

Mortgages.

Any person, corporation, or company holding a lease within said park for the purposes above described is hereby authorized, with the approval of the Secretary of the Interior, to execute mortgages upon his or its rights, properties, and franchises, including his or its contract or contracts with the Secretary of the Interior, and such mortgages, together with the approval of said Secretary of the Interior, may be filed for record in the office of the Secretary of the Interior, and when so recorded shall have all the effect of a public record.

Subject to leases.

Any mortgage, lien, or incumbrance created under the provisions hereof shall be subject to the rights of the Government to compel the enforcement of the terms of the lease or contract of the mortgagor, and any purchaser under a foreclosure of such incumbrance shall take subject to all the conditions assumed by the original lessee or contractor.

Existing law continued.

All provisions of existing law in relation to said park not in conflict herewith are hereby continued in full force and effect.

Approved, June 4, 1906.

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[H. R. 16672.]

[Public, No. 190.]

CHAP. 2571.—An Act To punish the cutting, chipping, or boxing of trees on the public lands.

Public lands.
Boxing, etc., of trees
on, for pitch, etc., a
misdemeanor.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That every person who shall cut, chip, chop, or box any tree on any lands belonging to the United States or on any lands covered by or embraced in any unperfected settlement, application, filing, entry, selection, or location, made under any law of the United States, for the purpose of obtaining from such tree any pitch, turpentine, or other substance; and every person who shall knowingly encourage, cause, procure, or aid any such tree to be so cut, or who shall buy, trade for, or in any manner acquire any pitch, turpentine, or other substance, or any article or commodity made from any pitch, turpentine, or other substance, when he has knowledge that the same has been so unlawfully obtained from such trees, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof be punished by a fine of not more than five hundred dollars or by imprisonment not exceeding twelve months, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

Punishment.

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CHAP. 2572.—An Act To enlarge the authority of the Mississippi River Commission in making allotments and expenditures of funds appropriated by Congress for the improvement of the Mississippi River.

Mississippi River
Commission.
May expend appro-
priations upon levees
between Head of the
Passes and Cape Gi-
rardeau, Mo.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That any funds which have been, or may hereafter be, appropriated by Congress for improving the Mississippi River between the Head of the Passes and the mouth of the Ohio River, and which may be allotted to levees, may be expended, under the direction of the Secretary of War, in accordance with the plans, specifications, and recommendations of the Mississippi River Commission, as approved by the Chief of Engineers, for levees upon any part of said river between the Head of the Passes and Cape Girardeau, Missouri.

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[H. R. 17220.]

[Public, No. 192.]

CHAP. 2573.—An Act Providing for a recorder of deeds, and so forth, in the Osage Indian Reservation, in Oklahoma Territory.

Oklahoma.
Osage Indian Reser-
vation made a record-
ing district.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Osage Indian Reservation, in Oklahoma Territory, be, and the same is hereby, declared to be a recording district for the purpose of recording and filing such

deeds, mortgages, and other instruments in writing as are authorized by the law of Oklahoma Territory affecting property within said reservation. And the deputy clerk of the district court located at the town of Pawhuska, on the said reservation, shall be ex officio register of deeds. As compensation for services the said recorder is hereby authorized to retain the fees legally collected by him for the recording of deeds and other instruments, up to and including the sum of one thousand eight hundred dollars per annum, and the fees collected by him shall be the same as are charged for like service in other recording districts in said Territory. Said recorder shall make monthly reports to the Secretary of the Interior of the fees collected by him, and said Secretary is hereby authorized to use such part of said fees as may be needed for the purchase of records, books, supplies, and expenses of said office. If the receipts of said office exceed the said sum of one thousand eight hundred dollars, the said excess shall be turned into the Treasury of the United States. This Act shall not be construed to in any way obligate the Government to pay the said recorder any deficiency below the sum of one thousand eight hundred dollars yearly.

Sec. 2. That all deeds, papers, and other instruments recorded by said recorder in the Osage Nation shall have the same effect, legally or otherwise, as if recorded in the recording office of any regularly organized county in the Oklahoma Territory: *Provided*, That this Act shall become inoperative when the Osage Reservation shall become an organized county of Oklahoma, and all records shall be turned over to the proper county officer whenever such county is organized.

Approved, June 4, 1906.

Recorder at Pawhuska.

Compensation.

Reports.

Disposal of surplus fees.

Effect of recording deeds, etc.

Proviso. Termination.

CHAP. 2574.—An Act Permitting the building of a dam across the Mississippi River in the county of Morrison, State of Minnesota.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the consent of Congress is hereby granted to The Pike Rapids Power Company, a Minnesota corporation, its successors or assigns, to construct and maintain across the Mississippi River a dam, canal, and works necessary incident thereto for water power and supply purposes at any point between section twenty, township one hundred and twenty-eight north, range twenty-nine west, and section seventeen, in township thirty-nine, range thirty-two, in Morrison County, Minnesota: *Provided*, That the plans for the construction of said dam and appurtenant works shall be submitted to and approved by the Chief of Engineers and the Secretary of War before the commencement of the construction of the same: *And provided further*, That the said The Pike Rapids Power Company, its successors or assigns, shall not deviate from such plans after such approval, either before or after the completion of said structures, unless the modifications of such plans shall have previously been submitted to and received the approval of the Chief of Engineers and of the Secretary of War: *And provided further*, That there shall be placed and maintained in connection with said dam a sluiceway so arranged as to permit logs, timber, and lumber to pass around, through, and over said dam without unreasonable delay or hindrance, and without toll or charges: *And provided further*, That the dam shall be so constructed that the Government of the United States may at any time construct in connection therewith a suitable lock for navigation purposes, and may at any time, without compensation, control the said dam so far as shall be necessary for the purposes of navigation, but shall not destroy the water power developed by said dam and structures to any greater extent than may be necessary to provide proper facilities for navigation, and that the Secretary

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Mississippi River. Pike Rapids Power Company may dam, etc., in Morrison County, Minn. *Post*, p. 1219.

Proviso. Secretary of War to approve plans, etc.

Changes.

Sluiceway.

Lock.