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Phil Kearny Post,
G. A. R., Nelsonville,
Ohio.
Donation of con-
demned cannon to.

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Proviso.
No expense to
United States.

CHAP. 1393.—An Act To authorize the donation of a certain unused and obsolete gun now at Chickamauga Park, Georgia, to Phil Kearny Post of the Grand Army of the Republic, at Nelsonville, Ohio.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of War be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to donate one six-pounder smoothbore bronze gun of three and seventh-eighths inches caliber, now at Chickamauga Park, Georgia, which was issued to the Commissioners of the Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Military Park under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved August fifth, eighteen hundred and ninety-two (volume twenty-seven, Statutes at Large, page three hundred and seventy-six), and is not now needed by the Commission, to the Phil Kearny Post of the Grand Army of the Republic, Nelsonville, Ohio: *Provided,* That the donation shall be made without expense to the United States.

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Public lands.
Settlers ejected from
certain land grants
given credit for resi-
dence, etc., on making
new entries.

Proviso.
Time limit.

Restriction.

CHAP. 1394.—An Act For the relief of certain settlers upon Wisconsin Central Railroad and The Dalles military road land grants.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That all qualified homesteaders who, under an order issued by the Land Department, bearing date October twenty-second, eighteen hundred and ninety-one, and taking effect November second, eighteen hundred and ninety-one, made settlement upon and improved any portion of an odd-numbered section within the conflicting limits of the grants made in aid of the construction of the Chicago, Saint Paul, Minneapolis and Omaha Railway and the Wisconsin Central Railroad, and were thereafter prevented from completing title to the land so settled upon and improved by reason of the decision of the Supreme Court in the case of Wisconsin Central Railroad Company against Forsythe, One hundred and fifty-ninth United States, page forty-six; and all qualified homesteaders who made settlement upon and improved any portion of an odd-numbered section within the conflicting limits of the grants made in aid of the construction of the Northern Pacific Railroad and The Dalles military wagon road, under orders issued by the Land Department treating such lands as forfeited railroad lands, and were thereafter prevented from completing title to the land so settled upon and improved by reason of the decision of the Supreme Court in the case of Wilcox against Eastern Oregon Land Company, One hundred and seventy-sixth United States, page fifty-one, shall, in making final proof upon homestead entries made for other lands, be given credit for the period of their bona fide residence upon and the amount of their improvements made on the lands for which they were unable to complete title: *Provided,* That no such person shall be entitled to the benefits of this Act who shall fail to make entry within two years after the passage of this Act: *And provided further,* That this Act shall not be considered as entitling any person to make another homestead entry who shall have received the benefits of the homestead law since being prevented, as aforesaid, from completing title to the lands as aforesaid settled upon and improved by him.

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CHAP. 1395.—An Act Granting to the State of Oregon certain lands to be used by it for the purpose of maintaining and operating thereon a fish hatchery.

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Public lands.
Grant of, to Oregon
for fish hatchery.
Description.

Provisos.
Reversion.

Secretary of Interior
may restore granted
lands to public do-
main.

Conditions.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the following described premises, to wit: The southeast quarter of section nineteen, the northwest quarter of the southwest quarter of section twenty, and the northwest quarter of the northeast quarter of section thirty, all in township two north, of range forty-one east, of the Willamette meridian, in the State of Oregon, be, and the same are hereby, granted to the State of Oregon, for the use of said State in maintaining and operating thereon a fish hatchery: *Provided,* That in case said State of Oregon shall at any time for a period of five years fail to maintain and operate a fish hatchery on said premises, or on some part thereof, then the grant hereinbefore made of said premises to said State shall terminate, and said premises, and the whole thereof, shall revert to the United States: *Provided further,* That the Secretary of the Interior is hereby authorized and empowered to ascertain and determine whether or not such hatchery is being maintained and operated on said premises, and if he shall at any time determine that, for a period of two years subsequent to the passage of this Act, the State of Oregon has failed to maintain and operate a fish hatchery on said premises, he shall make and enter an order of record in his Department to that effect, and directing the restoration of said premises, and the whole thereof, to the public domain, and such order shall be final and conclusive, and thereupon and thereby said premises shall be restored to the public domain and freed from the operation of the grant aforesaid.

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CHAP. 1396.—An Act Authorizing the recorder of the General Land Office to issue certified copies of patents, records, books, and papers.

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General Land Office.
Certificate of recorder
to copies of pat-
ents, etc.

Force and effect of.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That copies of any patents, records, books, or papers in the General Land Office authenticated by the seal and certified by the recorder of such Office shall be evidence equally with the originals thereof to the same force and effect as when certified by the Commissioner of said Office.

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CHAP. 1397.—An Act Providing for the donation of lots A, B, K, and L, in block thirty-nine, in Fort Dalles military addition to The Dalles, Oregon, as shown on the plat of the city of The Dalles, and surroundings, and filed in the local land office at The Dalles, Oregon, to the Oregon Historical Society.

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Public lands.
Lots in The Dalles,
Oreg., granted to Or-
egon Historical Soci-
ety.

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 issue to the Oregon Historical Society, an organization duly incorporated under the laws of the State of Oregon, December seventeenth, eighteen hundred and ninety-eight, a patent in the name of the United States for lots marked "A," "B," "K," and "L," in block thirty-nine, in Fort Dalles military addition to The Dalles, in the State of Oregon, as shown on the plat of the city of The Dalles and surroundings, now on file in The Dalles land office, such patent to issue only after the said Oregon Historical Society shall have filed with the Secretary of the