

- Grading, etc. For grading roads near new Academy building and cadet barracks, three thousand dollars.
For macadamizing picket line at cavalry stables, five hundred and sixty dollars.
- Stable, etc. For repairs and improvements to quartermaster's stable and barn, including concrete floor, new stall partitions, new mangers and feed boxes, and new flooring for granary, one thousand five hundred dollars.
For additions and improvements to barracks of Company E, engineers, namely: For enlarging latrine and adding four water closets and three urinals; for painting and repairing all outside woodwork; for repairing windows and skylights and repainting outside walls, one thousand two hundred and fifty dollars.
One latrine, one thousand five hundred dollars.
- Gas main. New eight-inch gas main from gas works to the administration building and new six-inch gas main thence to the new set of officers' quarters, below the south gate, six thousand dollars.
- Furniture, etc., new building. Furniture for new Academy building, including gas fixtures, twenty-one thousand three hundred and twenty-one dollars and thirty cents, to be immediately available.
Approved, January 16, 1895.

January 19, 1895.

CHAP. 33.—An Act To amend the Act entitled "An Act authorizing the Texarkana and Fort Smith Railway Company to bridge Little River in the State of Arkansas," approved April twenty-first, eighteen hundred and ninety-four.

Bridge across Little River, Ark.
Ante, p. 62.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Act entitled "An Act authorizing the Texarkana and Fort Smith Railway Company to bridge Little River in the State of Arkansas," approved April twenty-first, eighteen hundred and ninety-four, be, and the same is hereby, amended as follows:

Height reduced.

"That if the said bridge shall be made with unbroken and continuous spans, there shall be at least one span of a height of not less than forty feet above low water, as understood at the point of location, measured to the lowest part of the superstructure of said bridge; and said span shall have an opening of two hundred and fifty feet from center of pier to center of pier."

Time for constructing extended.
Ante, p. 64.

SEC. 2. That the time for the commencement of the construction of said bridge is hereby extended to within one year and its completion to within three years from the approval of this Act.

Approved, January 19, 1895.

January 19, 1895.

CHAP. 34.—An Act For the relief of homestead settlers in Wisconsin, Minnesota, and Michigan.

Preamble.

Whereas during the summer and autumn of eighteen hundred and ninety-four extensive forest fires prevailed in northern Wisconsin, Minnesota, and Michigan, resulting in the death of many homesteaders and their families, the destruction of their property and effects, and of much of the green timber growing upon them, which homesteads are valuable chiefly for the timber standing and growing on them; and,

Whereas under existing law homesteaders are not allowed to cut or sell green or burned timber, except for the purpose of clearing and improving, and all burned timber not cut within a short period will become worthless and a loss to the settler and the Government: Therefore,

Public lands.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That all such persons actually occupying homesteads in said States of Wisconsin, Minnesota, and

Michigan at the time of such fires, upon claims under the laws of the United States, on lands of the United States, whose property and buildings were destroyed by such fires, and the heirs of all such persons who perished by such fires, and all persons who by reason of such fires and loss of property were obliged to leave their homesteads, are hereby granted two years' additional time in which to make final proof. And temporary absence for any period within two years from the date of this Act shall be deemed constructive possession and residence, but shall not be deducted from the time required to make final proof.

Homestead settlers in burnt districts, Wisconsin, Minnesota, and Michigan, given two years for final proof.

SEC. 2. That all persons whose property was destroyed by such fires, and the heirs of all persons who were actual occupants of the homesteads at the time of the fire, and who lost their lives in and by that fire, may, by proving such actual occupancy at the date of such fires, make proof showing compliance with the law up to the date of the fire, and shall make payment at the minimum price under existing statutes, in the same manner as if such claimants were alive, and upon receipt of such proof of loss of property by such fires, or death of the claimant, heirs surviving, and upon payment as aforesaid, a patent shall be issued to such claimant, or his or her heirs.

Patents when property burned, etc.

SEC. 3. That the claimant upon any homestead, who by reason of not having lived thereon the necessary length of time to enable him to commute under section twenty-three hundred and one of the Revised Statutes as amended by the Act of March third, eighteen hundred and ninety-one, his heirs, executor, administrator, or guardian of his minor heirs, may, when the quantity of timber destroyed upon his or her homestead shall not exceed seventy-five thousand feet of merchantable green timber, file an estimate in the land office where such homestead was entered with such reasonable proofs as the Commissioner of Public Lands may prescribe, as to the quantity of timber destroyed upon any sectional subdivision, and thereupon the register and receiver may, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Lands, issue a license or permit to cut the burned timber on any homestead or sectional fraction thereof, upon payment of the sum of one dollar and twenty-five cents per acre for such sectional subdivision, and the Government shall issue a patent for the same to the claimant or his or her heirs.

Permission to cut timber by persons losing by fire.

R. S., sec. 2301, p. 421. Vol. 26, p. 1096.

Payment.

Approved, January 19, 1895.

CHAP. 36.—An Act To make disposition of the accretions upon the fund received by the Government of the United States upon the account of the payment of the Caracas awards of eighteen hundred and sixty-eight, and to apply said accretions to the payment of the new awards made in eighteen hundred and eighty-nine and eighteen hundred and ninety under the Washington Commission.

January 21, 1895.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of State be, and he hereby is, authorized and directed to apply all the accretions of the said fund to the payment of the said new awards, and to credit the Venezuelan Government on account of the said new awards with the said accretions as well as with the principal of the said funds.

Venezuelan claims. Accretions of former fund added to new award. Vol. 16, p. 713. Post, p. 1053.

Approved, January 21, 1895.

CHAP. 37.—An Act To permit the use of the right of way through the public lands for tramroads, canals, and reservoirs, and for other purposes.

January 21, 1895.

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 be, and hereby is, authorized and empowered, under general regulations to be fixed by him, to permit the use of the right of way through the public lands of the United States, not within the limits of

Public lands. Right of way for tramroads, canals, and reservoirs.