

as said company may deem to their interest to construct along and upon the right of way and depot grounds herein provided for.

Extension to mineral lands, Indian Territory.

SEC. 3. That the said railway company shall have power to construct, equip, and operate a branch or extension from its main line, starting at or near Bartlesville, Indian Territory, and running thence in a south or southeasterly direction, a distance of not to exceed thirty miles, to coal and other mineral lands or mines which are operated or may hereafter be operated in the Cherokee Nation, Indian Territory; and for such purposes the said railway company is hereby empowered to acquire and occupy a right of way of the same dimensions, by the same methods, and for the same compensation as provided for in the original Act approved December twenty-first, eighteen hundred and ninety-three.

Approved, February 15, 1897.

February 15, 1897.

CHAP. 231.—An Act To amend "An Act to amend 'An Act to amend section forty-four hundred of title fifty-two of the Revised Statutes of the United States, concerning the regulation of steam vessels,' approved August seventh, eighteen hundred and eighty-two," and also to amend section forty-four hundred and fourteen, title fifty-two, of the Revised Statutes, "Regulation of steam vessels."

Steam vessels.  
Inspectors of hulls and boilers.  
R. S., 4414, p. 854, amended.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That "An Act to amend 'An Act to amend section forty-four hundred of title fifty-two of the Revised Statutes of the United States, concerning the regulation of steam vessels,' approved August seventh, eighteen hundred and eighty-two;" and also to amend section forty-four hundred and fourteen, title fifty-two, of the Revised Statutes, "Regulation of steam vessels," approved March first, eighteen hundred and ninety-five, the last paragraph of section two, page three hundred and ninety nine, Supplement to Revised Statutes, volume two, be amended so that it will read as follows:

Mileage allowance reduced.

"Every inspector provided for in this or the preceding sections of this title shall be paid his actual and reasonable traveling expenses or mileage, at the rate of five cents a mile, incurred in the performance of his duties, together with his actual and reasonable expenses for transportation of instruments, which shall be certified and sworn to under such instructions as shall be given by the Secretary of the Treasury."

Approved, February 15, 1897.

February 16, 1897.

CHAP. 234.—An Act To provide for appointment by brevet of active or retired officers of the United States Army.

Army.  
Officers may receive brevet for highest volunteer rank.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That all officers of the Regular Army of the United States, active or retired, who served in the volunteer forces during the late war, may, at the discretion of the President, receive a brevet in the Regular Army equal to the highest rank held or the highest brevet received in the said volunteer forces and be commissioned accordingly as of the date of such brevet: *Provided,* That they have not already received a brevet of equal or higher grade in the Regular Army.

Received by the President, February 4, 1897.

Proviso.  
Condition.

[NOTE BY THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE.—The foregoing act having been presented to the President of the United States for his approval, and not having been returned by him to the house of Congress in which it originated within the time prescribed by the Constitution of the United States, has become a law without his approval.]

**CHAP. 236.**—An Act To amend an Act entitled “An act making appropriations for the construction, repair, and preservation of certain public works on rivers and harbors, and for other purposes,” passed finally June third, eighteen hundred and ninety-six.

February 17, 1897.

*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 making appropriations for the construction, repair, and preservation of certain public works on rivers and harbors, and for other purposes,” passed by the House of Representatives June second, eighteen hundred and ninety-six, and by the Senate June third, eighteen hundred and ninety-six, notwithstanding the objections of the President, be, and the same is hereby, amended by inserting on page two hundred and thirteen of the Statutes at Large, Fifty-fourth Congress, first session, after the word “War” and before the word “Provided,” on the thirty-ninth line of said page, the following language: The officer of the Navy detailed to serve on this Board shall receive from said appropriation, in addition to his mileage provided for in section fifteen hundred and sixty-six of the Revised Statutes, and notwithstanding its provisions, such a per diem allowance for subsistence as the Secretary of War may deem proper.

Pacific deep-water harbor commission.  
Ante, p. 213.

Per diem to naval officer.  
R. S., sec. 1566, p. 269.

Approved, February 17, 1897.

**CHAP. 237.**—An Act To permit a part of the Fort Lyon Military Reservation to be occupied, improved, and controlled for a soldiers’ home by the State of Colorado.

February 17, 1897.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That there is hereby granted to the State of Colorado the right to occupy, improve, and control for the purposes of a soldiers’ home, to be established and maintained thereon by said State, section four of township twenty-three south, of range fifty-one west, containing five hundred and fifty-seven acres of the Fort Lyon Military Reservation, to include the buildings located thereon, on condition that said State shall, within three years, establish such home, at which provision shall be made for the care and maintenance of officers, soldiers, sailors, and marines who have served in the Army, Navy, or Marine Corps of the United States, their dependent parents, widows, or orphans, and under such rules and regulations as said State may provide: *Provided,* That the United States reserves to itself the fee and the right forever to resume possession and dispose of the said lands whenever it shall appear that the State of Colorado has ceased to use the same for such public purpose.

Fort Lyon Military Reservation.  
Use of portion granted to Colorado for a soldiers’ home.

*Provided.*  
Fee, etc., reserved.

Approved, February 17, 1897.

**CHAP. 238.**—An Act Authorizing the Cleveland Bridge Company to construct a bridge across the Arkansas River between Pawnee County, Oklahoma, and the Osage Indian Reservation.

February 17, 1897.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Cleveland Bridge Company, a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the Territory of Oklahoma, and its successors or assigns, be, and is hereby, authorized to construct and maintain a bridge and approaches thereto across the Arkansas River between a point in Pawnee County and the Osage Indian Reservation, in the Territory of Oklahoma, on section nine, township twenty-one east, of range eight east. Said bridge shall be constructed to provide for the passage of wagons and vehicles of all kinds, for the transit of animals, foot passengers, and all kinds of commerce, travel, and communications, and said corporation

Cleveland Bridge Company may bridge Arkansas River, Okla.

Location.

Wagon and foot bridge.