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affected.

specially designated: *Provided*, That until further legislation the Indians and the officials and employees in the Indian Service on said reservation shall, without cost to them, have the right, under such regulations as the Secretary of the Interior may prescribe, to go upon said timber lands and cut and take therefrom all timber necessary for fuel, or for lumber for the erection of buildings, fences, or other domestic purposes upon their allotments; and for said period the said Indians shall have the privilege of pasturing their cattle, horses, and sheep on said timber lands, subject to such rules and regulations as the Secretary of the Interior may prescribe: *Provided further*, That the Secretary of the Interior is hereby authorized to sell and dispose of for the benefit of the Indians such timber upon said timber lands as in his judgment has reached maturity and is deteriorating and which, in his judgment, would be for the best interests of the Indians to sell, the purpose being to as far as possible protect, conserve, and promote the growth of timber upon said timber lands. The Secretary of the Interior shall deduct from the money received from the sale of such timber the actual expense of making such sale and place the balance to the credit of said Indians, and he is authorized to prescribe such rules and regulations for the sale and removal of such timber so sold as he may deem advisable.

SEC. 6. That the Secretary of the Interior is hereby vested with full power and authority to make all needful rules and regulations for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this Act, and there is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of five thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, to pay the Indians for the lands granted to the State of Washington, as provided in section three of this Act, and there is hereby appropriated the further sum of seven thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for the purpose of carrying out the other provisions of this Act: *Provided*, That the appropriation other than that to pay for the lands granted to the State of Washington shall be reimbursed to the United States from the proceeds of the sale of the lands described herein, or from any money in the Treasury of the United States belonging to the said Spokane Indians.

SEC. 7. That nothing in this Act contained shall in any manner bind the United States to purchase any portion of the land herein described, except sections sixteen and thirty-six of the agricultural lands or the equivalent in each township, or to dispose of said land except as provided herein, or to guarantee to find purchasers for said lands or any portion thereof, it being the intention of this Act that the United States shall act as trustee for said Indians to dispose of the said lands and to expend and pay over the proceeds received from the sale thereof only as received as herein provided: *Provided*, That nothing in this Act shall be construed to deprive said Indians of the Spokane Indian Reservation, in the State of Washington, of any benefits to which they are entitled under existing treaties or agreements not inconsistent with the provisions of this Act.

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[Public, No. 158.]

CHAP. 218.—An Act To authorize the sale and disposition of a portion of the surplus and unallotted lands in the Cheyenne River and Standing Rock Indian reservations in the States of South Dakota and North Dakota, and making appropriation and provision to carry the same into effect.

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 he is hereby, authorized and directed, as hereinafter provided, to sell and dispose of all that portion of the Cheyenne River and Standing Rock Indian reservations in the States of South Dakota

Sioux Indians.
Sale of lands in
Cheyenne River and
Standing Rock reser-
vations, S. Dak. and
N. Dak.

and North Dakota lying and being within the following described boundaries, to-wit: Beginning at a point on the one hundred and second meridian of longitude west, where the township line between townships nine and ten north intersects the same; thence east on said township line to a point where the same intersects the range line between ranges twenty-four and twenty-five east of the Black Hills meridian; thence north on said range line to a point where the same intersects the township line between townships fifteen and sixteen north; thence east along said township line to a point in the center of the main channel of the Missouri River; thence in a northerly direction along the center of the main channel of said Missouri River to a point where the township line between townships eighteen and nineteen north intersects the same, and including also entirely all islands, if any, in said river; thence west on said township line to a point where the range line between ranges twenty-two and twenty-three east intersects the same; thence north along said range line to the northwest corner of section nineteen in township twenty-one north of range twenty-three east; thence east on the section line north of sections nineteen, twenty, twenty-one, twenty-two, twenty-three and twenty-four to a point where the same intersects the range line between ranges twenty-three and twenty-four east; thence north along said range line to the State line between the States of South Dakota and North Dakota; thence west on said State line to a point where the range line between ranges eighty-four and eighty-five west in North Dakota intersects the same; thence north on said range line to a point where said range line intersects the center of the main channel of the South Fork of the Cannon Ball River; thence in a westerly direction up and along the center of the main channel of the said river to a point where the same intersects the one hundred and second meridian of longitude west; thence south along said one hundred and second meridian of longitude west to the place of beginning, except such portions thereof as have been allotted to Indians: *Provided*, That sections sixteen and thirty-six of the lands in each township therein shall not be disposed of, but shall be reserved for the use of the common schools of the States of South Dakota and North Dakota, as the same may be located in the said States, respectively: *Provided further*, That the Secretary of the Interior may reserve such lands as he may deem necessary for agency, school, and religious purposes, to remain reserved as long as needed, and as long as agency, school, or religious institutions are maintained thereon for the benefit of said Indians: *Provided, however*, That the Secretary of the Interior is hereby authorized and directed to issue a patent in fee simple to the duly authorized missionary board, or other proper authority of any religious organization heretofore engaged in mission or school work on said reservations, for such lands thereon (not included in any town site herein provided for) as have been heretofore set apart to such organization for mission or school purposes.

Description.

Provisos.
School lands reserved.

Lands reserved for agency, etc., purposes.

Patents in fee to religious organizations.

Opened to settlement by proclamation.

Provisos.
Lands to Indians in lieu of allotted lands.

Allotments to be made.

SEC. 2. That the lands shall be disposed of by proclamation under the general provisions of the homestead and town-site laws of the United States, and shall be opened to settlement and entry by proclamation of the President, which proclamation shall prescribe the manner in which the lands may be settled upon, occupied, and entered by persons entitled to make entry thereof, and no person shall be permitted to settle upon, occupy, or enter any of said lands except as prescribed in such proclamation: *Provided*, That prior to the said proclamation the Secretary of the Interior, in his discretion, may permit Indians who have an allotment within the area described in section one of this Act to relinquish such allotment and to receive in lieu thereof an allotment anywhere within the respective reservations thus diminished to which reservation the said Indians may belong: *Provided further*, That prior to the said proclamation the Secretary of the Interior shall cause allotments to be made to every man, woman, and

child belonging to or holding tribal relations in said Cheyenne River and Standing Rock reservations who have not heretofore received the allotments to which they are entitled under provisions of existing laws: *Provided further*, That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to cause to be surveyed all the lands embraced within said reservations, and to cause an examination to be made of the lands by experts of the Geological Survey, and if there be found any lands bearing coal, the said Secretary is hereby authorized to reserve them from allotment or disposition until further action by Congress: *Provided further*, That the rights of honorably discharged Union soldiers and sailors of the late civil and Spanish wars or Philippine insurrection, as defined and described in sections twenty-three hundred and four and twenty-three hundred and five of the Revised Statutes, as amended by the Act of March first, nineteen hundred and one, shall not be abridged.

SEC. 3. That the price of said lands entered as homesteads under the provisions of this Act shall be fixed by appraisalment as herein provided. The President of the United States shall appoint two commissions, one for each reservation, each commission to consist of three persons to inspect, appraise, and value all of said lands that shall not have been allotted in severalty to said Indians, or reserved by the Secretary of the Interior or otherwise disposed of, and excepting sections sixteen and thirty-six in each of said townships, each commission to be constituted as follows: One resident citizen of the States of North or South Dakota, one representative of the Indian Bureau and one person holding tribal relations with one of said tribes of Indians. That within twenty days after their appointment the said commissioners so appointed for each of the said reservations, respectively, shall meet and organize by the election of one of their number as chairman. Each commission is hereby empowered to select such clerks and assistants at such compensation as the Secretary of the Interior may approve. That said commissioners shall then proceed to personally inspect, classify, and appraise, in one hundred and sixty acre tracts each, all of the remaining lands embraced within each reservation as described in section one of this Act. In making such classification and appraisalment said lands shall be divided into the following classes: First, agricultural land of the first class; second, agricultural land of the second class; third, grazing land; fourth, timber land; fifth, mineral land, if any, the mineral land not to be appraised. That said commissioners shall be paid a salary of not to exceed ten dollars per day each while actually employed in the inspection and classification of said lands and necessary expenses to be approved by the Secretary of the Interior; such inspection and classification to be completed within six months from the date of the organization of said commissions respectively, and no compensation shall be paid to either the commissioners or employees after the said six months. That when said commissions shall have completed the classification and appraisalment of all of said lands the same shall be subject to the approval of the Secretary of the Interior.

SEC. 4. That the price of said lands shall be paid in accordance with the rules and regulations to be prescribed by the Secretary of the Interior upon the following terms: One fifth of the purchase price to be paid in cash at the time of entry, and the balance in five equal annual installments, to be paid in one, two, three, four, and five years, respectively, from and after the date of entry. In case any entryman fails to make the annual payments, or any of them, when due, all rights in and to the land covered by his entry shall cease, and any payments theretofore made shall be forfeited and the entry canceled, and the lands shall be reoffered for sale and entry under the provisions of the homestead law at the appraised price thereof: *And provided*, That nothing in this Act shall prevent homestead settlers from commuting

Survey.

Coal lands reserved.

Rights of soldiers and sailors not affected.
R. S., sec. 2304, 2306, p. 422.
Vol. 31, p. 847.

Price fixed by appraisalment.

Two commissions created.

Duties.

Composition.

Organization.

Clerks.

Classification, appraisalment, etc.

Division of lands.

Compensation.

Time limit for classification, etc.

Approval.

Payment of purchase price.

Forfeiture.

Proviso.
Commutation.
R. S., sec. 2301, p. 421.

their entries under section twenty-three hundred and one, Revised Statutes, by paying for the land entered the price fixed herein, receiving credit for payments previously made. In addition to the price to be paid for the land, the entryman shall pay the same fees and commissions at the time of commutation or final entry as now provided by law, where the price of land is one dollar and twenty-five cents per acre, and when the entryman shall have complied with all the requirements and terms of the homestead laws as to settlement and residence and shall have made all the required payments aforesaid he shall be entitled to a patent for the lands entered: *And provided further*, That all lands remaining undisposed of at the expiration of four years from the opening of said lands to entry may, in the discretion of the Secretary of the Interior, be reappraised in the manner provided for in this Act. And it is further provided that any lands remaining unsold after said lands have been open to entry for seven years may be sold to the highest bidder for cash without regard to the prescribed price thereof fixed under the provisions of this Act, under such rules and regulations as the Secretary of the Interior may prescribe.

Fees and commissions.

Patents.

Reappraisal of undisposed lands.

Sale of remaining lands.

SEC. 5. That the Secretary of the Interior is authorized to reserve from said lands such tracts for townsite purposes as in his opinion may be required for the future public interests, and he may cause the same to be surveyed into blocks and lots and disposed of under such regulations as he may prescribe, in accordance with section twenty-three hundred and eighty-one of the United States Revised Statutes. The net proceeds derived from the sale of such lands shall be credited to the Indians as hereinafter provided.

Town sites reserved.

Survey.

R. S., sec. 2381, p. 436.

SEC. 6. That from the proceeds arising from the sale and disposition of the lands aforesaid, exclusive of the customary fees and commissions, there shall be deposited in the Treasury of the United States, to the credit of the Indians belonging and having tribal rights on the reservations aforesaid in the States of South Dakota and North Dakota the sums to which the respective tribes may be entitled, which shall draw interest at three per centum per annum; that the moneys derived from the sale of said lands and deposited in the Treasury of the United States to the credit of said Indians respectively shall be expended for their benefit under the direction of the Secretary of the Interior.

Deposit of proceeds to credit of Indians.

Use of proceeds.

SEC. 7. That sections sixteen and thirty-six of the land in each township within the tract described in section one of this Act shall not be subject to entry, but shall be reserved for the use of the common schools and paid for by the United States at one dollar and twenty-five cents per acre, and the same are hereby granted to the States of South Dakota and North Dakota for such purpose as the same are located in the said States respectively; and in case any of said sections, or parts thereof, are lost to said States by reason of allotments thereof to any Indian or Indians, or otherwise, the governors of said States, respectively, with the approval of the Secretary of the Interior, are hereby authorized, within the area in the respective States described in section one of this Act, to locate other lands not occupied not exceeding two sections in any one township, which shall be paid for by the United States as herein provided, in quantity equal to the loss, and such selections shall be made prior to the opening of such lands to settlement.

Purchase of school lands for South Dakota and North Dakota.

Price per acre.

Lieu lands.

SEC. 8. That there is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of not more than two hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, to pay for the lands granted to the States of South Dakota and North Dakota, as provided in section seven of this Act. And there is hereby appropriated the further sum of seventy-five thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for the purpose of making the appraisal and classification and allotments

Appropriation to pay for lands granted to South Dakota and North Dakota.

Appropriation for expense of allotment, etc.

Proviso.
Reimbursement.

provided for herein: *Provided*, That the latter appropriation, or any further appropriation hereafter made for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this Act, shall be reimbursed to the United States from the proceeds received from the sale of the lands described herein or from any money in the Treasury belonging to said Indian tribes respectively.

Nonresponsibility of
United States.

SEC. 9. That nothing in this Act contained shall in any manner bind the United States to purchase any portion of the land herein described, except sections sixteen and thirty-six or the equivalent in each township, or to dispose of said land except as provided herein, or to guarantee to find purchasers for said lands or any portion thereof, it being the intention of this Act that the United States shall act as trustee for said Indians to dispose of the said lands and to expend and pay over the proceeds received from the sale thereof only as received and as herein provided: *Provided*, That nothing in this Act shall be construed to deprive the said Indians of the Cheyenne River or Standing Rock Indian reservations, in South Dakota and North Dakota, of any benefits to which they are entitled under existing treaties or agreements not inconsistent with the provisions of this Act: *Provided*, That Indians residing upon their allotments in townships sixteen north of ranges twenty-five, twenty-six, twenty-seven, twenty-eight, twenty-nine, thirty, and thirty-one east shall have the right to use timber in said townships, except on sections sixteen and thirty-six for domestic purposes only as long as the lands remain part of the public domain.

Provisos.
Treaty rights not
affected.

Use of timber per-
mitted.

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CHAP. 219. An Act To extend the time within which the Washington and Western Maryland Railroad Company shall be required to complete the road of said company under the provisions of an Act of Congress approved March second, eighteen hundred and eighty-nine, as amended by an Act of Congress approved June twenty-eighth, nineteen hundred and six.

District of Columbia,
Washington and
Western Maryland
Railroad Company.
Vol. 25, p. 876.
Time of construction
extended.
Vol. 34, p. 536,
amended.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the time within which the Washington and Western Maryland Railroad Company is required to complete and put in operation its railroad in the District of Columbia under the provisions of an Act of Congress approved March second, eighteen hundred and eighty-nine, as amended by an Act of Congress approved June twenty-eighth, nineteen hundred and six, be, and the same is hereby, extended for the term of eighteen months from the twenty-eighth day of December, nineteen hundred and seven, and all of the franchises, rights, and powers conferred by said Acts, or either of them, upon said railroad company, may be enjoyed and exercised as fully and completely as if said railroad had been completed and put in operation prior to the twenty-eighth day of December, anno Domini nineteen hundred and seven: *Provided*, That within one month after the approval of this Act the said Washington and Western Maryland Railroad Company shall deposit with the collector of taxes of the District of Columbia the sum of two thousand dollars to guarantee the construction of said railroad within the time herein extended. If this sum is not so deposited this Act shall be void; if this sum is deposited and the said railroad company shall fail to construct and have in operation the said railroad, within the time herein prescribed, the said sum shall be forfeited to the District of Columbia and this Act shall be void.

Proviso.
Deposit.

Forfeiture.

Approved, May 29, 1908.