

dates of return thereto, and where and for whom he was engaged in farm labor during such period or periods of absence: *Provided further*, That nothing herein shall excuse any homestead settler or entryman from making improvements or performing the cultivation required by applicable law upon his claim or entry: *Provided further*, That the provisions of this Act shall apply only to homestead settlers and entrymen who may have filed their application prior to the passage of this Act. The Secretary of the Interior is authorized to provide rules and regulations for carrying this Act into effect.

Approved, December 20, 1917.

Cultivation, etc., required.

Restricted to present applications.

CHAP. 7.—Joint Resolution Extending the commission provided for in the Act entitled "An Act making appropriations for the service of the Post Office Department for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and eighteen, and for other purposes," approved March third, nineteen hundred and seventeen, with the same authorities, powers, and provisions until on or before March first, nineteen hundred and eighteen.

December 26, 1917.
[S. J. Res. 114.]

[Pub. Res., No. 16.]

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the personnel of the membership of the commission created and provided for in the Act entitled "An Act making appropriations for the service of the Post Office Department for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and eighteen, and for other purposes," approved March third, nineteen hundred and seventeen, and authorized and directed to investigate the value of the pneumatic-tube service, their properties, franchises, and other equipment, shall continue with the same authorities, powers, and provisions for expenses until final report is made to Congress, which shall be made on or before March first, nineteen hundred and eighteen.

Postal service.
Pneumatic-tube service investigation commission continued to March 1, 1918.
Vol. 39, p. 1063.

Approved, December 26, 1917.

CHAP. 8.—Joint Resolution Extending until January first, nineteen hundred and nineteen, the effective date of section ten of the Act entitled "An Act to supplement existing laws against unlawful restraints and monopolies, and for other purposes," approved October fifteenth, nineteen hundred and fourteen.

January 12, 1918.
[S. J. Res. 106.]

[Pub. Res., No. 20.]

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the effective date on and after which the provisions of section ten of the Act entitled "An Act to supplement existing laws against unlawful restraints and monopolies, and for other purposes," approved October fifteenth, nineteen hundred and fourteen, shall become and be effective is hereby deferred and extended to January first, nineteen hundred and nineteen: *Provided*, That said section shall become effective on January eighth, nineteen hundred and eighteen, as to any corporations hereafter organized.

Antitrust Act, 1914.
Common carrier prohibited dealing with corporation in which officers interested.
Effective date extended.
Vol. 38, p. 734.
Vol. 39, pp. 674, 1201.

Proviso.
Application to new corporations.

Approved, January 12, 1918.

CHAP. 9.—An Act Amending section thirty-two, Federal Farm Loan Act, approved July seventeenth, nineteen hundred and sixteen.

January 18, 1918.
[S. 323A.]

[Public. No. 95.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Federal Farm Loan Act, approved July seventeenth, nineteen hundred and sixteen, is hereby amended by adding at the end of section thirty-two the following:

Federal Farm Loan Act, 1916.
Vol. 39, p. 384, amended.

"The Secretary of the Treasury is further authorized, in his discretion, upon the request of the Federal Farm Loan Board, from time

Farm loan bonds.
Purchase by Treasury from bank issuing