March 3, 1915.

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CHAP. 92.—An Act To amend the Act of March fourth, nineteen hundred and thirteen (Thirty-seventh United States Statutes, page eight hundred and seventy-two), so as to provide that in the construction of the public building at Roseburg, Oregon, provision shall be made for the accommodation therein of the United States post office and other governmental offices.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That in the construction of the public building at Roseburg, Oregon, authorized by the Act approved March fourth, nineteen hundred and thirteen (Thirty-seventh United States Statutes, page eight hundred and seventy-two), accommodations shall be provided therein for the United States post office, and other governmental offices.

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CHAP. 93.—An Act Proposing an amendment to the Federal reserve Act relative to acceptances, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section thirteen, paragraphs three, four and five, of the Act approved December twenty-third, nineteen hundred and thirteen, known as the Federal reserve Act, be amended and reenacted so as to read as follows:

"Any Federal reserve bank may discount acceptances which are based on the importation or exportation of goods and which have a maturity at time of discount of not more than three months and indorsed by at least one member bank. The amount of acceptances so discounted shall at no time exceed one-half the paid up and unimpaired capital stock and surplus of the bank for which the rediscounts are made, except by authority of the Federal Reserve Board, under such general regulations as said board may prescribe, but not to exceed the capital stock and surplus of such bank.

"The aggregate of such notes and bills bearing the signature or indorsement of any one person, company, firm, or corporation rediscounted for any one bank shall at no time exceed ten per centum of the unimpaired capital and surplus of said bank; but this restriction shall not apply to the discount of bills of exchange drawn in good faith against actually existing values.

"Any member bank may accept drafts or bills of exchange drawn upon it and growing out of transactions involving the importation or exportation of goods having not more than six months sight to run; but no bank shall accept such bills to an amount equal at any time in the aggregate to more than one-half of its paid-up and unimpaired capital stock and surplus, except by authority of the Federal Reserve Board, under such general regulations as said board may prescribe, but not to exceed the capital stock and surplus of such bank, and such regulations shall apply to all banks alike regardless of the amount of capital stock and surplus."

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CHAP. 94.—An Act To amend sections forty-eight hundred and eighty-eight and forty-eight hundred and eighty-nine of the Revised Statutes, relating to patents.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section forty-eight hundred and eighty-eight and eighty-nine of the Revised Statutes, be, and the same is hereby, amended by striking out from the last clause thereof the words "and attested by two witnesses," so that the section so amended will read as follows:

"Sec. 4888. Before any inventor or discoverer shall receive a patent for his invention or discovery, he shall make application therefor, in writing, to the Commissioner of Patents, and shall file in the Patent
Office a written description of the same, and of the manner and process of making, constructing, compounding, and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art or science to which it appertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make, construct, compound, and use the same; and in case of a machine, he shall explain the principle thereof, and the best mode in which he has contemplated applying that principle, so as to distinguish it from other inventions; and he shall particularly point out and distinctly claim the part, improvement, or combination which he claims as his invention or discovery. The specification and claim shall be signed by the inventor.'

SEC. 2. That section forty-eight hundred and eighty-nine of the Revised Statutes of the United States be, and the same is hereby, amended by striking out the words 'and attested by two witnesses,' so that the section so amended will read as follows:

"SEC. 4889. When the nature of the case admits of drawings, the applicant shall furnish one copy signed by the inventor or his attorney in fact, which shall be filed in the Patent Office; and a copy of the drawing to be furnished by the Patent Office, shall be attached to the patent as a part of the specification.'"

Approved, March 3, 1915.

CHAP. 95.—An Act To provide for the establishment and maintenance of mining experiment and mine safety stations for making investigations and disseminating information among employees in mining, quarrying, metallurgical, and other mineral industries, and for other purposes.

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 is hereby authorized and directed to establish and maintain in the several important mining regions of the United States and the Territory of Alaska, as Congress may appropriate for the necessary employees and other expenses, under the Bureau of Mines and in accordance with the provisions of the Act establishing said bureau, ten mining experiment stations and seven mine safety stations, movable or stationary, in addition to those already established, the province and duty of which shall be to make investigations and disseminate information with a view to improving conditions in the mining, quarrying, metallurgical, and other mineral industries, safeguarding life among employees, preventing unnecessary waste of resources, and otherwise contributing to the advancement of these industries: Provided, That not more than three mining experiment stations and mine safety stations hereinabove authorized shall be established in any one fiscal year under the appropriations made therefor.

Sec. 2. That the Secretary of the Interior is hereby authorized to accept lands, buildings, or other contributions from the several States offering to cooperate in carrying out the purposes of this Act.

Approved, March 3, 1915.

CHAP. 96.—An Act Providing for the appointment of an additional district judge for the southern district of the State of Georgia.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President of the United States shall appoint an additional district judge for the southern district of the State of Georgia, by and with the consent of the Senate, who shall reside in the said district and shall possess the same qualifications and have the same power and jurisdiction