

CHAP. 490.—An Act Granting certain lands to the city of Santa Barbara, California.

June 21, 1898.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the following described tracts of land, situate in the county of Santa Barbara and State of California, described as follows: East half of southeast quarter, and northeast quarter, and west half of southwest quarter and west half of northwest quarter of section twenty-five; northeast quarter, and east half southeast quarter and southwest quarter of southeast quarter, and north half of northwest quarter, and northwest quarter of southwest quarter, of section twenty-six; northeast quarter of southeast quarter and west half of southeast quarter, and northeast quarter, and north half of northwest quarter and southeast quarter of northwest quarter, and east half of southwest quarter and northwest quarter of southwest quarter, of section twenty-seven; sections twenty-two and twenty-three; west half and southeast quarter and northwest quarter of northeast quarter, of section twenty-four; all of the above subdivisions located in township five north, range twenty-seven west, San Bernardino meridian, containing three thousand one hundred and twenty acres, or so much thereof as said city may select, more or less, be, and the same are hereby, granted and conveyed to the city of Santa Barbara, in the county of Santa Barbara and State of California, to have and to hold said lands to its use and behoof forever, for the purpose of developing a water supply; and for said purpose the city shall forever have the right, in its discretion, to control and use any and all parts of the premises herein conveyed in the construction of reservoirs, laying such pipes and mains, tunneling and boring for water, and in making such improvements as may be necessary to utilize the waters developed upon said premises: *Provided,* That said city shall pay for said land so selected the sum of one dollar and twenty-five cents per acre, and that no title to mineral, coal, or oil lands within the said tract shall pass under the provisions of this Act.

Santa Barbara, Cal.
Grant to, of certain
lands for purposes of
water supply.

Proviso.
Price per acre.
Mineral lands ex-
cepted.

Approved, June 21, 1898.

CHAP. 494.—An Act Making Sabine Pass, in the State of Texas, a subport of entry and delivery.

June 23, 1898.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Sabine Pass, in the State of Texas, shall be and is hereby, made a subport of entry and delivery in the customs district of Galveston, and a customs officer, or such other officers, shall be stationed at said subport, with authority to enter and clear vessels, receive duties, fees, and other moneys, and perform such other services and receive such compensation as in the judgment of the Secretary of the Treasury the exigencies of commerce may require.

Galveston customs
district.
Sabine Pass, Tex.,
made subport of en-
try and delivery.

Approved, June 23, 1898.

CHAP. 495.—An Act Concerning attorneys and marshals of the United States.

June 24, 1898.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the attorneys and marshals of the United States, including the District of Columbia and the Territories, shall continue to discharge the duties of their respective offices, unless sooner removed by the President, until their successors shall be appointed and qualify in their stead. But they shall be appointed and commissioned for the term of four years as now provided by law.

Attorneys and mar-
shals of the United
States.
—to serve until qual-
ification of successors.
R. S., sec. 769, p. 145,
amended.
R. S., sec. 779, p. 146.

SEC. 2. That in case of a vacancy in either of said offices, the district court of the United States for the district where such vacancy exists, the supreme court of the Territory, and the supreme court of the Dis-

Vacancies, how
filled temporarily.
R. S., sec. 793, p. 149,
amended.

trict of Columbia may appoint persons to exercise the duties of such offices within their respective jurisdictions, until such vacancy shall be filled.

Approved, June 24, 1898.

June 24, 1898.

CHAP. 496.—An Act To define the rights of purchasers of the Belt Railway, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That any corporation operating a street railroad within the District of Columbia be, and it is hereby, authorized to purchase the property and franchises of the Belt Railway Company under any sale thereof by decree of court or otherwise; and such corporation so purchasing may operate the property and franchises so purchased as a part of its system, subject to all rights and obligations imposed by existing legislation or by this Act, so far as the same shall be applicable; and in case the property and franchises of said Belt railway be purchased by any person or persons at any sale thereof under decree of court or otherwise, such person or persons, or his or their associates and assigns, shall possess and enjoy all the corporate rights, privileges, and franchises heretofore conferred on the said Belt Railway Company by the Act of Congress approved March third, eighteen hundred and seventy-five, and the Acts amendatory thereof and supplemental thereto, as well as the right to be a corporation under this Act; and the incorporation as hereby provided shall be completed and become effective whenever the said purchaser or purchasers and his or their associates or assigns shall file for record with the recorder of deeds for the District of Columbia a certificate of incorporation hereunder, duly acknowledged, specifying the name of such new corporation, its officers, and the names of its directors for the first year, and the amount of its proposed capital stock and bonds. The capital stock of the corporation herein authorized shall be divided into shares, each of the par value of one hundred dollars; and any corporation so purchasing or so created and organized hereunder is authorized to issue its bonds and capital stock either for cash or in exchange for the stock, bonds, property, or franchises of the said Belt Railway Company: *Provided*, That stock and bonds may be issued to such an amount and upon such terms as may be agreed upon by a majority vote of the stockholders of such company: *And provided further*, That the issue of such stock and bonds shall not in the aggregate exceed the amount necessary for effecting any such purchase, lease or acquisition and for the construction, reconstruction and equipment of said Belt Railway, and shall in no case exceed the sum of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars per mile of single track. And within one year from the ratification by the court of such sale the existing railroad company purchasing the said Belt Railway, or the corporation created and operating hereunder, shall, under the supervision of the Commissioners of the District of Columbia, construct and put into full operation on the entire line of said railway as now constructed an underground electric system similar to the one now in use by the Metropolitan Railroad Company, upon plans to be submitted to and approved by the said Commissioners. And the said Commissioners are hereby authorized to require such slight changes of tracks along the streets upon which the said Belt Railway is now constructed as may be necessary for the public convenience, and all expenses incident thereto to be borne by said railway company. And the right is hereby expressly reserved to Congress to require at any time the owner or owners of said railroad to widen any of the streets along or over which said railroad line is now constructed, or to change the route thereof, and the entire expense of such widening of such street and all expenses incident or to a change of route thereto shall be borne by the owner or owners of said railroad.

District of Columbia
Belt Railway, sale of.

—rights of purchaser.

Vol. 18, p. 498; vol. 27, p. 462; vol. 29, p. 318, etc.

—incorporation of purchasers.

—issue of bonds and capital stock.

Provisos.
—amount of issue; terms.

—limit.

Underground electric system.
—completion in one year.

Changes of tracks.

Widening streets.

Change of route.