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United States to make purchases in limited quantities abroad, which material shall be admitted free of duty.

Approved, May 7, 1898.

CHAP. 249.—An Act For the survey of the pass leading from the Gulf of Mexico into Horn Island Harbor, Mississippi, and a survey of said harbor. May 7, 1898.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of War be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to cause to be made a survey of the pass leading from the Gulf of Mexico into Horn Island Harbor, Mississippi, and a survey of said harbor and of the channel leading to and from said pass, with a view of ascertaining the extent to which the same should be dredged and improved in order to meet the necessities of commerce; and he shall also report a plan for making the necessary dredging and improvements, together with an estimate of the cost of same, and whether or not, in the opinion of the War Department, the proposed improvement should be undertaken by the Government. Survey of pass from Gulf of Mexico into Horn Island Harbor, Mississippi. Report.

Approved, May 7, 1898.

CHAP. 290.—An Act Authorizing the Supreme Lodge of the Knights of Pythias to erect and maintain a sanitarium and bath house on the Government reservation at the city of Hot Springs, Arkansas. May 9, 1898.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the exclusive right to use, occupy, and enjoy the possession of the following-described lot of land, being a part of the Government reservation at the city of Hot Springs, Arkansas, to wit, commencing on the north line of Reserve avenue at the southeast corner of the Army and Navy Hospital grounds; thence running eastward along the north line of Reserve avenue four hundred and sixty-five feet, more or less, to United States monument numbered twenty-seven; thence north six and one-half degrees west four hundred and seventy feet; thence west on a direct line four hundred and fifty-three feet, more or less, to the northeast corner of the Army and Navy Hospital grounds; thence southward along the east boundary of said Army and Navy Hospital grounds five hundred and twenty-five feet to place of beginning, is by this Act granted to the Supreme Lodge of the Knights of Pythias, for the purpose of erecting, equipping, and maintaining a national sanitarium and bath house for the accommodation of the Knights of Pythias of the United States of America. The rights and privileges granted under this Act shall continue as long as the property is used and occupied for the purposes mentioned in this Act, not, however, to exceed ninety-nine years, subject, however, to the following conditions and limitations, namely: That unless said supreme lodge shall, within five years after the passage of this Act, erect and equip a sanitarium and bath house, for the purposes above mentioned, at a cost of not less than two hundred and fifty thousand dollars, or if said supreme lodge shall at any time hereafter use or permit said premises to be used for any other purpose than that herein granted, then, and in either event, all the rights, privileges, and powers by this Act granted and conferred upon said supreme lodge shall be forfeited to the United States. Supreme Lodge, Knights of Pythias may erect sanitarium on Government reservation, Hot Springs, Ark. Duration of privilege. —conditions. —forfeiture.

SEC. 2. That upon compliance with the conditions and requirements of section one of this Act by said supreme lodge, the Secretary of the Interior shall be authorized and required to lease to said supreme lodge a sufficient quantity of hot water to accommodate said sanitarium for all drinking purposes and to supply at least five bath tubs, under such rules and regulations as he may prescribe; and all improvements made upon said property shall be subject to the approval of the Secretary of the Interior. Use of hot water.

Approved, May 9, 1898.