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interest at the rate of four per centum per annum, and the interest shall be used for the benefit of such Indians in such manner as the Secretary of the Interior shall prescribe.

Expenses from tribal funds.

Sec. 4. That the Secretary of the Interior is hereby authorized to pay, out of the funds of the tribe of Indians located upon said reservation, the necessary expenses of the lumber operations herein provided for, including the erection of sawmills, equipment and necessary buildings logging camps, logging equipment, the building of roads, improvement of streams, and all other necessary expenses, including those for the protection, preservation, and harvest of the forest upon such reservation.

Sale of mill, etc., on completion of work.

Sec. 5. That when the dead and down timber, and such fully matured and ripened green timber as the forestry service shall designate, shall have been converted into lumber, then the Secretary of the Interior is directed to make sale of such portions of the sawmill and manufacturing plant as will not, in his judgment, be needed for continuing operations on this reservation. The terms of these sales shall be fixed by the Secretary, and after the payment of the costs and charges of sale the net proceeds thereof shall be deposited in the same manner and for the same purposes as the net proceeds of the sale of the lumber aforesaid.

Proceeds.

Repeal.

Sec. 6. That all Acts and parts of Acts in conflict with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed.

Approved, March 28, 1908.

March 28, 1908.
[H. R. 16493.]
[Public, No. 75.]

CHAP. 112.—An Act Limiting and restricting the right of entry and assignment under the desert-land law and authorizing an extension of time within which to make final proof.

Public lands.
Desert lands entries restricted to surveyed lands.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That from and after the passage of this Act the right to make entry of desert lands under the provisions of the Act approved March third, eighteen hundred and seventy-seven, entitled "An Act to provide for the sale of desert lands in certain States and Territories," as amended by the Act approved March third, eighteen hundred and ninety-one, entitled "An Act to repeal timber-culture laws, and for other purposes," shall be restricted to surveyed public lands of the character contemplated by said Acts, and no such entries of unsurveyed lands shall be allowed or made of record: *Provided, however*, That any individual qualified to make entry of desert lands under said Acts who has, prior to survey, taken possession of a tract of unsurveyed desert land not exceeding in area three hundred and twenty acres in compact form, and has reclaimed or has in good faith commenced the work of reclaiming the same, shall have the preference right to make entry of such tract under said Acts, in conformity with the public land surveys, within ninety days after the filing of the approved plat of survey in the district land office.

Vol. 19, p. 377.

Vol. 26, p. 1096.

Proviso.
Preference right to prior entries.

Assignments restricted.

Sec. 2. That from and after the date of the passage of this Act no assignment of an entry made under said Acts shall be allowed or recognized, except it be to an individual who is shown to be qualified to make entry under said Acts of the land covered by the assigned entry, and such assignments may include all or part of an entry; but no assignment to or for the benefit of any corporation or association shall be authorized or recognized.

Extension of time to complete work.

Sec. 3. That any entrymen under the above Acts who shall show to the satisfaction of the Commissioner of the General Land Office that he has in good faith complied with the terms, requirements, and provisions of said Acts, but that because of some unavoidable delay in the construction of the irrigating works, intended to convey water

to the said lands, he is, without fault on his part, unable to make proof of the reclamation and cultivation of said land, as required by said Acts, shall, upon filing his corroborated affidavit with the land office in which said land is located, setting forth said facts, be allowed an additional period of not to exceed three years, within the discretion of the Commissioner of the General Land Office, within which to furnish proof as required by said Acts of the completion of said work.

Approved, March 28, 1908.

CHAP. 113.—An Act To authorize the Secretary of War to donate to the Albert Sidney Johnston Camp, Confederate Veterans of San Antonio, Texas, not to exceed fifty obsolete Springfield rifles, bayonets and bayonet scabbards for same.

March 28, 1908.
[H. R. 19408.]
[Public, No. 76.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of War is hereby authorized, in his discretion, to donate to the Albert Sidney Johnston Camp, Confederate Veterans of San Antonio, Texas, an independent military organization, such number of obsolete Springfield rifles, not to exceed fifty, with bayonets and bayonet scabbards for same which may not be needed in the service of said Department. Such donation shall be made subject to rules and regulations covering the same in the Department and the Government shall be at no expense in connection with this donation.

Obsolete rifles. Given Albert Sidney Johnston Camp, Confederate Veterans.

Approved, March 28, 1908.

CHAP. 114.—An Act To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to issue patent in fee simple for certain lands of the Santee Reservation, in Nebraska, to school district numbered thirty-six, in Knox County, Nebraska.

March 31, 1908.
[H. R. 10671.]
[Public, No. 77.]

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 hereby is, authorized to issue patent in fee simple to school district numbered thirty-six, Knox County, Nebraska, for a tract of not exceeding two and one-half acres from the lands reserved for the Santee Agency, Nebraska, described as the northwest quarter of the southwest quarter of the southeast quarter of the northwest quarter of section thirteen, township thirty-three north, range five west, of the sixth principal meridian, Nebraska, upon such terms and conditions and under such regulations as the Secretary of the Interior may prescribe; said tract to be used for school purposes under the laws of the State of Nebraska.

Santee Indian Reservation, Nebr. Lands of, granted Knox County for school.

Approved, March 31, 1908.

CHAP. 117.—An Act To validate certain acts of the thirty-seventh legislative assembly of the Territory of New Mexico.

April 1, 1908.
[H. R. 17055.]
[Public, No. 78.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the act of the thirty-seventh legislative assembly of the Territory of New Mexico, entitled "An act creating four armory boards of control and providing for the construction of armories in the cities of Santa Fe, Roswell, Silver City, and Lascruces," approved March twentieth, nineteen hundred and seven; and an act of the same assembly and session entitled "An act to construct an addition to the present capitol building and for the construction of an executive mansion, and to purchase certain real estate and to provide the necessary means therefor, and for other purposes," approved March twenty-first, nineteen hundred and seven, and

New Mexico. Legislative acts providing issues of bonds validated.