

thereof, under the direction of the Secretary of the Interior, in alternate sections, and designated by odd numbers, not more than ten miles beyond the limits of said alternate sections;" and

WHEREAS, official statements from the Secretary of the Interior have been filed in the General Land Office, showing that the Commissioners appointed by the President, under the provision of the fourth section of the first named act have reported to him that the said Northern Pacific Railroad and Telegraph Line, and Branch, excepting that portion between Wallula, Washington and Portland, Oregon, declared forfeited by the Act of September 29, 1890, have been constructed and fully completed and equipped in the manner prescribed by the Act relative thereto, and the same accepted by the President; and

WHEREAS, there has been filed in the office of the Secretary of the Interior evidence showing that the Northern Pacific Railway Company is the lawful successor in interest of the Northern Pacific Railroad Company as to all lands within the limits of the grant made to the said Northern Pacific Railroad Company by the Act of July 2, 1864, and all subsequent legislation; and

WHEREAS, by the Act of Congress approved July 1, 1898 (30 Stat., 597-620), authority is given the Northern Pacific Railroad Company, or its successor in interest, under certain conditions expressed therein, to relinquish to the United States certain lands within either the granted or indemnity limits of its grant and to select in lieu thereof, "an equal quantity of public lands, not mineral or reserved and not valuable for stone, iron, or coal and free from valid adverse claims or not occupied by actual settlers, at the time of such selection, situated within any State or Territory into which such railroad grant extends;" and it is provided that "patents shall issue for the land so selected as though it had been originally granted;" and

WHEREAS, the following described lands have been selected by the duly authorized agent of the Northern Pacific Railway company under the provisions of the Act of July 1, 1898, aforesaid, and the lands given as the bases therefor are within the limits of the grant, lie opposite the constructed line of the company's road and have been duly relinquished to the United States, in accordance with the requirements of said Acts, and the relinquishment accepted by the Secretary of the Interior, viz:

Willamette Meridian ----- Washington.

Township Thirty-seven north, Range one west.

The west half of the Northwest quarter, the east half of the southwest quarter, and the northwest quarter of the southwest quarter of Section twenty-eight, containing two hundred acres, and the northeast quarter of the northwest quarter of Section thirty-three, containing forty acres;

Township Twenty-four north, Range three west.

The northeast quarter of the northwest quarter of Section nineteen, containing forty acres;

Township Sixteen north, Range seven west.

The northeast quarter of the southeast quarter of Section six, containing forty acres;

Township Twenty-one north, Range seven west.

The Lots three, four, and five and the southeast quarter of the northwest quarter of Section six, containing one hundred fifty-eight and forty-five-hundredths acres;

Township Seventeen north, Range eight west.

The Lots one and two of Section Twenty-two, containing one and fifty-hundredths acres;

Township Twenty-one north, Range eight west.

The northeast quarter of Section twenty-four, containing one hundred sixty acres;

Township Twenty-one north, Range ten west.

The southwest quarter of the northeast quarter of Section five, containing forty acres;