

twenty north; and the southwest quarter, the southwest quarter of the southeast quarter, and lots three and four of section twenty-one; and the northwest quarter, the west half of the northeast quarter, lots one, two, and three, and the northeast quarter of the southwest quarter of section twenty-eight; and the south half of lot three and all of lots four and five, and the northeast quarter of the southeast quarter of section thirty-one; the south half of the south half of the northwest quarter, the south half of the south half of the northeast quarter, and lots one and two and the west half of the northwest quarter of the southeast quarter and the southwest quarter of section thirty-two; and the south half of lot two and all of lot three of section thirty-three, in township twenty-one north, all in range two east of the Willamette meridian, in the State of Washington, or any part thereof, to be regularly surveyed or subdivided into tracts or lots of twenty acres each, more or less, to conform as nearly as practicable to the existing local survey.

SEC. 2. That after said survey and the approval thereof by the Commissioner of the General Land Office the plat thereof shall be filed in the office of the register and receiver in the manner provided by law, and thereafter any settler who was in actual occupation of any portion of the lands described in section one hereof on the first day of January, nineteen hundred and ten, who made actual settlement thereon in good faith for the purpose of securing a home, and who has since maintained his claim thereto, or any one who has, since said date, succeeded to the occupation and interest of any such prior settler, his heirs or assigns, shall be entitled to purchase the lands so occupied, not exceeding twenty acres to each settler, according to the Government surveys and subdivisions thereof, upon payment to the Government of a sum equal to the amount of the appraised valuation of same; said appraisal to be made under the direction of the Commissioner of the General Land Office, in accordance with regulations to be approved by him: *Provided*, That in making such appraisal no account shall be taken of roads, wharves, or other general improvements in connection with said lands, nor of any improvements made thereon, but the same shall be appraised as nearly as may be as they were at the time when first settled upon: *And provided further*, That payment to the Government may be made in one sum, or one-tenth cash and the balance in nine equal annual installments, with interest at four per centum per annum, as the purchaser may elect: *Provided*, That any purchaser under the provisions of this section shall not thereafter have the right to make a homestead entry.

SEC. 3. That the following-described land, being a part of abandoned military reservation numbered twenty-four, is hereby granted to school district numbered seventy-one, of Pierce County, State of Washington, to wit: The east half of the northwest quarter of the southeast quarter of section thirty-two in township twenty-one of range two east of the Willamette meridian, in the State of Washington, upon payment therefor to the United States of \$2.50 per acre.

SEC. 4. That if application to purchase any of the lands described in section one hereof be not filed with the Commissioner of the General Land Office, under the provisions of section two hereof, within one year after the approval of regulations for purchase, then, in that event, the Secretary of the Interior is hereby authorized to dispose of such remaining lands under the provisions of the Act of Congress of July fifth, eighteen hundred and eighty-four, entitled "An Act to provide for the disposal of abandoned and useless military reservations."

Approved, July 3, 1916.

Opened to settlement.

Rights of present occupants to purchase.

Provisos. Appraisal.

Payments.

No homestead right thereafter.

Pierce County, Wash. Grant of land for school district.

Payment.

Disposal of unsold lands.

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[Public, No. 140.]

Florida National
Forest.
Lands added to, by
exchange with private
owners.

CHAP. 218.—An Act To consolidate certain forest lands in the Florida National Forest.

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, for the purpose of consolidating the forest lands belonging to the United States within the Florida National Forest, be, and he is hereby, authorized and empowered, upon the recommendation of the Secretary of Agriculture, to exchange lands belonging to the United States which are part of the Florida National Forest for privately owned lands of approximately equal value, as determined by the Secretary of Agriculture, within the exterior limits of said national forest, which lands upon the consummation of the exchange shall become a part of the Florida National Forest.

Approved, July 3, 1916.

July 3, 1916.
[H. R. 393.]

[Public, No. 141.]

North Dakota.
Exchange of lands
with.

CHAP. 219.—An Act To authorize an exchange of lands with the State of North Dakota for promotion of experiments in dry-land agriculture, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That upon receipt of a proper deed from the State of North Dakota, executed under authority of the Act of its legislative assembly, approved February fifth, nineteen hundred and fifteen, reconveying to the United States title to section sixteen, township one hundred and thirty-eight north, range eighty-one west, fifth principal meridian, the Secretary of the Interior is authorized to issue patents to said State for such vacant, surveyed, unreserved, unoccupied, nonmineral public lands as may be selected by said State within its boundaries, not exceeding one thousand two hundred and eighty acres in aggregate area, and said section when so reconveyed shall not be subject to settlement, location, entry, or selection under the public-land laws, but shall be reserved for the use of the Department of Agriculture in carrying on experiments in dry-land agriculture at the Northern Great Plains Field Station, Mandan, North Dakota.

Approved, July 3, 1916.

Added to dry-land
experimental station
at Mandan.

July 3, 1916.
[H. R. 8654.]

[Public, No. 142.]

Public lands.
Enlarged home-
steads.
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amended.

Noncontiguous lands
allowed to complete
entry.

CHAP. 220.—An Act To amend an Act entitled "An Act to provide for an enlarged homestead," approved February nineteenth, nineteen hundred and nine, by adding a new section to be known as section seven.

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 an enlarged homestead," approved February nineteenth, nineteen hundred and nine, be amended by adding thereto an additional section to be known as section seven:

"SEC. 7. That any person who has made or shall make homestead entry of less than three hundred and twenty acres of lands of the character herein described, and who shall have submitted final proof thereon, shall have the right to enter public lands subject to the provisions of this Act, not contiguous to his first entry, which shall not with the original entry exceed three hundred and twenty acres: *Provided,* That the land originally entered and that covered by the additional entry shall first have been designated as subject to this Act as provided by section one thereof: *Provided further,* That in no case shall patent issue for the land covered by such additional entry until the person making same shall have actually and in conformity with the homestead laws resided upon and cultivated the lands so additionally entered, and otherwise complied with such laws, except

Provisos.
Condition.

Actual residence and
cultivation required.

that where the land embraced in the additional entry is located not exceeding twenty miles from the land embraced in the original entry no residence shall be required on such additional entry if the entryman is residing on his former entry: *And provided further*, That this section shall not be construed as affecting any rights as to location of soldiers' additional homesteads under section twenty-three hundred and six of the Revised Statutes."

Approved, July 3, 1916.

Residence on former entry accepted.

Soldiers' entry rights not affected.

R. S., sec. 2306, p. 422.

CHAP. 225.—An Act Making appropriations for fortifications and other works of defense, for the armament thereof, for the procurement of heavy ordnance for trial and service, and for other purposes.

July 6, 1916.
[H. R. 14303.]

[Public, No. 143.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the following sums are appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to be immediately available and to continue available until expended, namely:

Fortifications appropriations.

FORTIFICATIONS AND OTHER WORKS OF DEFENSE.

ENGINEER DEPARTMENT.

Engineer Department.

For construction of guns and mortar batteries, \$2,300,000.

Gun and mortar batteries.

For modernizing older emplacements, \$78,500.

Modernizing emplacements.

For construction of fire-control stations and accessories, including purchase of lands and rights of way, purchase and installation of necessary lines and means of electrical communication, including telephones, dial and other telegraphs, wiring and all special instruments, apparatus, and materials, coast signal apparatus, and salaries of electrical experts, engineers, and other necessary employees connected with the use of coast artillery; purchase, manufacture, and test of range finders and other instruments for fire control at the fortifications, and the machinery necessary for their manufacture at the arsenals, \$600,000.

Fire-control stations.

Range finders.

For maintenance of Coast Artillery war-instruction matériel at Coast Artillery posts, including necessary material and labor therefor and for extra-duty pay to soldiers necessarily employed for periods not less than ten days, \$1,250.

Coast Artillery war instruction.

For purchase and installation of searchlights for the defenses of our most important harbors, \$226,700.

Searchlights.

For protection, preservation, and repair of fortifications for which there may be no special appropriation available, and of structures for the torpedo defense of the United States and for maintaining channels for access to torpedo wharves, \$250,000.

Preservation, etc.

For the repair and restoration of sea walls, retaining walls, and fill, and for urgent repairs to batteries, in the defenses of Galveston, Texas, \$303,500.

Galveston, Tex. Repairing defenses, etc.

For preparation of plans for fortifications and other works of defense, \$25,000.

Plans.

For maintenance and repair of searchlights and electric light and power equipment for seacoast fortifications, and for tools, electrical and other supplies, and appliances to be used in their operation, including the purchase of reserve lights, \$40,000.

Supplies, etc., electric plants.

For construction of mining casemates, cable galleries, torpedo storehouses, cable tanks, and other structures necessary for the operation, preservation, and care of submarine mines and their accessories, and for providing channels for access to torpedo wharves, \$200,000.

Torpedo structures, etc.