

authorized to close Piney Branch Road from Seventeenth and Taylor Streets to Sixteenth and Allison Streets northwest, upon the application in writing of the owner or owners of all of the property abutting on said road between the limits named, and upon the closing of said road the land embraced therein shall revert to the owners of the abutting property.

Designated portion of, to be closed. Reversion to abutting landowners.

Approved, February 21, 1923.

CHAP. 101.—An Act Authorizing the Secretary of the Interior to investigate the feasibility of reclamation projects on the Columbia River and various other irrigation projects.

February 21, 1923.
[S. 3808.]
[Public, No. 433.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the following sums are hereby authorized to be appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to be immediately available for expenditure by the Secretary of the Interior, namely:

Columbia River.
Post, p. 1540.
Investigations authorized for reclamation projects on, etc.
Projects designated.

For investigations of the feasibility of irrigation by gravity or pumping, water sources, water storage, and related problems on the Columbia River and its tributaries, including the Columbia Basin project, \$100,000; the Umatilla Rapids project, \$50,000; in all, \$150,000.

For cooperative and miscellaneous investigations of the feasibility of reclamation projects, \$125,000 annually.

Other reclamation projects.

Approved, February 21, 1923.

CHAP. 102.—An Act Authorizing the Secretary of the Navy, in his discretion, to deliver to the Daughters of the American Revolution of the State of South Carolina the silver service which was used upon the battleship South Carolina.

February 21, 1923.
[H. R. 13351.]
[Public, No. 434.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Navy is authorized, in his discretion, to deliver to the custody of the Daughters of the American Revolution of the State of South Carolina, for preservation and exhibition, the silver service which was presented by the State of South Carolina and used upon the battleship South Carolina while the said battleship was in commission: *Provided,* That no expense shall be incurred by the United States for the delivery of such silver service.

"South Carolina" battleship.
Silver service used by, delivered to Daughters of American Revolution, of South Carolina.

Proviso.
No expense.

Approved, February 21, 1923.

CHAP. 105.—An Act To amend section 2294, United States Revised Statutes, relating to homesteads.

February 23, 1923.
[S. 3103.]
[Public, No. 435.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 2294, Revised Statutes of the United States, as amended by the Act of March 11, 1902 (Thirty-second Statutes, page 63), and the Act of March 4, 1904 (Thirty-third Statutes, page 59), be amended to read as follows:

Public lands.
Homestead entries, etc.
Vol. 32, p. 63; Vol. 33, p. 59.
R. S., sec. 2294, p. 421, amended.

"SEC. 2294. That hereafter all proofs, affidavits, and oaths of any kind whatsoever required to be made by applicants and entrymen under the homestead, preemption, timber-culture, desert-land, and timber and stone Acts, may in addition to those now authorized to take such affidavits, proofs, and oaths be made before any United States commissioner or commissioner of the court exercising Federal jurisdiction in the Territory or before the judge or clerk of any

Additional court officers before whom oaths, etc., may be made.

Provisos.
Affidavits outside of land district, etc.

Proof of taking before nearest, etc. officer to be shown.

Force and effect of affidavits.

Penalty for false swearing.

Fees for entries.

Penalty for excessive fees.

court of record in the county, parish, or land district in which the lands are situated: *Provided*, That in cases where because of geographic or topographic conditions there is a qualified officer nearer or more accessible to the land involved, but outside the county and land district, affidavits, proofs, and oaths may be taken before such officer: *Provided further*, That in case the affidavits, proofs, and oaths hereinbefore mentioned be taken outside of the county or land district in which the land is located, the applicant must show by affidavit, satisfactory to the Commissioner of the General Land Office, that it was taken before the nearest or most accessible officer qualified to take such affidavits, proofs, and oaths; but such showing by affidavit need not be made in making final proof if the proof be taken in the town or city where the newspaper is published in which the final proof notice is printed. The proof, affidavit, and oath, when so made and duly subscribed, or which may have heretofore been so made and duly subscribed, shall have the same force and effect as if made before the register and receiver when transmitted to them with the fees and commissions allowed and required by law. That if any witness making such proof, or any applicant making such affidavit or oath, shall knowingly, willfully, or corruptly swear falsely to any material matter contained in said proofs, affidavits, or oaths, he shall be deemed guilty of perjury, and shall be liable to the same pains and penalties as if he had sworn falsely before the register. That the fees for entries and for final proofs, when made before any other officer than the register and receiver shall be as follows:

“For each affidavit, 25 cents.
“For each deposition of claimant or witness, when not prepared by the officer, 25 cents.
“For each deposition of claimant or witness prepared by the officer, \$1.
“Any officer demanding or receiving a greater sum for such service shall be guilty of misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be punished for each offense by a fine not exceeding \$100.”

Approved, February 23, 1923.

February 23, 1923.
[S. 3220.]
[Public, No. 436.]

CHAP. 106.—An Act To amend sections 2, 5, 11, 12, 15, 19, 29, and 30 of the United States Warehouse Act, approved August 11, 1916.

Warehouse Act Amendments.
Vol. 39, p. 486, amended.

Terms construed.
“Warehouse.”

Limitation omitted.
“Person.”

“Warehouseman.”

“Receipt.”

Vol. 39, p. 486, amended.

Termination of licenses, modified.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 2 of the United States Warehouse Act, approved August 11, 1916, is amended to read as follows:

“SEC. 2. That the term ‘warehouse’ as used in this Act shall be deemed to mean every building, structure, or other protected inclosure in which any agricultural product is or may be stored for interstate or foreign commerce, or, if located within any place under the exclusive jurisdiction of the United States, in which any agricultural product is or may be stored. As used in this Act, ‘person’ includes a corporation or partnership or two or more persons having a joint or common interest; ‘warehouseman’ means a person lawfully engaged in the business of storing agricultural products; and ‘receipt’ means a warehouse receipt.”

That section 5 of the United States Warehouse Act, approved August 11, 1916, is amended to read as follows:

“SEC. 5. That each license issued under sections four and nine of this Act shall terminate as therein provided, or in accordance with the terms of this Act and the regulations thereunder, and may from time to time be modified or extended by written instrument.”