

CHAP. 316.—An Act To validate certain declarations of intention to become citizens of the United States.

August 11, 1916
[S. 4594.]

[Public, No. 193.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That declarations of intention to become citizens of the United States filed prior to the passage of this Act in the counties of Cascade, Chouteau, Teton, Hill, Blaine, and Valley, State of Montana, under the Act approved June twenty-ninth, nineteen hundred and six, entitled "An Act to establish a Bureau of Immigration and Naturalization and to provide for a uniform rule for the naturalization of aliens throughout the United States," as amended by the Acts of March fourth, nineteen hundred and nine, June twenty-fifth, nineteen hundred and ten, and March fourth, nineteen hundred and thirteen, are hereby declared to be as legal and valid as if such declarations of intention had been filed in the judicial district in which the declarants resided, as required by section four of said Act of June twenty-ninth, nineteen hundred and six, and that the petitions for naturalization dismissed on account of such invalidity in the declaration of intention shall be given a rehearing without additional cost, upon informal application therefor by the candidate for citizenship to the clerk of court upon notice to the Bureau of Naturalization: *Provided,* That such declarations of intention shall not be by this Act further validated or legalized and that this Act shall apply only to those persons who have heretofore made homestead, desert land or timber and stone entries.

Naturalization of aliens. Declarations of intention filed in certain counties of Montana, validated.
Vol. 34, p. 30.
Vol. 35, p. 1102; Vol. 36, p. 831; Vol. 37, p. 737.

Rehearings.

Provisos. Applicable only to entrymen.

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CHAP. 317.—An Act To grant certain lands to the State of Oregon as a public park, for the benefit and enjoyment of the people.

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[H. R. 10305.]

[Public, No. 194.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That all those certain tracts, pieces, or parcels of land lying and being situate in the State of Oregon described as follows, to wit: The south half and the northeast quarter of section seven, and the west half and the southeast quarter of section eight, and the southwest quarter of section nine, in township five north, range eight west of the Willamette meridian; and the southwest quarter of section twenty-seven, and the southeast quarter and west half of section twenty-eight, and the north half of section thirty-three, and the northwest quarter of section thirty-four, and the northeast quarter and the southeast quarter of section twenty-nine, in township six north, range eight west of the Willamette meridian, are hereby granted to the State of Oregon as a public park or pleasuring ground for the benefit and enjoyment of the people: *Provided,* That the patent to be issued for said lands shall contain the provision that the land shall revert to the United States whenever it shall not be used for the purposes mentioned in this Act: *Provided further,* That the Government of the United States of America reserves the right to operate and maintain any telegraph or telephone line over and upon said land which is in operation at the passage of this Act, or which it may see fit to establish thereafter.

Public lands. Granted to Oregon for public park. Description.

Provisos. Reversion for non-user.

Telegraph, etc., line rights reserved.

Valid claims excepted.

Proviso. Condition.

SEC. 2. That there shall be excepted from the grant hereby made any lands which at the date of the approval of this Act shall be covered by a valid, existing, bona fide right or claim initiated under the laws of the United States: *Provided,* That this exception shall not continue to apply to any particular tract of land unless the claimant continues to comply with the law under which the claim or right was initiated.

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Reclamation Service.
Sale of railroad in
Boise project, Idaho,
constructed by.
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Property included.

Auction sale.

Proceeds to irriga-
tion project.

Provisions.
Rejection of bids.
Private sale.

Terms, etc.

CHAP. 318.—An Act To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to cause to be appraised and to sell the Boise and Arrowrock Railroad, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That whenever in the opinion of the Secretary of the Interior the Boise and Arrowrock Railroad, constructed by the Reclamation Service under the provisions of the Act of Congress of June seventeenth, nineteen hundred and two (Thirty-second Statutes, page three hundred and eighty-eight), for use in connection with the construction of the Arrowrock Dam, Boise project, is no longer needed for said construction purpose, the said Secretary of the Interior may cause said railroad, together with the right of way on which the same is located, and such part of the equipment and appurtenances used in connection therewith as he shall deem most profitable or economical to sell in connection with said railroad, to be appraised by three disinterested persons, to be appointed by him, and thereafter to sell the same for not less than the appraised value, at public auction, to the highest bidder, after giving public notice of the time and place of sale by posting upon the premises and by publication once a week for not less than four weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in the city of Boise, Idaho, and in three other publications such as may, in the judgment of the Secretary of the Interior, give adequate publicity to the proposals of the Government, the proceeds of such sale to be covered into the reclamation fund and credited to the Boise project, and such credit applied upon the features of said project against which the cost of the construction of said railroad was charged: *Provided*, That said Secretary may reject any or all bids: *Provided further*, That after said railroad has once been offered for sale at public auction and not sold the Secretary may, in his discretion, sell said railroad, together with the equipment and appurtenances aforesaid, at private sale on such terms and conditions, and at such price as he may deem to be to the best interest of the Government. Any sale hereunder shall be subject to the terms and conditions of two certain agreements, one dated March second, nineteen hundred and eleven, between the United States and the Barber Lumber Company, and the other dated November eighteenth, nineteen hundred and fifteen, between the Oregon Short Line Railroad Company and the United States.

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State irrigation dis-
tricts.
Public lands within,
subject to State laws.

CHAP. 319.—An Act To promote the reclamation of arid lands.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That when in any State of the United States under the irrigation district laws of said State there has heretofore been organized and created or shall hereafter be organized and created any irrigation district for the purpose of irrigating the lands situated within said irrigation district, and in which irrigation district so created or to be created there shall be included any of the public lands of the United States, such public lands so situated in said irrigation district, when subject to entry, and entered lands within said irrigation district, for which no final certificates have been issued, which may be designated by the Secretary of the Interior in the approval by him of the map and plat of an irrigation district as provided in section three, are hereby made and declared to be subject to all the provisions of the laws of the State in which such lands shall be situated relating to the organization, government, and regulation of irrigation districts for the reclamation and irrigation of arid lands for agricultural purposes, to the same extent and in the same manner in which the lands of a like character