

location and designs and drawings of each of the bridges; and until the said plans and locations are approved by the Secretary of War the bridges shall not be commenced or built; and should any changes be made in the plans of said bridges, or any one of them, during the progress of construction or after completion, such changes shall be subject to the approval of the Secretary of War, and all changes in said bridges, or any one of them, required by the Secretary of War, at any time, or their entire removal, shall be made promptly by the corporations or persons owning or operating said bridges, at their own expense.

SEC. 5. That the right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

SEC. 6. That this Act shall be null and void if actual construction of the bridges herein authorized is not commenced within one year and completed within three years from the date thereof.

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February 28, 1899.

CHAP. 218.—An Act Relative to the payment of claims for material and labor furnished for District of Columbia buildings.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That hereafter any person or persons entering into a formal contract with the District of Columbia for the construction of any public building, or the prosecution and completion of any public work, or for repairs upon any public building or public work, shall be required, before commencing such work, to execute the usual penal bond, with good and sufficient sureties, with the additional obligations that such contractor or contractors shall promptly make payments to all persons supplying him or them labor and materials in the prosecution of the work provided for in such contract; and any person or persons making application therefor and furnishing affidavit to the department under the direction of which said work is being or has been prosecuted that labor or materials for the prosecution of such work has been supplied by him or them, and payment for which has not been made, shall be furnished with a certified copy of said contract and bond, upon which said person or persons supplying such labor and materials shall have a right of action, and shall be authorized to bring suit in the name of the District of Columbia or the United States for his or their use and benefit against said contractor and sureties and to prosecute the same to final judgment and execution: *Provided,* That such action and its prosecution shall not involve the District of Columbia or the United States in any expense: *Provided,* That in such case the court in which such action is brought is authorized to require proper security for costs in case judgment is for the defendant.

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CHAP. 219.—An Act Granting to the Clearwater Valley Railroad Company a right of way through the Nez Perces Indian lands in Idaho.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the right of way is hereby granted, as hereinafter set forth, to the Clearwater Valley Railroad Company, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Oregon, and its successors and assigns, for the construction and operation of its railroad and telegraph line through the Nez Perces Indian Reservation in the State of Idaho, and also through lands formerly embraced within said reservation which have been allotted to the individual members of the Nez Perces tribe of Indians, beginning at a point on the western boundary of the said Nez Perces Indian Reservation in section twenty-five, township thirty-six north, range five west

—changes.

Amendment.

Commencement and completion.

District of Columbia. Bonds of contractors to secure material, men, and employees.

—copy of bond to be furnished, etc.

—suit on.

Proviso.
—no expense to the District, etc.
—security against adverse judgment.

Clearwater Valley Railroad granted right of way through Nez Perces lands, Idaho.

Location.

of the Boise meridian, on the north bank of the Clearwater River; thence along the north bank of the said Clearwater River in an easterly direction to a point in township thirty-six north, range four west of the Boise meridian, nearly opposite the mouth of Lapwai Creek; thence crossing to the south bank of the said Clearwater River to a point within the said Indian agency grounds in said section twenty-two, township thirty-six north, range four west of the Boise meridian; thence along said south bank of the Clearwater River to the mouth of Big Canyon, in section three, township thirty-six north, range one west of the Boise meridian; thence up the Big Canyon in a southeasterly direction to the junction of Big Canyon and Little Canyon, in township thirty-six north, range one west of the Boise meridian; thence up the valley of the Little Canyon in a general easterly direction to the Boise meridian in township thirty-six north; thence along the valley of the Little Canyon in a general southerly and southwesterly direction through townships thirty-six, thirty-five, and thirty-four north, range one east of the Boise meridian; thence along the valley of said Little Canyon through township thirty-four north, range one west of the Boise meridian, to a divide in said township between the watersheds of Little Canyon and Lawyers Canyon; thence in a southwesterly direction through said township thirty-four north, range one west of the Boise meridian, to the township line between townships thirty-three and thirty-four north, range one west of the Boise meridian; thence in a general southwesterly direction through township thirty-three north, range one west of the Boise meridian, to the township line between townships thirty-two and thirty-three north, range one west of the Boise meridian; thence in a southerly and easterly direction through township thirty-two north, range one west of the Boise meridian, to the said Boise meridian; thence in a general southerly and easterly direction through township thirty-two north, range one east of the Boise meridian, to the south boundary line of said Nez Perces Indian Reservation.

SEC. 2. That the right of way hereby granted shall be fifty feet in width on each side of the central line of said railroad as aforesaid, and said company shall also have the right to take from said lands adjacent to the line of said road material, stone, earth, and timber necessary for the construction of said railroad; also ground adjacent to such right of way for station buildings, depots and machine shops, side tracks, turn-outs, and water stations, not to exceed in amount three hundred feet in width and three thousand feet in length for each station, to the extent of one station for each ten miles of road.

SEC. 3. That before said railroad shall be constructed through any land, claim, or improvement held by individual occupants according to any treaties or laws of the United States, compensation shall be made such occupant or claimant for all property to be taken or damage done by reason of the construction of such railroad. In case of failure to make satisfactory settlement with any such claimant the district court of the State of Idaho for the county within which such land may be situated shall have jurisdiction, upon petition of either party, to determine such just compensation in accordance with the laws of the State of Idaho provided for determining the damage when property is taken for railroad purposes, and such compensation shall be determined as provided for by the laws of the State of Idaho; and the amount of damages resulting to the tribe of Indians pertaining to such reservation in their tribal capacity by reason of the construction of said railroad through such lands of the reservation as are not occupied in severalty, and the time and manner of making payment therefor, shall be ascertained and determined in such manner as the Secretary of the Interior may direct, and be subject to his final approval.

SEC. 4. That said company shall cause maps showing the route of its line through said reservation and allotted lands, including the grounds for station buildings, depots, machine shops, side tracks, turn-outs, and water stations to be filed in the office of the Secretary of the Interior before constructing any portion of said railroad.

Width, etc.

Ground for stations.

Damages.

Appeal.

Tribal lands.

Maps.

Completion.

SEC. 5. That the rights herein granted shall be forfeited by said company unless the road shall be constructed through the said reservation and allotted lands within three years after the passage of this Act.

Railroad rights on public lands.

SEC. 6. That nothing herein contained shall restrict or impair the rights which said company may now have or hereafter acquire to the benefits and provisions of the Act of Congress approved March third, eighteen hundred and seventy-five, entitled "An Act granting to railroads the right of way through the public lands of the United States."

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CHAP. 220.—An Act To provide for an appropriate National celebration of the establishment of the seat of Government in the District of Columbia.

District of Columbia.
Celebration of establishment of seat of Government in.
Committees to prepare plans.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, The President is authorized to appoint a committee from the country at large, of such number as he shall think proper, to act with any committees that may be appointed by the two Houses of Congress, or either of them, and with any committee that may be appointed from the citizens of the District of Columbia, who may prepare plans for an appropriate National celebration, in the year nineteen hundred, of the first session of Congress in the District and the establishment of the seat of Government therein. Said committee shall report their proceedings to the President, to be by him communicated to Congress.

Expenses.

SEC. 2. The actual expenses of the members of said committee so appointed by the President shall be paid by the Secretary of the Treasury on vouchers to be approved by the Secretary of the Interior.

Appropriation.

SEC. 3. The sum of ten thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated from any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to carry into effect the second section of this Act.

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CHAP. 221.—An Act To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to rent or lease certain portions of forest reserve.

Forest reserves.
Authority conferred to lease grounds in, for hotels, etc.

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, under such rules and regulations as he from time to time may make, to rent or lease to responsible persons or corporations applying therefor suitable spaces and portions of ground near, or adjacent to, mineral, medicinal, or other springs, within any forest reserves established within the United States, or hereafter to be established, and where the public is accustomed or desires to frequent, for health or pleasure, for the purpose of erecting upon such leased ground sanitariums or hotels, to be opened for the reception of the public. And he is further authorized to make such regulations, for the convenience of people visiting such springs, with reference to spaces and locations, for the erection of tents or temporary dwelling houses to be erected or constructed for the use of those visiting such springs for health or pleasure. And the Secretary of the Interior is authorized to prescribe the terms and duration and the compensation to be paid for the privileges granted under the provisions of this Act.

Regulations.

Funds to be used for care of forest reserves.

SEC. 2. That all funds arising from the privileges granted hereunder shall be covered into the Treasury of the United States as a special fund, to be expended in the care of public forest reservations.

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