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Amendment, etc.
Assignment forbidden.

SEC. 11. That Congress may at any time amend, add to, or alter this Act; and the right of way herein and hereby granted shall not be assigned or transferred in any form whatever prior to the construction and completion of the railway except as to mortgages or other liens that may be given or secured thereon to aid in the construction thereof.

Received by the President, March 18, 1896.

[NOTE BY THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE.—The foregoing act having been presented to the President of the United States for his approval, and not having been returned by him to the house of Congress in which it originated within the time prescribed by the Constitution of the United States, has become a law without his approval.]

March 31, 1896.

CHAP. 83.—An Act To grant certain condemned cannon and cannon balls to the Thirteenth and Forty-third Separate Companies National Guard of State of New York.

Condemned cannon.
Donated to Thirteenth and Forty-third Separate Companies New York National Guard.

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 be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to deliver to the Thirteenth Separate Company National Guard of the State of New York, for their armory at Jamestown, New York, two condemned cannon and sufficient cannon balls; and to the Forty-third Separate Company National Guard of State of New York, for their armory at Olean, New York, two pieces of condemned cannon and sufficient cannon balls for four pyramids: *Provided*, That the same can be spared without detriment to the service and that no expense is thereby incurred by the Government.

Proviso.
Conditions.

Approved, March 31, 1896.

March 31, 1896.

CHAP. 84.—An Act To repeal section twelve hundred and eighteen of the Revised Statutes of the United States, as amended by chapter forty-six of the laws of eighteen hundred and eighty-four, relating to appointment of officers in the Army or Navy of the United States.

Army and Navy.
Removal of ineligibility on account of service in Confederate States.
R. S., sec. 1218, p. 215, repealed.
Vol. 23, p. 21.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section twelve hundred and eighteen of the Revised Statutes of the United States, as amended by chapter forty-six of the laws of eighteen hundred and eighty-four, which section is as follows: "No person who held a commission in the Army or Navy of the United States at the beginning of the late rebellion, and afterwards served in any capacity in the military, naval, or civil service of the so-called Confederate States, or of either of the States in insurrection during the late rebellion, shall be appointed to any position in the Army or Navy of the United States," be, and the same is hereby, repealed.

Approved, March 31, 1896.

March 31, 1896.

CHAP. 85.—An Act Providing for disposal of lands lying within the Fort Klamath Hay Reservation, not included in the Klamath Indian Reservation, in Oregon.

Fort Klamath Hay Reservation, Oreg.
Opened to homestead entry.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That all lands lying within the boundaries of the Fort Klamath Hay Reservation, not included in the Klamath Indian Reservation, in the State of Oregon, shall be open to the operation of the laws regulating homestead entry: *Provided*, That the disposal of said lands shall be made in tracts not exceeding eighty acres to any one bona fide settler thereon.

Proviso.
Limit to settlers.

Approved, March 31, 1896.