

From Green River City, via White River Agency, to Fair Play Colorado. Wyoming, continued.

From Clam Falls, via Bashaw, to Trout Brook.

From Dixon, Wyoming, to Hahua Peak, Colorado.

From Fort Custer to Fort Benton.

From Green River City, via Fontenelle and La Burgo, to Big Piney.

From Hot Creek to Raw Hide Butte.

From Fort Fetterman, via Fort McKinney and Old Fort Kearney to Tongue River, Montana.

Approved, March 3, 1879.

**CHAP. 185.**—An act making appropriations for fortifications and other works of defense, and for the armament thereof, for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and eighty, and for other purposes.

March 3, 1879.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the sum of one hundred thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby, appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the protection, preservation, and repair of fortifications and other works of defense, for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and eighty, the same to be expended under the direction of the Secretary of War; also, the following for the armament of fortifications, namely:

Appropriations.  
Forts and fortifications.

For the armament of sea-coast fortifications, including heavy guns and howitzers for flank defense, carriages, projectiles, fuses, powder, and implements, their trial and proof, and all necessary expenses incident thereto, and for machine guns, one hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars.

Armament, etc.

Machine guns.

For torpedoes for harbor defenses, and the preservation of the same, and for torpedo experiments in their application to harbor and land defense, and for instruction of engineer battalion in their preparation and application, fifty thousand dollars: *Provided,* That the money herein appropriated for torpedoes shall only be used in the establishment and maintenance of torpedoes to be operated from shore-stations for the destruction of an enemy's vessel approaching the shore or entering the channels and fairways of harbors.

Torpedoes.

*Proviso.*

Approved, March 3, 1879.

**CHAP. 186.**—An act to promote the education of the blind.

March 3, 1879.

Whereas, the trustees, superintendents, and teachers of the various State and public institutions for the instruction of the blind, representing the interests of over thirty thousand blind persons in the United States, have united in a petition to Congress to take into consideration the needs of the blind in the United States; and

Preamble.  
Education of the blind.

Whereas the Association of the American Instructors of the Blind, at their session in Philadelphia, in August, eighteen hundred and seventy-six, representing twenty-six State and public institutions for the instruction of the blind, have set forth in a series of resolutions that the especial needs of the blind are embossed books and tangible apparatus, and have recommended that if any aid should be given by Congress it would most efficiently come through increasing the means of the American Printing House for the Blind, located in Louisville, Kentucky; and

Whereas it appears that the Kentucky legislature, in eighteen hundred and fifty-eight, by an act of special legislation, declared James Guthrie, W. F. Bullock, Theodore S. Bell, Bryce M. Patten, John Milton, H. T. Curd, and A. O. Brannin, and their successors, a body corporate under the name and style of the Trustees of the American Printing House for the Blind, with the avowed purpose of printing books and making apparatus for the instruction of the blind of the United States, for

Preamble, continued.	general distribution, and for the sake of philanthropy, and with no desire for pecuniary gain; and
Education of the blind.	Whereas the States of Louisiana, Mississippi, Tennessee, Kentucky, New Jersey, and Delaware have made appropriations for the aid of said American Printing House for the Blind, of which, on account of the outbreak of the civil war, only a small part of the money appropriated by the first three named States was ever available; and
	Whereas by the money from the States of Kentucky, New Jersey, and Delaware, a printing-house for the blind was established, and is now supplied with presses, type, stereotype foundry, steam-engine, a well-equipped bindery, and all the appliances necessary for the manufacture of embossed books, and has for the last ten years been manufacturing embossed books superior in every way to any manufactured elsewhere, which have been distributed gratuitously to the blind in the States of Kentucky, New Jersey, and Delaware, by which the blind in those States have been very much benefited; and
	Whereas it is desirable that the blind of the whole country should be equally benefited, and the intentions of the trustees to establish an educational institution of the most practical beneficence and wisest philanthropy upon a national basis, should be accomplished, inasmuch as the education of the blind is a subject of national importance: Therefore,
Appropriation.	<i>Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,</i> That the sum of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars, out of money in the United States Treasury not otherwise appropriated, be, and hereby is, set apart as a perpetual fund for the purpose of aiding the education of the blind in the United States of America, through the American Printing House for the Blind.
American Printing-House for the Blind.	
Investment.	SEC. 2. That the Secretary of the Treasury of the United States is hereby directed to hold said sum in trust for the purpose aforesaid; and it shall be his duty, upon the passage of this act, to invest said sum in United States interest-bearing bonds, bearing interest at four per centum, of the issue of July, eighteen hundred and seventy, and upon their maturity to reinvest their proceeds in other United States interest-bearing bonds, and so on forever.
Income.	SEC. 3. That the Secretary of the Treasury of the United States is hereby authorized to pay over, semi-annually, to the trustees of the American Printing House for the Blind, located in Louisville, Kentucky, and chartered in eighteen hundred and fifty-eight by the legislature of Kentucky, upon the requisition of their president, countersigned by their treasurer, the semi-annual interest upon the said bonds, upon the following conditions:
Conditions of payment.	First. The income upon the bonds thus held in trust for the education of the blind shall be expended by the trustees of the American Printing House each year in manufacturing and furnishing embossed books for
Distribution of publications.	the blind and tangible apparatus for their instruction; and the total amount of such books and apparatus so manufactured and furnished by this income shall each year be distributed among all the public institutions for the education of the blind in the States and Territories of the United States and the District of Columbia, upon the requisition of the superintendent of each, duly certified by its board of trustees. The basis of such distribution shall be the total number of pupils in all the public institutions for the education of the blind, to be authenticated in such manner and as often as the trustees of the said American Printing House shall require; and each institution shall receive, in books and apparatus, that portion of the total income of said bonds held by the Secretary of the Treasury of the United States in trust for the education of the blind, as is shown by the ratio between the number of pupils in that institution for the education of the blind and the total number of pupils in all the public institutions for the education of the blind, which ratio shall be computed upon the first Monday in January of each year.
Basis.	
Buildings.	Second. No part of the income from said bonds shall be expended in the erection or leasing of buildings.

Third. No profit shall be put on any books or tangible apparatus for the instruction of the blind manufactured or furnished by the trustees of said American Printing House for the Blind, located in Louisville, Kentucky; and the price put upon each article so manufactured or furnished shall only be its actual cost.

Profits.

Fourth. The Secretary of the Treasury of the United States shall have the authority to withhold the income arising from said bonds thus set apart for the education of the blind of the United States whenever he shall receive satisfactory proof that the trustees of said American Printing House for the Blind, located in Louisville, Kentucky, are not using the income from these bonds for the benefit of the blind in the public institutions for the education of the Blind in the United States.

Withholding income.

Fifth. Before any money be paid to the treasurer of the American Printing House for the Blind by the Secretary of the Treasury of the United States, the treasurer of the American Printing House for the Blind shall execute a bond, with two approved sureties, to the amount of twenty thousand dollars, conditioned that the interest so received shall be expended according to this law and all amendments thereto, which shall be held by the Secretary of the Treasury of the United States, and shall be renewed every two years.

Bond of treasurer.

Sixth. The superintendents of the various public institutions for the education of the blind in the United States shall each, ex officio, be a member of the board of trustees of the American Printing House for the Blind, located in the city of Louisville, Kentucky.

Ex-officio trustees.

SEC. 4. That the trustees of said American Printing House for the Blind shall annually make to the Secretary of the Treasury of the United States a report of the items of their expenditure of the income of said bonds during the year preceding their report, and shall annually furnish him with a voucher from each public institution for the education of the blind, showing that the amount of books and tangible apparatus due has been received.

Annual report.

Vouchers.

SEC. 5. That this act shall take effect from and after its passage.

In force.

Approved, March 3, 1879.

CHAP. 187.—An act making appropriations for the payment of the arrears of pensions granted by act of Congress approved January twenty-fifth, eighteen hundred and seventy-nine, and for other purposes

March 3, 1879.

1879, ch. 23,  
Ante, 265.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That there be and hereby is appropriated out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the following sums namely: For the arrears of pensions due on claims in which the pensions were allowed prior to January twenty-fifth, eighteen hundred and seventy-nine, twenty-five million dollars; the amounts paid out respectively for Army and Navy pensions to be accounted for separately to the proper accounting officers of the Treasury Department. For pensions for Army and Navy invalids, widows, minors and dependent relatives for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth eighteen hundred and seventy-nine, one million eight hundred thousand dollars in addition to the amounts heretofore appropriated for those purposes, the amounts paid out on account of Army and Navy pensions respectively to be accounted for separately to the proper accounting officers of the Treasury Department. For temporary clerks in the Pension Office and for furniture, rent of additional rooms and other contingencies fifty-two thousand two hundred dollars in addition to the appropriations which have been or shall be made under other acts the same to be available until June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and eighty: *Provided,* That no more than three thousand five hundred dollars shall be used for furniture, contingencies and rent.

Appropriations.

Arrears of pensions.

Army pensions.  
Navy pensions.

Temporary clerks, etc., Pension Office.

Proviso.

The pension agents shall receive for their services and expenses in paying the arrears upon pensions allowed previous to January twenty-

Allowances to agents.