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Roads, etc.

For continuing the construction and repairs of the roads between the south guardhouse and southern boundary line of reservation, and for continuing the laying of a stone walk along same, and extending the same northward to a junction with the present concrete walks, one thousand dollars;

Filter beds.

For constructing a set of filter beds, and connecting the same with the new reservoir and otherwise purifying the water, including all necessary appurtenances, to be immediately available, twenty-five thousand dollars;

Water supply.

For necessary improvements to water-supply system, to be immediately available, ten thousand dollars;

Water main.

For laying a water main, and appurtenances to connect the new reservoir with the existing system of water distribution, so as to afford an adequate direct fire pressure, to be immediately available, fifteen thousand dollars;

Museum.

For cases, materials, fittings, fixtures, and other appliances for ordnance museum in new Academy building, one thousand dollars;

Hydrants.

For six fire hydrants, four hundred and fifty dollars;

Engineer barracks.

For building iron stairways in halls of engineer barracks, with necessary supports and framing for same, two thousand eight hundred dollars;

For painting the interior of engineer barracks, five hundred dollars;

In all, for public buildings and grounds, eighty-two thousand two hundred and forty-four dollars.

Approved, February 10, 1897.

February 11, 1897.

CHAP. 216.—An Act To authorize the entry and patenting of lands containing petroleum and other mineral oils under the placer-mining laws of the United States.

Public lands.
Entry of oil lands under placer mining laws.
R. S., secs. 2329–2333, p. 428.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That any person authorized to enter lands under the mining laws of the United States may enter and obtain patent to lands containing petroleum or other mineral oils, and chiefly valuable therefor, under the provisions of the laws relating to placer mineral claims: *Provided*, That lands containing such petroleum or other mineral oils which have heretofore been filed upon, claimed, or improved as mineral, but not yet patented, may be held and patented under the provisions of this Act the same as if such filing, claim, or improvement were subsequent to the date of the passage hereof.

Proviso.
Prior claims.

Approved, February 11, 1897.

February 13, 1897.

CHAP. 221.—An Act To commission passed assistant surgeons in the United States Navy, and to provide for their examination preliminary to their promotion to the grade of surgeon.

Navy.
Passed assistant surgeons to be commissioned.
R. S., sec. 1368, p. 246.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That passed assistant surgeons now borne upon the Navy Register shall be commissioned as such by the President, such commissions to bear the dates upon which said passed assistant surgeons, respectively, received their appointments as such; and hereafter assistant surgeons shall be regularly promoted and commissioned as passed assistant surgeons, and passed assistant surgeons as surgeons, subject to such examinations as may be prescribed by the Secretary of the Navy: *Provided, however*, That no examination of passed assistant surgeons shall be ordered until the expiration of six months from the passage of this Act, during which time promotions shall be made as now provided by law.

Examinations.

Proviso.
Effect.

Approved, February 13, 1897.