

Treasurer to receive money.

SEC. 2. That the Treasurer of the United States be, and is hereby, authorized to receive from the American Security and Trust Company the principal of the above bequest, together with the interest, if any, accrued thereon, and to receipt for the same in the name of the United States of America, as accepted under the conditions and for the purpose defined in the said will, and, on behalf of the United States, to release said trust company from any liability in connection with said fund. And, further, the Librarian of Congress is authorized to join in said release, and thereby release said trust company from all future liability to the Librarian of Congress.

Release to trust company.

To be credited as perpetual trust fund.

Permanent annual appropriation.

SEC. 3. That in compliance with said conditions the principal of the sum so received and paid into the Treasury of the United States shall be credited on the books of the Treasury Department as a perpetual trust fund; and the sum of eight hundred dollars, being equivalent to four per centum on the principal of said trust fund, be, and the same is hereby, appropriated, out of any moneys in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, and such appropriation shall be deemed a permanent annual appropriation and shall be expended in the manner and for the purposes herein authorized and as provided in the said bequest.

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[Public, No. 277.]

CHAP. 310.—An Act To authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to convey to the city of Sulphur Springs, Texas, certain land for street purposes.

Sulphur Springs, Tex.
Strip of land granted to, from public building site.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, empowered and directed to deed to the city of Sulphur Springs, in the State of Texas, for street purposes and no other, a strip of land not exceeding nine feet in width off the side of the Federal building site in said city, and a strip of land not exceeding six feet and two inches in width off the south side of said building site.

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CHAP. 311.—An Act Supplementing the joint resolution of Congress approved April thirtieth, nineteen hundred and eight, entitled "Joint resolution instructing the Attorney General to institute certain suits," and so forth.

Oregon railroad, etc., land grants.
Declaration of forfeiture.
Vol. 35, p. 571.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That all claims of forfeiture heretofore or hereafter asserted by the Attorney General on behalf of the United States in or by any and all suits in equity, actions at law, or other judicial proceedings instituted pursuant to the joint resolution of Congress approved April thirtieth, nineteen hundred and eight, entitled "Joint resolution instructing the Attorney General to institute certain suits," and so forth, be, and the same are hereby, ratified and confirmed and are hereby declared to be of the same force and effect as declarations of forfeiture by the Congress of the United States.

Lands not subject to entry.

SEC. 2. That none of the lands reverting to the United States by virtue of any right of forfeiture thereto as aforesaid shall be or become subject to entry under any of the public-land laws of the United States, or to the initiation of any right whatever under any of the public-land laws of the United States.

Limitation on suits involving lands sold by Oregon and California Railroad Company.

SEC. 3. That no suits in equity, actions at law, or other judicial proceedings shall be instituted pursuant to said joint resolution approved April thirtieth, nineteen hundred and eight, that shall

involve any lands sold by the Oregon and California Railroad Company prior to April thirtieth, nineteen hundred and eight, unless the same shall be instituted within one year from the date of the approval of this Act: *Provided*, That this section shall not be construed to apply to any suits in equity heretofore instituted, nor to any parties thereto, nor to any of the lands involved therein, nor to the institution of any further suits in equity, actions at law, or other judicial proceedings relating to any of the lands that are involved in said pending suits.

Provido.
Pending proceed-
ings not affected.

SEC. 4. That the Attorney General is hereby authorized to compromise in the manner hereinafter provided any suit heretofore or hereafter instituted pursuant to the provision of said joint resolution approved April thirtieth, nineteen hundred and eight, involving lands purchased from the said Oregon and California Railroad Company prior to September fourth, nineteen hundred and eight. In any such suit the Attorney General may, in his discretion, stipulate with the defendant or defendants who purchased said lands, or are the successors or assigns of such purchaser or purchasers, that decree shall be entered adjudging that the lands involved therein have been and are forfeited to the United States. Such decree shall recite that the same was entered pursuant to such stipulation. If said purchaser defendant or defendants, or their successors or assigns, shall within six months from the entry of said decree file with the Secretary of the Interior a certified copy of said decree, together with an application to purchase all of the lands adjudged by said decree to have been forfeited to the United States as aforesaid, and shall pay to the Treasurer of the United States the sum of two dollars and fifty cents per acre for all of the lands so applied for, the Secretary of the Interior shall cause patents to be issued conveying to said purchaser defendant or defendants, and their successors and assigns, all of the right, title, and interest of the United States in and to all of said lands; and such purchase shall operate as a compromise of any and all claims of the United States for waste or trespass upon any of said lands committed by such purchaser defendant or defendants or their successors or assigns, respectively: *Provided*, That the benefits of this section shall not be exercised or enjoyed except in cases where decree shall have been entered pursuant to stipulation entered into as aforesaid: *And provided further*, That the provisions of this section shall not apply to any lands that have not been patented to said Oregon and California Railroad Company: *And provided further*, That the aforesaid privilege of purchasing said forfeited lands shall not be exercised or enjoyed as to less than all of the lands involved in said suits, respectively, the purpose hereof being to prevent the elimination from any purchase of any lands from which timber has been removed or upon which any other waste or trespass has been committed, or the elimination of any part whatever of any land from such purchase.

Compromise author-
ized.

Conditions.

Payments.

Issue of patents.

Provido.
Condition.

Lands excluded.

Purchases re-
stricted.

SEC. 5. That the provisions of section four of this Act shall not be construed to apply to the suit involving approximately two million three hundred and sixty thousand acres, now pending in the District Court of the United States for the District of Oregon, wherein the United States of America is complainant and the Oregon and California Railroad Company, the Southern Pacific Company, Stephen T. Gage, the Union Trust Company, and others are defendants, being designated in the records and files of said court as suit numbered thirty-three hundred and forty; nor shall the provisions of said section four of this Act be construed to apply to any of the lands involved in said last described suit; nor to create any rights or privileges whatever in favor of any of the defendants therein.

Pending suit against
Oregon and California
Railroad Company,
etc., not affected.

SEC. 6. That nothing in this Act contained, nor action taken pursuant to the provisions of this Act, shall be construed as a condonation

No waiver of reme-
dies, conditions, etc.

of any of the breaches of any of the conditions or provisions annexed to any of the grants designated in said joint resolution approved April thirtieth, nineteen hundred and eight, nor as a waiver of any of said conditions or provisions, nor as a waiver of any right of forfeiture in favor of the United States on account of any breach or breaches of any of said conditions, nor as a waiver of any cause of action or remedy of the United States on account of any breach or breaches of any of said conditions or provisions, nor as a waiver of any other rights or remedies existing in favor of the United States.

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CHAP. 318.—An Act Authorizing the city of Hot Springs, Arkansas, to occupy and construct buildings for the use of the fire department of said city on lot numbered three, block numbered one hundred and fifteen, in the city of Hot Springs, Arkansas.

Hot Springs, Ark.
Lot granted to, for
fire department.

Conditions.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the exclusive right to use, occupy, and enjoy the possession of lot numbered three, in block numbered one hundred and fifteen, in the city of Hot Springs, Arkansas, is by this Act granted to the city of Hot Springs, Arkansas, for the purpose of erecting and maintaining thereon a suitable and sightly building or buildings for the use of the fire department of said city. The rights and privileges granted under this Act shall continue as long as the property is used and occupied for the purposes mentioned in this Act, subject, however, to the following conditions and limitations, namely, that unless said city of Hot Springs, Arkansas, shall within five years after the passage of this Act erect and equip on said lot a suitable and sightly building or buildings for the purposes above mentioned, or if said city shall at any time hereafter use or permit the premises to be used for any other purpose than that herein granted, then and in either event all the rights, privileges, and powers by this Act granted and conferred upon said city shall be forfeited to the United States.

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[Public, No. 280.]

Park County, Wyo.
Granted block in
Shoshone irrigation
project for school
purposes.

CHAP. 319.—An Act Making a grant of lands for school purposes in block numbered thirty-one, town site of Powell, Shoshoni reclamation project, Wyoming.

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 is hereby authorized and directed to issue patent conveying block thirty-one, town site of Powell, on Shoshoni reclamation project, Wyoming, to school district numbered two, Park County, Wyoming.

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[H. R. 24028.]

[Public, No. 281.]
District of Columbia.
The Naval History
Society incorporated.
Incorporators.

CHAP. 320.—An Act To incorporate the Naval History Society.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Charles Francis Adams, of Massachusetts; James Barnes, of New York; Willard H. Brownson, of the District of Columbia; French E. Chadwick, of Rhode Island; William C. Church, of New York; George Dewey, of the District of Columbia; Henry A. du Pont, of Delaware; Loyall Farragut, of New York; Caspar F. Goodrich, of Connecticut; Charles T. Harbeck, of New York; Grenville Kane, of New York; Stephen B. Luce, of Rhode Island; John F. Meigs, of Pennsylvania; Robert W.