

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.

April 19, 1904.
[S. 1607.]

[Public, No. 119.]

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.

Approved, April 19, 1904.

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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[H. R. 1924.]

[Public, No. 120.]

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.

Approved, April 19, 1904.

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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[H. R. 9985.]

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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

Conditions.

Interior proper and satisfactory proofs of its incorporation. And such patent to be conditioned that the said lots and buildings thereon shall be held and maintained solely for historical purposes, with a reservation that the Secretary of the Interior shall be empowered to declare a forfeiture to the United States whenever he shall find the same has been converted to other purposes.

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[H. R. 10007.]

[Public, No. 122.]

Public lands.
Original patent papers to be furnished in legal processes.

Register to notify
Commissioner of General Land Office.

Transmission of papers.

Authenticated papers to be received as evidence.
also.
Return of documents.

CHAP. 1398.—An Act To authorize the Commissioner of the General Land Office to transmit original papers to be used as evidence.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That whenever the register of any United States land office shall be served with a subpoena duces tecum or other valid legal process requiring him to produce, in any United States court or in any court of record of any State, the original application for entry of public lands or the final proof of residence and cultivation or any other original papers on file in the General Land Office of the United States on which a patent to land has been issued or which furnish the basis for such patent, it shall be the duty of such register to at once notify the Commissioner of the General Land Office of the service of such process, specifying the particular papers he is required to produce, and upon receipt of such notice from any register of a United States land office the Commissioner of the General Land Office shall at once transmit to such register the original papers specified in such notice, and which such register is required to produce, and to attach to such papers a certificate, under seal of his office, properly authenticating them as the original papers upon which patent was issued; and such papers so authenticated shall be received in evidence in all courts of the United States and in the several State courts of the States of the Union: *Provided,* That the Secretary of the Interior shall make rules and regulations to secure the return of such documents to the General Land Office, after use in evidence, without cost to the United States.

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Boston, Mass.
Donation of obsolete ordnance to.

CHAP. 1399.—An Act Transferring the custody of certain obsolete ordnance to the city of Boston.

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 to deliver, if the same can be done without detriment to the Government, to the city of Boston, in the State of Massachusetts, through its park commissioners, four fifteen-inch Rodman guns, cast iron; thirteen ten-inch Rodman guns, cast iron; one ten-inch mortar, seacoast, cast iron; four barbette carriages, wrought iron, for fifteen-inch Rodman gun; thirteen barbette carriages, wrought iron, for ten-inch Rodman gun; one carriage, iron, for ten-inch seacoast mortar; said guns and carriages now forming a part of the armament of Fort Independence, on Castle Island, Boston Harbor, to be retained in said fort for use in the improvement and beautification of Castle Island, belonging to the United States, permission to do which in connection with a public park was granted to the city of Boston by joint resolution approved May first, eighteen hundred and ninety (volume twenty-six, Statutes at Large, page six hundred and seventy-one). And should at any time the said guns and carriages be not

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Restoration in case of nonuse.