

May 21, 1896.

CHAP. 213.—An Act To amend an Act entitled "An Act to authorize the Denison and Northern Railway Company to construct and operate a railway through the Indian Territory, and for other purposes."

Indian Territory.
Right of way, Denison and Northern Railway.

Time extended.
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Width.

Additional for stations, etc.

Provisos.
Limit.
Lands not to be sold, etc.

Approval of location.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the provisions of section eight of the Act entitled "An Act to authorize the Denison and Northern Railway Company to construct and operate a railway through the Indian Territory, and for other purposes," approved July thirtieth, eighteen hundred and ninety-two, be, and the same hereby are, extended for a further period of two years from the passage of this Act.

SEC. 2. That section two of said Act be amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 2. That a right of way of one hundred feet in width through said Indian Territory is hereby granted to the Denison and Northern Railway Company and a strip of land one hundred feet in width, with a length of two thousand feet in addition to the right of way, is granted for such stations as may be established, but such grant shall be allowed but once for every ten miles of the road, no portion of which shall be sold or leased by the company, with the right to use such additional grounds where there are heavy cuts or fills as may be necessary for the construction and maintenance of the roadbed, not exceeding fifty feet in width on each side of said right of way, or as much thereof as may be included in said cut or fill: *Provided,* That no more than said addition of land shall be taken for any one station: *Provided further,* That no part of the lands herein granted shall be used except in such manner and for such purposes only as shall be necessary for the construction and convenient operation of said railroad, telegraph, and telephone line, and when any portion thereof shall cease to be used such portion shall revert to the nation or tribe of Indians from which the same shall have been taken."

SEC. 3. That section six of said Act be amended by striking out all after the word "Provided," and inserting the following: "That a map of definite location showing the entire route of said road through the Indian Territory shall be filed and approved by the Secretary of the Interior before any part of the said road shall be constructed."

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CHAP. 214.—An Act Requiring bills of sale, conditional sales, mortgages, or deeds of trust of chattels in the District of Columbia to be recorded.

District of Columbia.
Bills of sale, etc., personal property to be recorded.

To take effect from time of record.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That in the District of Columbia no bill of sale, conditional sale, mortgage, deed of trust, or any conveyance, in whole or in part, of personal property or chattels, where the property has not been delivered, through or by which title is claimed to, or a lien or claim is retained or created in such personal property or chattels, shall be good or valid against a subsequent innocent purchaser for value and without notice, unless such bill of sale, conditional sale, mortgage, deed of trust, or other writing has been duly delivered for record in the office of the recorder of deeds in said District prior to the sale to such innocent purchaser; and all such instruments shall take effect and be valid from the time when such instrument shall have been delivered to the recorder for record, and the recorder shall indorse on each instrument aforesaid the day and hour of delivery of the same to him to be recorded.

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CHAP. 215.—An Act Authorizing the sale of the title of the United States in lot five, square eleven hundred and thirteen, in the city of Washington.

District of Columbia.
Sale of lot to Frank D. Orme.

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 is hereby, authorized and directed to grant and convey unto Frank D. Orme, of the city of Washington, and his heirs and

assigns, all the right, title, and interest of the United States in and to a certain lot of land in the city of Washington, in the District of Columbia, known upon the plat or plan of said city as lot numbered five, in square eleven hundred and thirteen, upon the payment by the said Frank D. Orme into the Treasury of the United States of the sum of one thousand dollars, the assessed value of the said lot: *Provided*, That before the said conveyance is made the said Frank D. Orme shall satisfy the Secretary of the Interior that all taxes and assessments against such lot have been paid.

Proviso.
Taxes, etc.

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CHAP. 216.—An Act Granting to Major C. A. Angel Post, Numbered Twenty, Grand Army of the Republic, of Lambertville, New Jersey, four condemned cannon and twenty cannon balls.

May 21, 1896.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Navy be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to deliver to Major C. A. Angel Post, Numbered Twenty, Grand Army of the Republic, of Lambertville, New Jersey, four condemned cannon and twenty cannon balls, for the decoration of the soldiers' monument of said city: *Provided*, That the same can be spared without detriment to the service and that no expense is thereby incurred by the Government.

Condemned cannon.
Donated to Grand
Army post, Lambert-
ville, N. J.

Proviso.
Expense.

Approved, May 21, 1896.

CHAP. 217.—An Act To amend section twenty-nine hundred and eighty-one of the Revised Statutes as amended by the Act of June tenth, eighteen hundred and eighty.

May 21, 1896.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section twenty-nine hundred and eighty-one of the Revised Statutes be amended so as to read as follows:

Customs.
Lien for freight, etc.

“**SEC. 2981.** That whenever the collector of the port of entry of the vessel, or other proper officer of the customs, shall be duly notified in writing of the existence of a lien for freight, charges, or contribution in general average upon imported goods, wares, or merchandise in his custody, he shall, before delivering such goods, wares, or merchandise to the importer, owner, or consignee thereof for consumption, or to any vessel or vehicle for transportation or exportation, give reasonable notice to the party or parties claiming the lien; and the possession by the officers of customs shall not affect the discharge of such lien, under such regulations as the Secretary of the Treasury may prescribe; and such officer shall refuse the delivery of such merchandise from any public or bonded warehouse or other place in which the same shall be deposited until proof to his satisfaction shall be produced that the freight, charges, or contribution in general average thereon has been paid or secured; but the rights of the United States shall not be prejudiced thereby, nor shall the United States or its officers be in any manner liable for losses consequent upon such refusal to deliver. If merchandise so subject to a lien, regarding which notice has been filed, shall be forfeited to the United States and sold, the freight, charges, or contribution in general average due thereon shall be paid from the proceeds of such sale in the same manner as other charges and expenses authorized by law to be paid therefrom are paid.”

Notice of lien for
freight, general aver-
age, etc., to be given
consignee, carrier, etc.
R. S., sec. 2981, p.
574, amended.
Vol. 21, p. 175.

Delivery.

Sale of forfeited
goods.

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CHAP. 218.—An Act To donate eight condemned cannon and one hundred cannon shot to the Grand Army of the Republic Cemetery Association of Colorado.

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Navy be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to deliver to the Grand Army of the Republic Cemetery Association of the State of Colorado,

Condemned cannon.
Donated Grand Ar-
my Cemetery Associ-
ation, Colorado.