

May 19, 1888.

CHAP. 295.—An act for the erection of a public building in the city of Asheville, North Carolina.

Asheville, N. C.
Public building.

Site, plans, etc.

Appropriation.

Estimates.

Limit of cost.

Proviso.

Title, etc.

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 and directed to purchase or otherwise provide a suitable site and cause to be erected thereon a substantial and commodious building, with fire-proof vaults extending to each story, for the use and accommodation of the courts of the United States, post-office, and other offices of the Government, at Asheville, North Carolina. The site and building thereon, when completed upon plans and specifications to be previously made and approved by the Secretary of the Treasury, shall not exceed in cost the sum of one hundred thousand dollars, which said sum is hereby appropriated for that purpose out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated; nor shall any site be purchased until estimates for the erection of a building which will furnish sufficient accommodations for the transaction of the public business, and which shall not exceed in cost the balance of the sum herein limited after the site shall have been purchased and paid for, shall have been approved by the Secretary of the Treasury; and no purchase of site nor place for said building shall be approved by the Secretary of the Treasury involving an expenditure exceeding the said sum of one hundred thousand dollars for site and building; and the site purchased shall leave the building independent and unexposed to danger from fire in adjacent buildings by an open space of not less than forty feet, including streets and alleys: *Provided,* That no part of said sum shall be expended until a valid title to the said site shall be vested in the United States, nor until the State of North Carolina shall cede to the United States exclusive jurisdiction over the same, during the time the United States shall be or remain the owner thereof, for all purposes except the administration of the criminal laws of said State and the service of civil processes therein.

Received by the President, May 8, 1888.

[NOTE BY THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE.—The foregoing act having been presented to the President of the United States for his approval, and not having been returned by him to the house of Congress in which it originated within the time prescribed by the Constitution of the United States, has become a law without his approval.]

May 31, 1888.

CHAP. 297.—An act to establish an additional land-district in the State of Oregon.

Public lands.
Harney land district,
Oregon, established.

Boundaries.

Land office

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That so much of the districts of lands subject to sale under existing laws at Lakeview, La Grande, and The Dalles land districts, in the State of Oregon, as are contained in the following boundaries, shall constitute a new land district, to be called the Harney land-district, bounded as follows: Commencing at Snake River, in the State of Oregon, on township line between townships twelve and thirteen south of second standard parallel; thence west to northwest corner of township thirteen south, of range twenty-four east, of Willamette meridian; thence due south to the southwest corner of township twenty-nine south, of range twenty-four east, of Willamette meridian; thence due east to the boundary-line of the State of Oregon; thence north on said boundary-line to the place of beginning.

SEC. 2. That the location of the office of said district shall be designated by the President of the United States, and may be changed from time to time by him as the public convenience may seem to require.

SEC. 3. That there shall be appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, a register and a receiver for said land-district, who shall respectively be required to reside at the site of the office, and be subject to the same laws and entitled to the same compensation as is or may be prescribed by law in relation to other land-offices in said State.

Register and receiver to be appointed.

Approved, May 21, 1888.

CHAP. 298.—An act to detach the county of Audrain, in the State of Missouri, from the eastern, and attach it to the western judicial district of said State.

May 21, 1888.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the county of Audrain, in the State of Missouri, be detached from the eastern, and attached to the western judicial district of the State of Missouri.

Audrain County, Mo., attached to western judicial district. Vol. 24, p. 424. Post, p. 498. Pending causes.

SEC. 2. That all civil and criminal causes or proceedings pending in the eastern district of Missouri which originated in said county of Audrain, shall remain within the jurisdiction of the United States court for said eastern district for final disposition. And all offences committed in said county against the laws of the United States before the passage of this act, shall also be cognizable in the United States court for the said eastern district until final disposition of the same.

Approved, May 21, 1888.

CHAP. 299.—An act granting to the city of Grand Forks, Dakota, the right to build two free bridges across Red River.

May 21, 1888.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the city of Grand Forks, a municipal corporation organized under the laws of the Territory of Dakota, be, and the same is hereby, authorized by its proper officers to construct and maintain either one or two bridges and approaches thereto over the Red River of the North, at the most accessible points within said city across said river to the most convenient point or points in the State of Minnesota. Said bridge or bridges shall be constructed to provide for the free passage of wagons and vehicles of all kinds, for the transit of animals, for foot-passengers, and for such street railways as may be authorized by the city of Grand Forks to be constructed over the same.

Grand Forks, Dak., may bridge Red River of the North.

Free street railway, wagon, and foot bridge.

SEC. 2. That any bridge built under this act and subject to its limitations shall be a lawful structure, and shall be recognized as a post-route and shall enjoy the rights and privileges of other post-roads in the United States: *Provided,* That the United States may construct a postal telegraph over said bridge or bridges without charge therefor.

To be a lawful structure and post-route.

Proviso.
Postal telegraph.

SEC. 3. That any bridge built under this act shall be constructed as a pivot draw-bridge, with a draw over the main channel at an accessible and the best navigable point, and with draw-spans giving a clear water way, measured at the lowest stage of water known at the locality, of not less than eighty feet in the clear on each side of the central or pivot pier; and the clear width, as herein provided for, shall not be reduced by deposits of riprap or by other material about the piers and abutments; and the spans shall not be of less elevation than three feet above extreme high-water mark, as known at the point of location, measured to the lowest part of the superstructure of said bridge; and provision shall be made in the location and construction of the abutments and approaches to allow the free passage of flood-water: and the piers of said bridge shall be parallel to, and the bridge itself at right angles to the direction of the current of said stream: *Provided, also,* That the said draw, or draws, shall be opened

Draw.
Post, p. 756.

Provisos.