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shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction thereof in the district court of the United States for the district of Oregon shall be fined not to exceed five hundred dollars, in the discretion of the court. And the Secretary of the Interior is hereby authorized and directed to enforce the provisions of this Act by all proper means at his command, and to exclude from said forest reserve stock of all kinds and all persons, save as hereinbefore excepted.

Approved, April 28, 1904.

CHAP. 1775.—An Act To expedite business in the district court of the United States for the district of Oregon.

April 28, 1904.
[S. 3117.]
[Public, No. 207.]

United States courts.
Oregon judicial district.
Circuit judge may hold district court.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That in case of the absence of the United States district judge for the district of Oregon from said district, or of his disability, a circuit judge of the United States of the circuit to which such district belongs may hold the district court and perform the duties of the district judge.

Approved, April 28, 1904.

CHAP. 1776.—An Act Providing for second and additional homestead entries, and for other purposes.

April 28, 1904.
[S. 3165.]
[Public, No. 208.]

Public lands.
Failure to perfect homestead entry not a bar to second, etc., entry.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That any person who has heretofore made entry under the homestead laws, but who shall show to the satisfaction of the Commissioner of the General Land Office that he was unable to perfect the entry on account of some unavoidable complication of his personal or business affairs, or on account of an honest mistake as to the character of the land; that he made a bona-fide effort to comply with the homestead law and that he did not relinquish his entry or abandon his claim for a consideration, shall be entitled to the benefit of the homestead laws as though such former entry had not been made.

Conditions.

Additional entry allowed without proof of residence, etc.

SEC. 2. That any homestead settler who has heretofore entered, or may hereafter enter, less than one-quarter section of land may enter other and additional land lying contiguous to the original entry which shall not, with the land first entered and occupied, exceed in the aggregate one hundred and sixty acres, without proof of residence upon and cultivation of the additional entry; and if final proof of settlement and cultivation has been made for the original entry when the additional entry is made, then the patent shall issue without further proof: *Provided*, That this section shall not apply to or for the benefit of any person who does not own and occupy the lands covered by the original entry: *And provided*, That if the original entry should fail for any reason prior to patent, or should appear to be illegal or fraudulent, the additional entry shall not be permitted, or, if having been initiated, shall be canceled.

Limit of acreage.

Patent.

Provisos.
Exception.

Failure in original entry prohibits additional entry.

Commutation not allowed.
R. S., sec. 2301, p. 421.

SEC. 3. That commutation under the provisions of section twenty-three hundred and one of the Revised Statutes shall not be allowed of an entry made under this Act.

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