

- Diplomas. To be awarded to exhibitors. Appropriation. Duplicates in gold, silver, or bronze may be made. Appropriations on condition that Exposition shall not be opened Sundays. Rules to require closing. Non-liability of the United States. Vol. 26, p. 64.
- under the supervision of the Secretary of the Treasury, shall prepare plates and make therefrom fifty thousand vellum impressions for diplomas at a cost not to exceed forty-three thousand dollars. Said medals and diplomas shall be delivered to the World's Columbian Commission, to be awarded to exhibitors in accordance with the provisions of said act of Congress approved April twenty fifth, eighteen hundred and ninety, and there is hereby appropriated, from any moneys in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of one hundred and three thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, to pay the expenditures authorized by this section; and authority may be granted by the Secretary of the Treasury to the holder of a medal, properly awarded to him, to have duplicates thereof made at any of the mints of the United States from gold, or silver, or bronze, at the expense of the person desiring the same.
- SEC. 4. That it is hereby declared that all appropriations herein made for, or pertaining to, the World's Columbian Exposition are made upon the condition that the said Exposition shall not be opened to the public on the first day of the week, commonly called Sunday; and if the said appropriations be accepted by the corporation of the State of Illinois, known as the World's Columbian Exposition, upon that condition, it shall be, and it is hereby, made the duty of the World's Columbian Commission, created by the act of Congress of April twenty fifth, eighteen hundred and ninety, to make such rules or modification of the rules of said corporation as shall require the closing of the Exposition on the said first day of the week commonly called Sunday.
- SEC. 5. That nothing contained in this act shall be construed to supersede or in any manner alter or impair the force or validity of the provisions of section fifteen of the act of Congress approved anno Domini April twenty fifth, eighteen hundred and ninety.
- Approved, August 5, 1892.

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CHAP. 382.—An act for the relief of settlers upon certain lands in the States of North Dakota and South Dakota.

- Preamble. Whereas under the rulings of the General Land Office the extension into Dakota Territory, now States of North Dakota and South Dakota, of the limits of the grants of land made by Congress to aid in the construction of the several lines of railroad now owned by the Saint Paul, Minneapolis and Manitoba Railway Company was denied, and in consequence of said rulings lands within the limits of the said grants in the said States have been claimed, settled upon, occupied, and improved by numerous persons in good faith under color of title or of right to do so derived from the various laws of the United States relating to the public domain, and are now claimed by them, their heirs, or assigns, and many of said lands have actually been patented to such occupants or to their grantors; and Whereas under recent construction of said grants the said occupants, improvers, or purchasers, are liable to be evicted from their holdings: Now, therefore, for the purpose of relieving the said occupants, improvers, and purchasers of the said granted lands from the hardship of being now deprived of the same under the circumstances aforesaid, Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Interior shall, as soon as conveniently may be done, cause to be prepared and delivered to the said railway company a list of the several tracts which have been purchased, claimed, occupied, and improved, as stated in section two of this act, and are now claimed by such purchasers or occupants, their heirs or assigns, according to the smallest Government subdivisions. Within a reasonable time after the receipt by the said railway company of the said list, it shall execute under its corporate seal and deliver to the Secretary of the Interior its deed of conveyance
- Saint Paul, Minneapolis and Manitoba Railway Company. List of land claimed by purchasers on grants to be furnished. Release by company of its title.

releasing to the United States all its claims upon the lands described in said list, and shall also procure and cause to be released to the United States all liens and claims to said lands derived through or under said company, whereupon all right, title, and interest of the said railway company to each of such tracts shall revert to the United States, and such tracts shall be treated, under the laws thereof, in the same manner as if no rights thereto had ever vested in the said railway company, and all qualified persons who have occupied and made improvements on said lands, as herein provided, or who have purchased said lands in good faith, their heirs and assigns, shall be permitted to perfect their titles to said lands according to law as if said grants had never been made.

Settlers to perfect titles.

SEC. 2. That the said railway company is hereby permitted to select, in lieu of any lands forming odd-numbered sections or parts thereof situated in the State of North Dakota or in the State of South Dakota, within the ten-mile limits of a grant of lands made to the Territory of Minnesota by act of Congress, entitled "An act making a grant of land to the Territory of Minnesota, in alternate sections, to aid in the construction of certain railroads in said Territory, and granting public lands, in alternate sections, to the State of Alabama, to aid in the construction of a certain railroad in said State," approved March third, eighteen hundred and fifty-seven, as amended by an act of Congress, entitled "An act extending the time for the completion of certain land-grant railroads in the States of Minnesota and Iowa, and for other purposes," approved March third, eighteen hundred and sixty-five, and of a grant made by act of Congress entitled "An act authorizing the Saint Paul and Pacific Railroad Company to change its line in consideration of a relinquishment of lands," approved March third, eighteen hundred and seventy-one, opposite to and coterminous with such portion of said railroad as was constructed and completed within the time required by the said grant and the acts amendatory thereof for the construction and completion of the whole of said railroad, which, prior to January first, anno Domini eighteen hundred and ninety-one, any person had purchased or occupied or improved, in good faith, under color of title or right to do so, derived from any law of the United States relating to the public domain, but not including any lands within the limits of the grant, to aid in the construction of the Saint Vincent branch of said road, as located under the act of March third, eighteen hundred and seventy-one, upon which any person or persons had, in good faith, settled and made or acquired valuable improvements thereon prior to March, eighteen hundred and seventy-seven, an equal quantity of non mineral public lands, so classified as non mineral at the time of actual Government survey which has been or shall be made, of the United States not reserved and to which no adverse right or claim shall have attached or have been initiated at the time of the making of such selection lying within any State into or through which the railway owned by said railway company runs, to the extent of the lands so relinquished and released: *Provided*, That the lands to be released by said company, and in lieu of which said company shall be entitled to select other lands of equal area, shall only include lands to which, at the date of the definite location of the lines of railroad in aid of which said land grants were made, no paramount grant, sale, pre-emption, or homestead right had attached, this proviso not to be considered as in any way extending the limitation as to eight-hundred and seventy-seven herein above provided: *And provided further*, That the tracts of land so by said company to be selected in any one body under the authority of this act shall not exceed six hundred and forty acres, and such selections shall not exceed in the aggregate sixty-five thousand acres. But said company shall not be required to relinquish any greater amount of land than it is permitted by this act to select.

Selections in lieu of lands released.

Vol. 11, p. 195.

Vol. 13, p. 526.

Vol. 16, p. 588.

Lands excluded.
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Provisos.

Lands released to include only lands subject to no prior ownership.

Selection of new tracts.

Patents to issue for lands selected.

Description of unsurveyed lands.

Correction of description on survey.

Acceptance to be in ninety days.

SEC. 3. That upon the filing by the said railroad company, at the local land office of the land district in which any tract of land selected in pursuance of this act shall lie, a list describing the tract or tracts selected, and the payment of the fees prescribed by law in analogous cases, and the approval of the Secretary of the Interior, he shall cause to be executed, in due form of law, and deliver to said company, a patent of the United States, conveying to it the lands so selected. In case the tract so selected shall at the time of selection be unsurveyed, the list filed by the company at the local land office shall describe such tract in such manner as to designate the same with a reasonable degree of certainty, and within the period of three months after the lands including such tract shall have been surveyed, and the plats thereof filed in the local land office, a new selection list shall be filed by said company, describing such tract according to such survey; and in case such tract as originally selected and described in the lists filed in the local land office shall not precisely conform with the lines of the official survey, the said company shall be permitted to describe such tract anew, so as to produce such conformity.

SEC. 4. That this act shall take effect and be in force from and after the time of its acceptance by the said railway company, which must be within ninety days from the approval of this act.

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CHAP. 383.—An act to regulate the times for holding the terms of the United States Courts in the State of South Dakota.

South Dakota judicial district.
Terms of court.
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Process, etc.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That hereafter the terms of the circuit and district courts of the United States in and for the State of South Dakota shall be as follows: At Sioux Falls on the first Tuesday in April and the third Tuesday in October; at Pierre on the first Tuesday in March and October; At Deadwood on the first Tuesday in February and September.

SEC. 2. The provision of statute now existing for the holding of said courts on any day contrary to the provisions of this act is hereby repealed, and all suits, prosecutions, process, recognizances, bail bonds, and other things pending in or returnable to said court on the days now fixed by law are hereby transferred to and shall be made returnable to and have force in the said respective terms in this act provided in the same manner and with the same effect as they would have had had said existing statute not been passed.

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