

approval of the Attorney General, appoint one deputy at each of the cities of Las Cruces, Silver City, Raton, and the town of Las Vegas: *Provided*, That upon completion of the Federal building in the city of Las Vegas, the court shall be transferred to and held in the city of Las Vegas instead of the town of Las Vegas and court at the latter place discontinued.

Approved, June 7, 1924.

Proviso.
Court at Las Vegas
on completion of Fed-
eral building.

CHAP. 333.—An Act Providing for the acquirement by the United States of privately owned lands within Rio Arriba and Taos Counties, New Mexico, known as the Las Trampas grant, by exchanging therefor timber, within the exterior boundaries of any national forest situated within the State of New Mexico.

June 7, 1924.

[S. 3024.]

[Public, No. 255.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he hereby is, authorized in his discretion to accept on behalf of the United States title to all or any part of privately owned lands, situated within the Las Trampas grant, located within the counties of Rio Arriba and Taos, State of New Mexico, if in the opinion of the Secretary of Agriculture public interests will be benefited thereby, and the lands are chiefly valuable for national forest purposes, and in exchange therefor the Secretary of Agriculture may authorize the grantor to cut and remove an equal value of timber within the national forests of the same State; the values in each case to be determined by the Secretary of Agriculture and acceptable to the grantor as a fair compensation. Timber given in exchange shall be cut and removed under the laws and regulations relating to the national forests, and under the direction and supervision and in accordance with the requirements of the Secretary of Agriculture.

National forests.
Private lands in Las
Trampas grant, N.
Mex., may be accepted
for purposes of.

National forest tim-
ber allowed in ex-
change.

Supervision of cut-
ting and removal of
timber.

SEC. 2. That lands offered for exchange hereunder and not covered by public land surveys shall be identified by metes and bounds surveys and that such surveys and the plats and field notes thereof shall be made by employees of the United States Forest Service and approved by the United States Surveyor General.

Identification of
lands offered.

SEC. 3. That any lands conveyed to the United States under the provisions of this Act shall, upon acceptance of the coveyance thereof, become and be a part of Carson National Forest.

Made a part of Car-
son National Forest.

SEC. 4. That before any exchange of lands for timber as above provided is effected, notice of such exchange proposal, describing the lands involved therein, shall be published once each week for four consecutive weeks in some newspaper of general circulation in the county in which such lands so to be conveyed to the United States are situated.

Advertising of pro-
posed exchange.

Approved, June 7, 1924.

CHAP. 334.—An Act Granting certain public lands to the city of Phoenix, Arizona, for municipal, park, and other purposes

June 7, 1924.

S. 3083.]

[Public, No. 256.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the south half of the north half and all the south half of section 13, the southwest quarter, the west half of the southeast quarter, the southeast quarter of the southeast quarter, section 14, the southeast quarter, section 21, the east half of the northwest quarter, the southwest quarter of the northwest quarter, the east half of the northeast quarter, the southwest quarter of the north-

Public lands.
Granted Phoenix
Ariz., for municipal,
etc., purposes.
Description.

east quarter, and all of south half, section 22, all of sections 23, 24, 25, 26, and 27, township 1 south, range 2 east, Gila and Salt River meridian, Arizona. The south half, section 1, the south half, section 2, the south half, section 7, the south half, section 8, the south half, section 9, the south half, the northeast quarter, section 10, all of sections 11, 12, northwest quarter section 13, all of sections 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, and 30, township 1 south, range 3 east, Gila and Salt River meridian, Arizona. The west half of the southwest quarter, section 5, the south half and the south half of the northwest quarter, section 6, township 1 south, range 4 east, Gila and Salt River meridian, Arizona, be, and the same are hereby, granted to the city of Phoenix, Arizona, for municipal, park, recreation, playground, or public convenience purposes, upon the condition that the city shall make payment for such land at the rate of \$1.25 per acre to the receiver of the United States land office, Phoenix, Arizona, within six months after the approval of this Act: *Provided*, That there shall be reserved to the United States all oil, coal, or other mineral deposits found at any time in the land, and the right to prospect for, mine, and remove the same: *Provided further*, That the grant herein is made subject to any valid existing claim or easements, and that the lands hereby granted shall be used by the city of Phoenix, Arizona, only for the purposes herein indicated, and if the said land, or any part thereof, shall be abandoned for such use, said land or such part shall revert to the United States; and the Secretary of the Interior is hereby authorized and empowered to declare such a forfeiture of the grant and to restore said premises to the public domain, if at any time he shall determine that the city has, for more than one year, abandoned the land for the uses herein indicated, and such order of the Secretary shall be final and conclusive, and thereupon and thereby said premises shall be restored to the public domain and freed from the operation of this grant.

Approved, June 7, 1924.

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[S. 3111.]

[Public, No. 257.]

Stockbridge Indians.
Claims of, against
United States to be
adjudicated by Court
of Claims.

CHAP. 335.—An Act Conferring jurisdiction upon the Court of Claims to hear, examine, adjudicate, and enter judgment in any claims which the Stockbridge Indians may have against the United States, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That jurisdiction be, and is hereby, conferred upon the Court of Claims, notwithstanding the lapse of time or statutes of limitation, to hear, examine, and adjudicate and render judgment in any and all legal and equitable claims arising under or growing out of any treaty or agreement between the United States and the Stockbridge Tribe of Indians, or arising under or growing out of any Act of Congress in relation to Indian affairs, which said Stockbridge Tribe may have against the United States, which claims have not heretofore been determined and adjudicated on their merits by the Court of Claims or the Supreme Court of the United States.

Time for filing.

Verification, etc.

SEC. 2. Any and all claims against the United States within the purview of this Act shall be forever barred unless suit be instituted or petition filed as herein provided in the Court of Claims within five years from the date of approval of this Act, and such suit shall make the Stockbridge Tribe party plaintiff and the United States party defendant. The petition shall be verified by the attorney or attorneys employed to prosecute such claim or claims under contract with the Stockbridges approved by the Commissioner of Indian Affairs and the Secretary of the Interior; and said contract shall be