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CHAP. 819.—An act to authorize the leasing of the school and university lands in the Territory of Wyoming, and for other purposes. August 9, 1888.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the county commissioners of each of the counties organized or hereafter organized in the Territory of Wyoming are hereby authorized to lease the lands devoid of timber and known mineral deposits heretofore reserved or that may hereafter be reserved for school purposes in their respective counties, in such manner as may be provided by the laws of the said Territory. Wyoming. School lands may be leased.

SEC. 2. That all moneys derived from the leasing of the lands as provided by the first section of this act shall become part of the school funds of the county where such lands are situated, and shall be used for the building of school-houses and the support of public schools in such county, and for no other purpose. Use of funds.

SEC. 3. That the governor, superintendent of public instruction, and auditor of the Territory of Wyoming are hereby constituted a board, with authority to lease the lands heretofore selected, or that may be hereafter selected, for university purposes, under the provisions of the act of Congress entitled "An act to grant lands to Dakota, Montana, Arizona, Idaho, and Wyoming for university purposes," approved February eighteenth, eighteen hundred and eighty-one, in the said Territory of Wyoming, in such manner as may be provided by the laws of the Territory of Wyoming: *Provided*, That until the legislature of said Territory shall provide by law for the leasing of said university and school lands the said governor, superintendent of public instruction, and auditor are authorized, with the approval of the Secretary of the Interior, to make the necessary rules and regulations to carry out the provisions of this section. University lands may be leased. Vol. 21, p. 326. *Proviso.* Rules and regulations.

SEC. 4. That all moneys derived from the leasing of the said university lands, as provided by the third section of this act, shall become a part of the university fund of said Territory, and shall be used for the support of the university of Wyoming, and for no other purpose. Use of funds.

SEC. 5. That no lease under the provisions of this act shall be made for a term exceeding five years, and all leases shall expire within six months after the Territory is admitted as a State into the Union: *Provided*, That the Secretary of the Interior may at any time in his discretion annul any lease made under the provisions of this act. Term of leases. *Proviso.* Annulling leases.

SEC. 6. That where lands in the sixteenth and thirty-sixth sections, in the Territory of Wyoming, are found upon survey to be in the occupancy, and covered by the improvements of an actual pre-emption or homestead settler, or where either of them are fractional in quantity, in whole or in part, or wanting because the townships are fractional or have been or shall hereafter be reserved for public purposes, or found to be mineral in character, other lands may be selected by an agent appointed by the governor of the Territory in lieu thereof, from the surveyed public lands within the Territory not otherwise legally claimed or appropriated at the time of selection, in accordance with the principles of adjustment prescribed by section twenty-two hundred and seventy-six of the Revised Statutes of the United States, and upon a determination by the Interior Department that a portion of the smallest legal subdivision in a section numbered sixteen, or thirty-six, in Wyoming, is mineral land, such smallest legal subdivision shall be excepted from the reservation for schools, and indemnity allowed for it in its entirety, and such subdivisions, or the portions of them remaining after segregation of the mineral lands or claims, shall be treated as other public lands of the United States. Lands to be selected in lieu of school lands. R.S., Sec. 2276, p. 417. Mineral lands.

Approved, August 9, 1888.