

the United States, its successors and assigns, a good merchantable title in fee, free of incumbrance, to certain lands needed by the United States for reservoir purposes in connection with the North Platte Federal irrigation project in Nebraska and Wyoming, to wit: The northeast quarter; north half of the northwest quarter; southeast quarter of the northwest quarter; north half of the southeast quarter and southeast quarter southeast quarter of section 16, township 23 north, range 54 west, sixth principal meridian, Nebraska; then in exchange for such lands so conveyed the usual patent shall be issued by the United States to Anton Hiersche, conveying to him the following-described lands: The northeast quarter of the northeast quarter; south half of the northwest quarter of the northeast quarter; south half of the northeast quarter; south half of the north half of the northwest quarter; south half of the northwest quarter; and the southeast quarter of section 22; and the southeast quarter of the northeast quarter; and the east half of the southeast quarter of section 15, all in township 23 north, range 54 west, sixth principal meridian, Nebraska, excepting therefrom rights of way thereon for ditches or canals constructed by authority of the United States: *Provided*, That said deed to the United States shall release the United States from all damages to said lands in section 16 suffered by said grantor Anton Hiersche on account of the construction, operation, and maintenance of the said irrigation project: *Provided further*, That said grantor shall be permitted within a period of six months after the date of said deed to remove his improvements from said land in section 16: *Provided further*, That the patent from the United States shall contain language (a) by which the United States shall be released from all claims for damages to said land in section 22 by seepage from existing or proposed reservoirs constructed or to be constructed in connection with said irrigation project, and (b) by which the title of the grantee shall be held subject to a lien in favor of the United States to secure the payment of the project operation and maintenance and construction charges upon the irrigable area of the land patented hereunder.

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**CHAP. 326.**—An Act To restore homestead rights in certain cases.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That from and after the passage of this Act any person who has heretofore entered, under the homestead laws, and paid a price equivalent to or greater than \$2.50 per acre, lands embraced in a ceded Indian reservation, shall, upon proof of such fact, if otherwise qualified, be entitled to the benefits of the homestead law as though such former entry had not been made: *Provided*, That the provisions of this Act shall not apply to any person who has failed to pay the full price for his former entry, or whose former entry was canceled for fraud.

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**CHAP. 327.**—An Act Granting to the State of Oregon certain lands to be used by it for the purpose of maintaining and operating thereon a fish hatchery.

*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 to issue

Exchange of lands with Anton Hiersche for addition thereto.

Lands conveyed.

Lands in exchange.

*Provisos.*  
Release of damages to lands conveyed.

Removal of improvements.

Conditions in patent.

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[H. R. 8333.]  
[Public, No. 474.]

Public lands.  
Second homestead entry allowed if former one in a ceded Indian reservation.

*Proviso.*  
Restrictions.

February 25, 1925.  
[H. R. 9495.]  
[Public, No. 475.]

Public lands.  
Granted Oregon for fish hatchery.

Location. patent, as hereinafter limited, to the State of Oregon for the following-described land: The northeast quarter of the northwest quarter of section 2, township 39 south, range 22 east, of the Willamette meridian, in the State of Oregon, for use of said State in maintaining and operating thereon a fish hatchery: *Provided*, That there shall be reserved to the United States all oil, coal, or other minerals in the land, and the right to prospect for, mine, and remove the same: *Provided further*, That if the State of Oregon shall, for a period of two years, fail to use the land for fish hatchery purposes, or shall devote the same to other uses, the title thereto shall revert to the United States, and the lands shall be restored to the public domain upon a finding of such failure by the Secretary of the Interior.

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[H. R. 9688.]  
[Public, No. 476.]

**CHAP. 328.**—An Act Granting public lands to the city of Red Bluff, California, for a public park.

Public lands. Granted to Red Bluff, Calif., for public park. *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 to issue patent to the city of Red Bluff, California, in trust, for public park purposes, for the following tract of land, to wit:

Description. The north half of the northeast quarter of section 22, township 29 north, range 2 east, Mount Diablo meridian, Tehama County, California, upon payment by said city at the rate of \$1.25 per acre, subject to all valid existing bona fide right or claim initiated under the land laws of the United States: *Provided*, That there shall be reserved to the United States all oil, coal, and other mineral deposits that may be found in the land so granted and all necessary use of the land for extracting the same; that the grant hereby made shall be subject to the provisions of section 24 of the Federal Water Power Act (Forty-first United States Statutes, pages 1063-1077, approved June 10, 1920): *Provided further*, That said city shall not have the right to sell or convey the land herein granted, or any part thereof, or to devote the same to any other purpose than as hereinbefore described; and that if the said land shall not be used as a public park, the same shall revert to the United States: *And provided further*, That the patent issued under the provisions of this Act shall expressly reserve all the rights in the United States as specified herein.

Approved, February 25, 1925.

February 25, 1925.  
[H. R. 10411.]  
[Public, No. 477.]

**CHAP. 329.**—An Act Granting desert-land entrymen an extension of time for making final proof.

Public lands. Time extended for final proof by desert-land entrymen. Vol. 38, p. 1161; Vol. 40, p. 458. *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 may, in his discretion, in addition to the extensions authorized by existing law, grant to any entryman under the desert-land laws of the United States a further extension of time of not to exceed three years within which to make final proof: *Provided*, That such entryman shall, by his corroborated affidavit, filed in the land office of the district where such land is located, show to the satisfaction of the Secretary that because of unavoidable delay in the construction of the irrigation works intended to convey water to the land embraced in his entry, he is, without fault on his part, unable to make proof of the reclamation and cultivation

*Provisos.*  
Cause of delay to be proven.