-six:

Pay of professors.

For pay of eight professors, twenty-five thousand five hundred dollars.

Commandant of cadets.

For one commandant of cadets, in addition to pay of captain in the line, one thousand two hundred dollars.