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matter of other than the first class weighing not in excess of two pounds, 15 cents for mail matter of any class weighing more than two pounds but not in excess of ten pounds, and 20 cents for mail matter of any class weighing in excess of ten pounds.

Special-handling stamps. Schedule of rates.

SEC. 4. To procure the most expeditious handling and transportation practicable of mail matter of the fourth class, special-handling stamps shall be affixed thereto, in addition to the regular postage, in accordance with the following schedule: Matter weighing not more than two pounds, 10 cents; matter weighing more than two but not more than ten pounds, 15 cents; matter weighing more than ten pounds, 20 cents: *Provided*, That, under such regulations as the Postmaster General may prescribe, ordinary postage stamps of equivalent value may be accepted in lieu of the special-handling stamps herein specified.

*Proviso.* Postage stamps in lieu.

Vol. 43, p. 1069, repealed. U. S. C., pp. 1246, 1247.

Vol. 43, p. 1067, amended. U. S. C., pp. 1246, 1255.

SEC. 5. Section 212., Title II, of the Act of February 28, 1925, reclassifying the salaries of postmasters and employees of the Postal Service, readjusting their salaries and compensation on an equitable basis, increasing postal rates to provide for such readjustment, and for other purposes (43 Stat. 1069; U. S. C., title 39, secs. 166, 170), and so much of section 207 of Title II of said Act as relates to the expeditious handling, transportation, and delivery of mail matter of the fourth class (43 Stat. 1067; U. S. C., title 39, sec. 294), as amended (sec. 8, Act of May 29, 1928; 45 Stat. 943, 944; U. S. C., Supp. III, title 39, secs. 166, 294), and all Acts and parts of Acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

Inconsistent laws repealed.

Approved, March 2, 1931.

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March 2, 1931. [H. R. 15258.] [Public, No. 779.]

**CHAP. 373.**—An Act To permit the development of certain valuable mineral resources in certain lands of the United States.

Public lands. Exploration, etc., of certain, in Wyoming, authorized.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That all valuable mineral deposits except oil, oil shale, gas, phosphate, sodium, and coal, in the southeast quarter section 4, township 43 north, range 82 west, sixth principal meridian, in the State of Wyoming, which lands belong to the United States, are hereby declared to be free and open to exploration and purchase under the terms and conditions of the Act approved May 10, 1872 (U. S. R. S., title 32, ch. 6; U. S. C., title 30, ch. 2), while embraced in and during the period of any permit or permits to prospect for oil or gas which has been or which may be issued by the Secretary of the Interior under the authority of the Act approved February 25, 1920 (41 Stat. 437), or as extended under the Acts approved January 11, 1922 (42 Stat. 356), April 5, 1926 (44 Stat. 236), March 9, 1928 (45 Stat. 252), and January 23, 1930 (46 Stat. 58), or any of them, or while embraced in and during the period of any lease or leases issued by the Secretary of the Interior following any discovery of oil or gas in said lands, except that in issuing a patent to said lands or any part thereof, to any person or corporation making a valid location thereon under the authority of this Act, the Secretary of the Interior is authorized and directed to reserve to the United States the oil and gas therein and the right to mine and remove the same, provided that the lands conveyed or any part thereof shall be embraced in a valid permit to prospect for oil or gas or a valid lease to mine and remove the same or is classified as valuable for oil or gas at the time the patent is issued.

Vol. 17, p. 91. U. S. C., p. 954.

Vol. 41, p. 437; Vol. 42, p. 356.

Vol. 44, p. 236; Vol. 45, p. 252. *Ante*, p. 58.

Reservation of mineral rights.

Rights of prior patentee, etc.

SEC. 2. That any location made or patent issued pursuant to the provisions hereof shall be subject to the right of any permittee or lessee, under any permit or lease which has been, or may hereafter

be, granted, where the right of such permittee or lessee was initiated prior to such location, to use so much of the surface of the land as may be necessary for prospecting for, mining, and removing the oil and gas deposits therein without compensation to the locater or patentee, in accordance with section 29 of the Act of February 25, 1920 (41 Stat. 437). Vol. 41, p. 437.

Approved, March 2, 1931.

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March 2, 1931.
[H. R. 15263.]
[Public, No. 780.]

**CHAP. 374.**—An Act To relieve restricted Indians in the Five Civilized Tribes whose nontaxable lands are required for State, county, or municipal improvements or sold to other persons or for other purposes.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That whenever any nontaxable land of a restricted Indian of the Five Civilized Tribes is sold to the State of Oklahoma, or to any county or municipality therein, for public-improvement purposes, or is acquired, under existing law, by said State, county, or municipality by condemnation or other proceedings for such public purposes, or is sold under existing law to any other person or corporation for other purposes, the money received for said land may, in the discretion and with the approval of the Secretary of the Interior, be reinvested in other lands selected by said Indian and such land so selected and purchased shall be restricted as to alienation, lease, or incumbrance, and nontaxable in the same quantity and upon the same terms and conditions as the nontaxable lands from which the reinvested funds were derived and such restrictions to appear in the conveyance.

Five Civilized Tribes, Okla.
Restricted member of, whose land sold, may select other.

Proceeds of sale to be applied thereon.

Alienating, leasing restrictions.

Approved, March 2, 1931.

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March 2, 1931.
[H. R. 15865.]
[Public, No. 781.]

**CHAP. 375.**—An Act For the retirement of employees of the Panama Canal and the Panama Railroad Company, on the Isthmus of Panama, who are citizens of the United States.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That all employees of the Panama Canal on the Isthmus of Panama, and all employees of the Panama Railroad Company, on the Isthmus of Panama, who are citizens of the United States and whose tenure of employment is not intermittent nor of uncertain duration, shall come within the provisions of this Act.

Retirement of Federal personnel of the Panama Canal, etc.

AUTOMATIC SEPARATION

Automatic separation.

SEC. 2. All employees to whom this Act applies shall, after reaching the age of sixty-two years and having rendered at least fifteen years of service on the Isthmus of Panama, be automatically separated from the service and retired on the annuity provided for herein; and all salary, pay, or compensation shall cease from that date: *Provided*, That if the Governor of the Panama Canal certifies to the Civil Service Commission that by reason of his efficiency and willingness to remain in the service, the continuance of such employee therein would be advantageous to the service, such employee may be retained for a term not exceeding two years, upon the approval and certification by the Civil Service Commission, and, at the end of the two-year term, by similar approval and certification, be continued for an additional term not exceeding two years:

Upon reaching age of 62 years.

Salary, etc., to cease.

*Proviso.*
Temporary retention upon certificate by Governor.