

chiefly valuable for the production of timber or the protection of stream flow, may, with the approval of the Secretary of the Interior, be included within and made a part of the Wyoming National Forest by proclamation of the President, said lands to be thereafter subject to all laws affecting national forests: All of township twenty-nine north, range one hundred and eighteen west; all of township twenty-nine north, range one hundred and nineteen west; sections five, six, seven, eight, seventeen, eighteen, nineteen, twenty, twenty-one, twenty-eight, twenty-nine, thirty, thirty-one, thirty-two, and thirty-three, township thirty north, range one hundred and eighteen west; all of township thirty north, range one hundred and nineteen west; sections seven, eighteen, nineteen, thirty, thirty-one, and west half of section thirty-two, township thirty-one north, range one hundred and eighteen west; sections nineteen to thirty-six, inclusive, township thirty-one north, range one hundred and nineteen west; all of the sixth principal meridian, Wyoming.

Approved, February 25, 1919.

Description.

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[S. 2552.]

[Public, No. 257.]

**CHAP. 21.**—An Act To provide for a leave of absence for homestead entrymen in one or two periods, and for longer times.

*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 to provide for leave of absence for homestead entrymen in one or two periods," approved August twenty-second, nineteen hundred and fourteen, be, and hereby is, amended to read as follows:

Public lands.  
Homestead entries.  
Vol. 38, p. 704,  
amended.

Division of leave of  
absence allowed.  
R. S., sec. 2291, p.  
420, amended.  
Vol. 37, p. 123.

Proviso.  
Residence reduced  
for climatic conditions.

"That the entryman mentioned in section twenty-two hundred and ninety-one of Revised Statutes of the United States, as amended by the Act of June sixth, nineteen hundred and twelve, Thirty-seventh Statutes, one hundred and twenty-three, upon filing in the local land office notice of the beginning of such absence at his option shall be entitled to a leave of absence in one or two continuous periods, not exceeding in the aggregate five months in each year after establishing residence: *Provided,* That the register and receiver of the local land office under rules and regulations made by the Commissioner of the General Land Office may, upon proper showing, upon application of the homesteader, and only for climatic conditions, which makes residence on the homestead for seven months in each year a hardship, reduce the term of residence to not more than six months in each year, over a period of four years, or to not more than five months each year over a period of five years, but the total residence required shall in no event exceed twenty-five months, not less than five of which shall be in each year; proof to be made within five years after entry; and upon the termination of such absence, in each period, the entryman shall file a notice of such termination in the local land office; but in case of commutation the fourteen months' actual residence, as now required by law, must be shown, and the person commuting be at the time a citizen of the United States."

Total required, etc.

Commutation re-  
striction.

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February 25, 1919.  
[S. 2784.]

[Public, No. 258.]

**CHAP. 22.**—An Act To authorize the purchase by the city of McMinnville, Oregon, of certain lands formerly embraced in the grant to the Oregon and California Railroad Company and revested in the United States by the Act approved June ninth, nineteen hundred and sixteen.

*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 shall be, and is hereby, authorized to issue a patent to the city of McMinnville, Oregon, for the following described lands, being

Oregon-California  
railroad grant lands.  
Sale to McMinnville,  
Oregon, of revested lands  
of

Vol. 39, p. 218.

Description.

a part of the lands revested in the United States by the Act of Congress enacted June ninth, nineteen hundred and sixteen (Thirty-ninth Statutes, page two hundred and eighteen), to wit: The north half of section thirteen, township three south, range six west; north half southeast quarter of section thirteen, township three south, range six west; north half southwest quarter of section thirteen, township three south, range six west; southeast quarter of section eleven, township three south, range six west; southeast quarter southwest quarter of section eleven, township three south, range six west; north half northeast quarter of section eleven, township three south, range six west; northwest quarter of section eleven, township three south, range six west; southeast quarter southeast quarter of section three, township three south, range six west; northwest quarter southeast quarter of section three, township three south, range six west; north half southwest quarter of section three, township three south, range six west; southwest quarter southwest quarter of section three, township three south, range six west; southwest quarter northwest quarter of section three, township three south, range six west; on condition that the said city shall first pay to the United States, when said lands are subject to disposition under said Act of revestment, the sum of \$2.50 per acre for all of said lands and the appraised price of the timber on all such lands as may be classified as timberlands.

Price.

Regulations.

SEC. 2. That the Secretary of the Interior shall prescribe all necessary regulations to carry into effect the foregoing provisions of this Act.

Approved, February 25, 1919.

February 25, 1919.  
[S. 3220.]

[Public, No. 259.]

**CHAP. 23.**—An Act Authorizing the Secretary of the Interior to make investigations, through the Bureau of Mines, of lignite coals and peat, to determine the practicability of their utilization as a fuel and in producing commercial products.

Lignite coals and  
peat.

Appropriation for ex-  
periments, etc., to de-  
termine commercial  
use, 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 is hereby authorized and directed to make experiments and investigations, through the Bureau of Mines, of lignite coals and peat, to determine the commercial and economic practicability of their utilization in producing fuel oil, gasoline substitutes, ammonia, tar, solid fuels, gas for power and other purposes; and there is hereby appropriated, out of the funds in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$100,000, or so much thereof as may be needed, to conduct such experiments and investigations, including personal services in the District of Columbia and elsewhere, and including supplies, equipment, expenses of traveling and subsistence, and for every other expense incident to this work.

Property, etc., to be  
sold when experiments  
concluded.

SEC. 2. The Secretary of the Interior is authorized and directed to sell or otherwise dispose of any property, plant, or machinery purchased or acquired under the provisions of this Act, as soon as the experiments and investigations hereby authorized have been concluded, and report the results of such experiments and investigations to Congress.

Approved, February 25, 1919.

February 25, 1919.  
[S. 3384.]

[Public, No. 260.]

**CHAP. 24.**—An Act To amend the public-building Act, approved March fourth, nineteen hundred and thirteen.

Eureka, Utah.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the provision of the