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the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate. The Commissioner of Labor shall hold his office for four years, and until his successor shall be appointed and qualified, unless sooner removed, and shall receive a salary of three thousand dollars a year. The Commissioner shall collect information upon the subject of labor, its relation to capital, the hours of labor, and the earnings of laboring men and women, and the means of promoting their material, social, intellectual, and moral prosperity. The Secretary of the Interior upon the recommendation of said Commissioner, shall appoint a chief clerk, who shall receive a salary of two thousand dollars per annum, and such other employees as may be necessary for the said Bureau: *Provided*, That the total expense shall not exceed twenty-five thousand dollars per annum. During the necessary absence of the Commissioner, or when the office shall become vacant, the chief clerk shall perform the duties of Commissioner. The Commissioner shall annually make a report in writing to the Secretary of the Interior of the information collected and collated by him, and containing such recommendations as he may deem calculated to promote the efficiency of the Bureau.

Salary.
Duties.
Chief clerk, etc.
Salary.
Proviso.
Annual report.

Approved, June 27, 1884.

CHAP. 131.—An act to repeal section one of the act entitled "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," approved July fourth, eighteen hundred and sixty-six, and for other purposes.

June 28, 1884.

Whereas by the first section of an act of Congress approved July the fourth, eighteen hundred and sixty-six, there was granted to the State of Missouri, for the purpose of aiding in the construction and extension of the Iron Mountain Railroad, from its terminus at Pilot Knob to a point on the southern boundary-line of the State, every alternate section of land designated by odd numbers, for ten sections in width on each side of said road; and

14 Stat., 83.
Preamble.

Whereas said Iron Mountain Railroad Company, or its successor, did not comply with the terms of said act either in time or by the construction of its line in accordance with the location of its line as shown on its maps filed in the Department of the Interior or otherwise, and never became entitled to or received any of said lands: Therefore,

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section one of the act of Congress entitled "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", approved July fourth, eighteen hundred and sixty-six, be, and hereby is repealed; and upon the acceptance by the said Iron Mountain Railroad Company, its successors or assigns, in writing, under corporate seal, within six months from the passage of this act, of the terms of this act, and upon the production to the Secretary of the Interior by said company, its successors or assigns, of satisfactory proof that said lands have not been sold or encumbered by said company, the said Iron Mountain Railroad Company, its successors or assigns, shall be forever released from any and all obligations imposed by said act of July fourth, eighteen hundred and sixty-six; and all of the lands granted by said section one be and they are hereby restored to the public domain for disposition under the public-land laws of the United States: *Provided*, That all pre-emption and homestead entries heretofore allowed upon any of said lands, not in excess of the legal quantity, be, and they are hereby, confirmed: *And provided further*, That all persons residing on any of said lands at the date of the passage of this act shall have a prior right to acquire the same, not exceeding one hundred and sixty acres,

Repeal of section one of act granting lands to aid in construction of Iron Mountain Railroad.

Release of company; conditions.

Lands restored to the public domain; *proviso.*

by the usual methods and under the usual restrictions: *Provided*, That there shall be excluded from the operation of the release of the obligations as a land grant road herein provided, that part of the railroad between Poplar Bluff, Missouri and the Arkansas State line.

Approved, June 28, 1884.

June 28, 1884.

CHAP. 132.—An act to authorize the National Bank of Middletown, Pennsylvania, to change its location and name.

National Bank of Middletown, Pa., authorized to change name and location.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the National Bank of Middletown, now located in the borough of Middletown and State of Pennsylvania, is hereby, authorized to change its location to the borough of Steelton, in said State, whenever the stockholders representing two thirds of the capital of said bank, at a meeting called for that purpose, determine to make such change, the president and cashier shall execute a certificate, under the corporate seal of the bank, specifying such determination, and shall cause the same to be recorded in the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, and thereupon such change of location shall be effected, and the operations of discount and deposit of said bank shall be carried on in the borough of Steelton.

How change may be effected.

Liabilities, etc., not released.

SEC. 2. That nothing in this act contained shall be so construed as in any manner to release the said bank from any liability or affect any action or proceeding in law in which the said bank may be a party or interested; and when such change shall have been determined upon as aforesaid, notice thereof and of such change shall be published in two weekly papers in the county of Dauphin and said State, not less than four weeks.

Change of name.

SEC. 3. That whenever the location of said bank shall have been changed from the borough of Middletown to the borough of Steelton, in accordance with the first section of this act, its name shall be changed to the National Bank of Steelton, if the board of directors of said bank shall accept the new name by resolution of the board, and cause a copy of such resolution, duly authenticated, to be filed with the Comptroller of the Currency.

Rights and liabilities to continue under new name.

SEC. 4. That all debts, demands, liabilities, rights, privileges, and powers of the National Bank of Middletown shall devolved upon the National Bank of Steelton whenever such change of name is effected.

SEC. 5. That this act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved, June 28, 1884.

June 30, 1884.

CHAP. 134.—An act making an appropriation for the completion of the sewerage system of the District of Columbia.

Appropriation.

Completion of sewers in District of Columbia.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the sum of five hundred thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby, appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of completing the principal main drainage and the auxiliary sewers of Washington and Georgetown, in accordance with the plans on file in the office of the Engineer Commissioner of the District of Columbia.

Proposals, and contracts for construction, as in cases of new sewers.

Proviso.

SEC. 2. That notice for proposals shall be given and contracts for the construction of said sewers made in the manner now provided by law in cases of building new sewers in the District of Columbia: *Provided*, That notice for proposals shall be given for thirty days; and in addition to the newspapers in which notice is now required to be given, said notice shall also be given in one newspaper for thirty days in each of the cities of Chicago, Cincinnati, Saint Louis Louisville and Richmond.