

CHAP. 130.—An act to confirm New Madrid location survey numbered twenty-four hundred and seventy-five and to provide for the issue of a patent therefor.

June 24, 1892.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Commissioner of the General Land Office is hereby authorized and directed to issue a patent conveying the title of the United States to Charles Lucas and Asa Morgan and their legal representatives and assigns in and to the northeast fractional quarter of section thirty-five in township forty-nine of range seventeen west, south of the Missouri River, which said land was located by the said Lucas and Morgan under a New Madrid certificate of location numbered one hundred and thirty-four, and upon which land the city of Boonville, Missouri, is now located.

Charles Lucas and
Asa Morgan.
Land patent to.

Approved, June 24, 1892.

CHAP. 132.—An act to provide an American register for the steamer Foxhall, of New Orleans, Louisiana.

June 25, 1892.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Commissioner of Navigation is hereby authorized and directed to cause the foreign-built steamer Foxhall, of New Orleans, Louisiana, purchased and owned by Lawrence C. Fallon, an American citizen, and repaired by him, to be registered as a vessel of the United States.

"Foxhall."
American register to
foreign-built steamer.

SEC. 2. That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and hereby is, authorized and directed to authorize and direct the inspection of said steam vessel, steam boilers, steam pipes, and the appurtenances of said boilers, and cause to be granted the proper and usual certificates issued to steam vessels of the merchant marine, without reference to the fact that said steam boilers, steam pipes, and appurtenances were not constructed pursuant to the laws of the United States and were not constructed of iron stamped pursuant to said laws; and the test to be applied to the inspection of said boilers, steam pipes, and appurtenances will be the same in all respects as to strength and safety as are required in the inspection of boilers constructed in the United States for marine purposes, save the fact that said boilers, steam pipes, and appurtenances not being constructed pursuant to the requirements of the laws of the United States, and are of unstamped iron, shall not be an obstacle to the granting of the usual certificate if said boilers, steam pipes, and appurtenances are found to be of sufficient strength and safety.

Inspection.

Approved, June 25, 1892.

CHAP. 133.—An act to amend an act entitled "An act to forfeit certain lands heretofore granted for the purpose of aiding in the construction of railroads, and for other purposes."

June 25, 1892.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section three of an act entitled "An act to forfeit certain lands heretofore granted for the purpose of aiding in the construction of railroads, and for other purposes," be, and the same is, amended so as to extend the time within which persons actually residing upon lands forfeited by said act shall be permitted to purchase the same in the quantities and upon the terms provided in said section at any time within three years from the passage of said act.

Forfeited land
grants.
Right of settlers to
purchase extended
one year.

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CHAP. 134.—An act to relinquish the interest of the United States in a certain parcel of land in the city of Pensacola, Florida, to Escambia Lodge, Numbered Fifteen, Free and Accepted Masons.

Pensacola, Fla.
Lot in, granted to
Escambia Lodge of
Masons.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That all the interest of the United States in and to the land in the city of Pensacola and State of Florida occupied and held by Escambia Lodge, Numbered Fifteen, Free and Accepted Masons, is hereby relinquished and released to the said lodge, the said land being described as follows on the plat of the said city of Pensacola: That portion of lot D extending one hundred feet west from Comandancia street, in the Cabiedo plan of V. S. Pintado, and one hundred and six feet ten inches south from Church street, the said land having the same position in the modern plan of the said city of Pensacola.

Approved, June 25, 1892.

June 25, 1892.

CHAP. 135.—An act to prevent cruelty to children or animals in the District of Columbia, and for other purposes.

Cruelty to children,
etc., D. C.
Police court juris-
diction.

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Appeal.

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Witness fees.

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Police detail to en-
force laws against cru-
elty to animals.

Definitions.

Punishment for
abandoning maimed
animals, etc.

Destruction of dis-
eased, etc., animals.

Arrests.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the police court of the District of Columbia shall have jurisdiction in all cases arising under the act of February thirteenth, eighteen hundred and eighty-five, entitled "An act for the protection of children in the District of Columbia and for other purposes," subject to appeal to the supreme court of the District, according to the provisions of section four of chapter five hundred and thirty-six, Twenty-sixth Statutes at Large, entitled "An act to define the jurisdiction of the police court of the District of Columbia;" and the same witness fees shall be allowed in the prosecution of all cases of cruelty to children or animals in the District of Columbia as are allowed in other cases by section eight hundred and forty-eight of the Revised Statutes of the United States; but no officer or member of the Humane Society shall be entitled to any fee as a witness in any such case.

SEC. 2. That the Commissioners of the District of Columbia are authorized, in their discretion, to detail from time to time one or more members of the metropolitan police force to aid the Washington Humane Society in the enforcement of laws relating to cruelty to animals as well as of the laws relating to cruelty to children.

SEC. 3. That section twelve of the act of August twenty-third, eighteen hundred and seventy-one, entitled "An act for the prevention of cruelty to animals in the District of Columbia," is amended to read as follows: "That in this act the word 'animals' or 'animal' shall be held to include all living and sentient creatures (human beings excepted), and the words 'owner,' 'persons,' and 'whoever' shall be held to include corporations and incorporated companies as well as individuals."

SEC. 4. That a person being the owner or possessor or having charge or custody of a maimed, diseased, disabled, or infirm animal who abandons such animal, or leaves it to lie in the street or road, or public place, more than three hours after he receives notice that it is left disabled, is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not less than ten dollars nor more than two hundred and fifty dollars, or by imprisonment in jail not more than one year, or both. Any agent or officer of the Washington Humane Society may lawfully destroy, or cause to be destroyed, any animal found abandoned and not properly cared for, appearing, in the judgment of two reputable citizens called by him to view the same in his presence, to be glandered, injured, or diseased past recovery for any useful purpose. When any person arrested is, at the time of such arrest, in charge of any animal, or of any vehicle drawn by any animal, or containing any animal, any agent of said society may take charge of such animal and such vehicle and its contents and deposit the same in a place of safe custody or deliver the