

order that he be deported from the United States as hereinbefore provided, unless he shall establish clearly to the satisfaction of said judge, that by reason of accident, sickness or other unavoidable cause, he has been unable to procure his certificate; and to the satisfaction of the court, and by at least one credible white witness, that he was a resident of the United States at the time of the passage of this act; and if upon the hearing, it shall appear that he is so entitled to a certificate, it shall be granted upon his paying the cost. Should it appear that said Chinaman had procured a certificate which has been lost or destroyed, he shall be detained and judgment suspended a reasonable time to enable him to procure a duplicate from the officer granting it, and in such cases, the cost of said arrest and trial shall be in the discretion of the court. And any Chinese person other than a Chinese laborer, having a right to be and remain in the United States, desiring such certificate as evidence of such right may apply for and receive the same without charge.

Lost certificates.

Certificates for persons not laborers.

Secretary of the Treasury to make rules, etc.

Contents of certificates.

Penalty for forging certificates, etc.

Fees for services.

Limit.

SEC. 7. That immediately after the passage of this act, the Secretary of the Treasury shall make such rules and regulations as may be necessary for the efficient execution of this act, and shall prescribe the necessary forms and furnish the necessary blanks to enable collectors of internal revenue to issue the certificates required hereby, and make such provisions that certificates may be procured in localities convenient to the applicants, such certificates shall be issued without charge to the applicant, and shall contain the name, age, local residence and occupation of the applicant, and such other description of the applicant as shall be prescribed by the Secretary of the Treasury, and a duplicate thereof shall be filed in the office of the collector of internal revenue for the district within which such Chinaman makes application.

SEC. 8. That any person who shall knowingly and falsely alter or substitute any name for the name written in such certificate or forge such certificate, or knowingly utter any forged or fraudulent certificate, or falsely personate any person named in such certificate, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be fined in a sum not exceeding one thousand dollars or imprisoned in the penitentiary for a term of not more than five years.

SEC. 9. The Secretary of the Treasury may authorize the payment of such compensation in the nature of fees to the collectors of internal revenue, for services performed under the provisions of this act in addition to salaries now allowed by law, as he shall deem necessary, not exceeding the sum of one dollar for each certificate issued.

Approved, May 5, 1892.

May 9, 1892.

CHAP. 61.—An act authorizing the Leavenworth and Platte County Bridge Company to sell, transfer, and assign to the Leavenworth Terminal Railway and Bridge Company the rights and franchises as granted by acts of Congress approved February twenty-fifth and March second, eighteen hundred and eighty-nine, and by act of Congress approved July twenty-fifth, eighteen hundred and ninety.

Leavenworth and Platte County Bridge Company may sell its rights to bridge Missouri River, etc., to Leavenworth Terminal Railway and Bridge Company.

Vol. 25, pp. 691, 883.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That permission be, and is hereby, granted to the Leavenworth and Platte County Bridge Company, a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Kansas, to sell, transfer, and assign to the Leavenworth Terminal Railway and Bridge Company, a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Kansas, its successors and assigns, all of the rights and franchises granted to the said Leavenworth and Platte County Bridge Company by an act of Congress entitled "An act to authorize the construction of a bridge across the Missouri River between the city of Leavenworth, in the State of Kansas and Platte County, in the State of Missouri," approved February twenty-fifth, eighteen hundred and eighty-nine, and by an act of Congress entitled "An act to authorize the construction of a bridge across the

Missouri River between the city of Leavenworth, in the State of Kansas and Platte County, in the State of Missouri," approved March second, eighteen hundred and eighty-nine, and by an act of Congress entitled "An act to authorize the Leavenworth and Platte County Bridge Company to substitute a pivot drawbridge over the Missouri River in place of a pontoon bridge," approved July twenty-fifth, eighteen hundred and ninety; and any such transfer and conveyance as has been heretofore made is hereby consented to and confirmed: *Provided, however,* That the conditions, limitations, and restrictions imposed by existing law upon the said Leavenworth and Platte County Bridge Company shall continue in force as to the said Leavenworth Terminal Railway and Bridge Company.

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Proviso.
Conditions, etc.,
continued.

Approved, May 9, 1892.

CHAP. 62.—An act to provide for the permanent preservation and custody of the records of the volunteer armies, and for other purposes.

May 9, 1892.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the division organized by the Secretary of War in his office for the preservation and custody of the records of the volunteer armies under the name of the record and pension division is hereby established as now organized, and shall hereafter be known as the Record and Pension Office of the War Department; and the President is hereby authorized to select an officer of the Army whom he may consider to be especially well qualified for the performance of the duties hereinafter specified and, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, to appoint him in the Army to be chief of said office, who shall have the rank, pay, and allowances of a colonel and shall, under the Secretary of War, have charge of the military and hospital records of the volunteer armies and the pension and other business of the War Department connected therewith; and all laws or parts of laws inconsistent with the terms of this act are hereby repealed.

Record and Pension
Office, War Department,
established.

Appointment of
chief of office.

Duties.

Approved, May 9, 1892.

CHAP. 63.—An act to encourage American shipbuilding.

May 10, 1892.

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 is hereby authorized and directed to grant registers, as vessels of the United States, to such foreign-built steamships now engaged in freight and passenger business, and sailing in an established line from a port in the United States, as are of a tonnage of not less than eight thousand tons, and capable of a speed of not less than twenty knots per hour, according to the existing method of Government test for speed, of which not less than ninety per centum of the shares of the capital of the foreign corporation or association owning the same was owned January first, eighteen hundred and ninety, and has continued to be owned until the passage of this act by citizens of the United States, including as such citizens corporations created under the laws of any of the States thereof, upon the American owners of such majority interest obtaining a full and complete transfer and title to such steamships from the foreign corporations owning the same: *Provided,* That such American owners shall, subsequent to the date of this law, have built, or have contracted to build, in American shipyards, steamships of an aggregate tonnage of not less in amount than that of the steamships so admitted to registry. Each steamship so built or contracted for to be of a tonnage of not less than seven thousand tons

American registers
granted to certain
foreign-built steamships.

Tonnage and speed.

Ownership.

American owners to
obtain full title.

Proviso.
Owners to build
equal tonnage of ships
in American ship-
yards.

Minimum tonnage.

Record of transfer.

SEC. 2. That the Secretary of the Treasury, on being satisfied that such steamships so acquired by American citizens, or by such corporation