

"SEC. 3. That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized, in his discretion, to pay the assessments on lands allotted to the Iowa Indians that may be made by said drainage district, not exceeding nine dollars and fifty cents per acre, and there is hereby appropriated for such purpose three thousand five hundred and twenty-nine dollars."

Appropriation for assessments on lands of Iowas.

Amount increased.

Approved, May 13, 1910.

CHAP. 235.—An Act Authorizing the connecting of a channel with Island End River, in Chelsea, Massachusetts.

May 13, 1910.  
[S. 7981.]

[Public, No. 177.]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the New England Gas and Coke Company is hereby authorized to dredge and remove all that part of the United States Naval Hospital grounds, at Chelsea, Massachusetts, comprising about seven thousand five hundred square feet, more or less, situated at the northwest extremity of said grounds, lying within the lines of the protected channel to be dredged and established by said company in continuation of the Island End River across the peninsula formed by the bend in said river at the head thereof: *Provided,* That the dredging of said channel be approved and authorized by the Secretary of War; that the said channel opposite the hospital grounds fronting thereon shall be dredged to a depth of twenty feet below mean low water, and a width of not less than one hundred and fifty feet at that depth; and that the said water front of the hospital grounds shall be stayed and protected in such manner as shall, in the judgment of the Secretary of the Navy, be sufficient for its preservation: *And provided further,* That the United States shall be at no expense on account of the work herein authorized; and that when said channel shall be dredged and finished it shall be, and forever remain, a public water highway.

Naval Hospital, Chelsea, Mass.  
Dredging channel for Island End River across grounds of, authorized.

Provisos.  
Approval of Secretary of War.

Protection of water front.

No expense, etc.

Approved, May 13, 1910.

CHAP. 236.—An Act To amend section sixty-three of the Act of August twenty-eighth, eighteen hundred and ninety-four (Twenty-eighth Statutes, page five hundred and sixty-seven).

May 13, 1910.  
[H. R. 18913.]

[Public, No. 178.]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That section sixty-three of the Act of August twenty-eighth, eighteen hundred and ninety-four (Twenty-eighth Statutes, page five hundred and sixty-seven), be, and the same is hereby, amended so as to read as follows:

Internal revenue, Vol. 28, p. 567, amended.

"Sec. 63. That storekeepers, storekeeper-gaugers, and gaugers, when traveling to or from assignments, or when transferred from one assignment to another, either in the same district or in different districts, shall receive the same compensation per day during the time necessarily occupied in traveling that they would be entitled to if on duty at the place to which assigned or transferred, or from which relieved, together with actual and necessary traveling expenses."

Allowances to storekeepers, etc., modified.

Approved, May 13, 1910.

CHAP. 240.—An Act To establish in the Department of the Interior a Bureau of Mines.

May 16, 1910.  
[H. R. 13915.]

[Public, No. 179.]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That there is hereby established in the Department of the Interior a bureau, to be called the Bureau of Mines, and a director of said bureau, who shall be thoroughly equipped for the duties of said office by technical education and experi-

Bureau of Mines. Established in Interior Department. Director to be appointed.

- ence and who shall be appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, and who shall receive a salary of six thousand dollars per annum; and there shall also be in the said bureau such experts and other employees as may from time to time be authorized by Congress.
- Experts, etc.
- Duties. SEC. 2. That it shall be the province and duty of said bureau and its director, under the direction of the Secretary of the Interior, to make diligent investigation of the methods of mining, especially in relation to the safety of miners, and the appliances best adapted to prevent accidents, the possible improvement of conditions under which mining operations are carried on, the treatment of ores and other mineral substances, the use of explosives and electricity, the prevention of accidents, and other inquiries and technologic investigations pertinent to said industries, and from time to time make such public reports of the work, investigations, and information obtained as the Secretary of said department may direct, with the recommendations of such bureau.
- Post, p. 883.
- Secretary to furnish offices, clerks, etc. SEC. 3. That the Secretary of the Interior shall provide the said bureau with furnished offices in the city of Washington, with such books, records, stationery, and appliances, and such assistants, clerks, stenographers, typewriters, and other employees as may be necessary for the proper discharge of the duties imposed by this Act upon such bureau, fixing the compensation of such clerks and employees within appropriations made for that purpose.
- Transfer of investigations from Geological Survey. Post, p. 743. SEC. 4. That the Secretary of the Interior is hereby authorized to transfer to the Bureau of Mines from the United States Geological Survey the supervision of the investigations of structural materials and the analyzing and testing of coals, lignites, and other mineral fuel substances and the investigation as to the causes of mine explosions; and the appropriations made for such investigations may be expended under the supervision of the Director of the Bureau of Mines in manner as if the same were so directed in the appropriations Acts; and such investigations shall hereafter be within the province of the Bureau of Mines, and shall cease and determine under the organization of the United States Geological Survey; and such experts, employees, property and equipment as are now employed or used by the Geological Survey in connection with the subjects herewith transferred to the Bureau of Mines are directed to be transferred to said bureau.
- Appropriations transferred.
- Employees, etc., transferred. SEC. 5. That nothing in this Act shall be construed as in any way granting to any officer or employee of the Bureau of Mines any right or authority in connection with the inspection or supervision of mines or metallurgical plants in any State.
- No authority over mines, etc., in States.
- In effect July 1, 1910. SEC. 6. This Act shall take effect and be in force on and after the first day of July, nineteen hundred and ten.
- Approved, May 16, 1910.

May 16, 1910.  
[H. R. 24150.]  
[Public, No. 180.]

Missouri western  
judicial district.  
Oregon County,  
transferred to south-  
ern division.  
Proviso.  
Pending causes.

CHAP. 241.—An Act Transferring Oregon County to the southern division of the western judicial district of Missouri.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the county of Oregon, in the State of Missouri, be detached from the eastern judicial district and attached to the southern division of the western judicial district of the State of Missouri: Provided, That courts of the eastern district shall retain and exercise jurisdiction over all causes and proceedings, civil and criminal, arising in or coming from said county and begun and pending at the date of taking effect of this Act, and of all criminal offenses committed in said county prior to the date this Act goes into effect, the prosecution of which have not begun, as completely as if this Act were not passed.*

Approved, May 16, 1910.