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moneys heretofore or hereafter appropriated for Sieur de Monts National Monument.

Administration by National Park Service. Vol. 39, p. 535.

SEC. 2. That the administration, protection, and promotion of said Lafayette National Park shall be exercised under the direction of the Secretary of the Interior by the National Park Service, subject to the provision of the Act of August twenty-fifth, nineteen hundred and sixteen, entitled "An Act to establish a National Park Service, and for other purposes," and Acts additional thereto or amendatory thereof.

Acceptance of donated lands, etc.

SEC. 3. That the Secretary of the Interior is hereby authorized, in his discretion, to accept in behalf of the United States such other property on said Mount Desert Island, including lands, easements, buildings, and moneys, as may be donated for the extension or improvement of said park.

Approved, February 26, 1919.

February 26, 1919. [S. 5038.] [Public, No. 279.]

CHAP. 46.—An Act Extending the use of the special fund for vocational education provided by section seven of the vocational rehabilitation Act, approved June twenty-seventh, nineteen hundred and eighteen, and for other purposes.

Vocational rehabilitation. Application of fund extended. *Ante*, p. 619.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the special fund for vocational education, authorized by section seven of the vocational rehabilitation Act, approved June twenty-seventh, nineteen hundred and eighteen, together with the items of appropriation made by said Act, are hereby made available, in addition to the purposes therein prescribed, for such other expenses as in the discretion of the board is deemed necessary and proper for the payment of necessary travel, lodging, subsistence, and other expenses of disabled men while under investigation by the board to determine their eligibility for training under the Act, and the purchase of supplies, equipment, and clothing for disabled men when ready to enter employment, and the traveling expenses of such men to place of employment and for supplementing any or all of the other items of appropriation made by said Act.

Approved, February 26, 1919.

February 26, 1919. [H. R. 8625.] [Public, No. 280.]

CHAP. 47.—An Act To accept from the Southern Oregon Company, a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Oregon, a reconveyance of the lands granted to the State of Oregon by the Act approved March third, eighteen hundred and sixty-nine, entitled "An Act granting lands to the State of Oregon to aid in the construction of a military wagon road from the navigable waters of Coos Bay to Roseburg, in said State," commonly known as the Coos Bay Wagon Road grant, to provide for the disposition of said lands, and for other purposes.

Coos Bay Wagon Road, grant lands, Oreg. Acceptance of deed for, from Southern Oregon Company.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That upon the execution and delivery by the Southern Oregon Company, a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Oregon, of a deed satisfactory to the Attorney General of the United States, reconveying to the United States all the right, title, and interests of the said Southern Oregon Company in and to the lands situated in the counties of Coos and Douglas, in the State of Oregon, and embraced within the limits of the grant made by the United States to the State of Oregon by the Act of March third, eighteen hundred and sixty-nine, entitled "An Act granting lands to the State of Oregon to aid in the construction of a military wagon road from the navigable waters of Coos Bay to Roseburg, in said State," commonly known as the Coos Bay Wagon Road grant, and now involved in litigation pending in the Supreme

Payment.

Pending suit dismissed when deed executed.

Court of the United States under the style and title "The Southern Oregon Company against the United States," the said lands shall again become a part of the public domain, and the United States shall pay to the Southern Oregon Company the sum of $232,463.07. The execution and delivery of the aforesaid deed within thirty days from and after the approval of this Act shall constitute the acceptance of this Act by the said Southern Oregon Company; and upon the approval of such deed by the Attorney General of the United States the aforesaid suit shall be dismissed and all matters of difference, controversy, and litigation between the United States and the said Southern Oregon Company arising out of said land grant shall be deemed fully settled, adjusted, and terminated: *Provided*, That nothing herein shall be construed to prevent the United States from instituting and maintaining such suits or actions as may be necessary to recover the value of timber or other material heretofore cut or removed from any of said lands without the consent of the Southern Oregon Company.

Proviso. Timber recoveries not affected.

Appropriation for unpaid taxes and land conveyed.

Sec. 2. That the taxes accrued, unpaid, and delinquent on the said lands on the date of the delivery of the deed provided for in the preceding section shall be paid by the Treasurer of the United States upon the order of the Secretary of the Interior as soon as may be after this Act becomes effective, and a sum sufficient to make such payment and also to provide for the payment of the said sum of $232,463.07, as provided for in section one of this Act, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Classification and disposal of lands. Vol. 39, p. 218.

Sec. 3. That the said lands shall be classified and disposed of in the manner provided by the Act of June ninth, nineteen hundred and sixteen (Thirty-ninth Statutes at Large, page two hundred and eighteen), for the classification and disposition of the Oregon and California railroad grant lands: *Provided*, That such persons who, being citizens of the United States, have continuously leased from the said Southern Oregon Company for a period of not less than ten years, or who under lease from said company have cultivated and placed valuable improvements upon any of said lands classified as agricultural, not exceeding one hundred and sixty acres to each person, shall be allowed a preference right of six months in which to purchase such lands from the United States by paying therefor the sum of $2.50 per acre and reimbursing the United States for the taxes paid on such land: *Provided further*, That where any of such leased lands have been resided upon, to the same extent and in the same manner as is required under the homestead laws, since the first day of December, nineteen hundred and thirteen, by any person duly qualified to enter such lands claiming adversely to such lessee, and who has improved the land and devoted some portion thereof to agricultural use, and who shall have maintained his residence to the date of his application, the claim of such settler and resident shall be superior to that of the lessee, and he shall be allowed the preference right of entry afforded actual settlers by section five of the Act of June ninth, nineteen hundred and sixteen, aforesaid.

Provisos. Preference to lessees from Company.

Adverse claimants to lessees residing on lands, etc.

Title to money now in court.

Sec. 4. That the title to all money arising out of said lands and now on deposit to await the final outcome of said suit now pending in the Supreme Court, as aforesaid, is hereby vested in the United States, and the United States is subrogated to all the rights and remedies of the obligee or obligees, and especially of Harry E. Laughlin as commissioner, under any contract for the purchase of timber on said lands.

Receipts from land and timber to constitute a special fund.

Sec. 5. That all moneys received from or on account of said lands and timber and the timber thereon under the provisions of this Act shall be deposited in the Treasury of the United States in a separate

fund to be designated "The Coos Bay Wagon Road grant fund," which fund shall be disposed of in the following manner: A separate account shall be kept in the General Land Office of the sales of said lands and timber within each of the two counties of Coos and Douglas, and after the proceeds from such sales amount to a sum equal to that applied to pay the accrued taxes in that county and a sum equal to $2.50 per acre for each acre of such land therein title to which is revested in the United States pursuant to the provisions of this Act, twenty-five per centum of all other moneys received from said lands shall be paid to the treasurer of the county in which the lands sold are situated for common schools, roads, highways, bridges, and port districts, to be apportioned by the county courts for the several purposes above mentioned; and the remainder shall become a part of the general fund in the Treasury of the United States. The payments herein authorized shall be made by the Treasurer of the United States upon the order of the Secretary of the Interior, as the fund accumulates in the Treasury: *Provided*, That none of the payments to the counties provided for in this section shall be made until the Treasury has been reimbursed in the amount paid to the Southern Oregon Company and also for all taxes paid pursuant to the provisions of section two of this Act.

Disposal of.

To Coos and Douglas Counties.

To United States Treasury.

Proviso. Subject to prior payments.

Sec. 6. That the Secretary of the Interior is hereby authorized to perform any and all acts and to make such rules and regulations as may be necessary and proper for the purpose of carrying the provisions of this Act into full force and effect; and any person, applicant, purchaser, entryman, or witness who shall swear falsely in any affidavit or proceeding required hereunder or under the regulations issued by the Secretary of the Interior shall be guilty of perjury and liable to the penalties prescribed therefor.

Regulations, etc.

Punishment for false swearing.

Sec. 7. That the sum of $12,000 be, and the same is hereby, appropriated, out of any moneys in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to enable the Secretary of the Interior, in cooperation with the Secretary of Agriculture, or otherwise, to complete the classification of the lands as herein provided, which amount shall be immediately available and shall remain available until such classification shall have been completed.

Appropriation for classification.

Sec. 8. That this Act shall become effective upon its acceptance by the Southern Oregon Company, in the manner provided by the first section hereof.

In effect when accepted by Southern Oregon Company.

Approved, February 26, 1919.

February 26, 1919. [S. 68.]

[Public, No. 281.]

CHAP. 48.—An Act To amend section two hundred and sixty-nine of the Act of March third, nineteen hundred and eleven, entitled "An Act to codify, revise, and amend the laws relating to the judiciary."

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section two hundred and sixty-nine of the Act approved March third, nineteen hundred and eleven, entitled "An Act to codify, revise, and amend the laws relating to the judiciary," be, and the same is hereby, amended so as to read as follows:

Judicial Code. United States courts.

"Sec. 269. All of the said courts shall have power to grant new trials, in cases where there has been a trial by jury, for reasons for which new trials have usually been granted in the courts of law. On the hearing of any appeal, certiorari, writ of error, or motion for a new trial, in any case, civil or criminal, the court shall give judgment after an examination of the entire record before the court, without regard to technical errors, defects, or exceptions which do not affect the substantial rights of the parties."

New trials. Vol.36,p.1163,amended.

Technical errors not affecting substantial rights to be disregarded.

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