

July 10, 1912.  
[S. 6946.]

[Public, No. 223.]

**CHAP. 229.**—An Act Authorizing the sale of certain lands in the Flathead Indian Reservation to the town of Ronan, State of Montana, for the purposes of a public park and public-school site.

Flathead Indian Res-  
ervation.  
Sale of tract to Ro-  
nan, Mont.

Proceeds  
to credit of  
tribe.

*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, in his discretion, to sell and convey to the town of Ronan, Montana, under such terms, conditions, and regulations as he may prescribe, not to exceed twenty acres of unallotted tribal land within the Flathead Indian Reservation, at not less than its appraised price; said lands to be used by the town of Ronan for school, park, or other public purposes: *Provided,* That the net proceeds received from the sale of said lands shall be deposited in the Treasury of the United States to the credit of the Flathead Indians and draw interest at the rate now provided by law, and may thereafter be used for the benefit of said Indians.

Approved, July 10, 1912.

July 12, 1912.  
[S. 6938.]

[Public, No. 224.]

**CHAP. 233.**—An Act To authorize the President of the United States to appoint Robert H. Peck a captain in the Army.

Army.  
Robert H. Peck may  
be appointed captain  
of Infantry.

No back pay, etc.

*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 in his discretion be, and he is hereby, authorized to appoint Robert H. Peck to the grade of captain of Infantry, United States Army, to take rank at the foot of the list of captains of Infantry; and that no back pay or allowances shall accrue as a result of the passage of this Act; and that there shall be no increase in the total number of officers now authorized by law by reason of the passage of this Act.

Approved, July 12, 1912.

July 15, 1912.  
[H. R. 21259.]

[Public, No. 225.]

**CHAP. 234.**—An Act To allow an exchange of certain lands in the Harney National Forest.

Harney National  
Forest, S. Dak.  
Exchange of lands  
in, with John L. Baird.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That upon the transfer by John L. Baird to the United States of title to the east half of the south-east quarter, and lot numbered one in section four, and lot numbered four in section three, all in township one south, range one east, of Black Hills meridian, containing one hundred and fifty-five and ninety-six one hundredths acres, situated in the Black Hills National Forest, the Secretary of the Interior is authorized, upon the approval of the Secretary of Agriculture, to issue a patent to said John L. Baird for the lands covered by the Keen Stone Placer mineral survey numbered nineteen hundred and forty-seven, in Lawrence County, South Dakota, containing ninety and nine hundred and seventy-eight one-thousandths acres; and the lands thus transferred to the United States shall thereupon become a part of the Harney National Forest.

Approved, July 15, 1912.

July 16, 1912.  
[S. 6271.]

[Public, No. 226.]

**CHAP. 235.**—An Act To confer concurrent jurisdiction on the police court of the District of Columbia in certain cases.

District of Columbia.  
Police court.  
Jurisdiction ex-  
tended to affrays, etc.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the police court of the District of Columbia shall have jurisdiction, concurrently with the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia, of affrays and the keeping

of a bawdy or disorderly house, and any person convicted of such an offense shall be punished by a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars or imprisonment not exceeding one year, or both.

SEC. 2. That said police court shall also have concurrent jurisdiction with said supreme court of threats to do bodily harm, and any person convicted of such offense shall be required to give bond to keep the peace for a period not exceeding six months, and in default of bond may be sentenced to imprisonment not exceeding six months.

Approved, July 16, 1912.

Punishment for.

Threats to do bodily harm.

Punishment for.

CHAP. 236.—An Act Authorizing the Secretary of War to pay a cash reward for suggestions submitted by employees of certain establishments of the Ordnance Department for improvement or economy in manufacturing processes or plant.

July 17, 1912.  
[H. R. 17987.]

[Public, No. 227.]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Secretary of War is hereby authorized to offer periodically at such of the establishments of the Ordnance Department as he may select a cash reward for the suggestion, or series of suggestions, for an improvement or economy in manufacturing processes or plant, submitted within the period by one or more employees of the establishment which shall be deemed the most valuable of those submitted and adopted for use: *Provided,* That to obtain this reward the winning suggestion must be one that will clearly effect a material economy in production or increase efficiency or enhance the quality of the product in comparison with its cost and in the opinion of the Secretary shall be so worthy as to entitle the employee making the same to receive the reward: *Provided further,* That the sums awarded to employees in accordance with this Act shall be paid them in addition to their usual compensation and shall constitute part of the general or shop expense of the establishment: *Provided further,* That the total amount paid under the provisions of this Act shall not exceed one thousand dollars for any one month: *And provided further,* That no employee shall be paid a reward under this Act until he has properly executed an agreement to the effect that the use by the United States of the suggestion, or series of suggestions, made by him shall not form the basis of a further claim of any nature upon the United States by him, his heirs, or assigns, and that application for patent has not been made for the invention.

Army Ordnance Department employees offered rewards for suggestions of improvements, etc.

Provisos.  
Conditions.

Payments from shop expense.

Limit.

Release, etc., required.

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CHAP. 237.—An Act To provide American registry for the steamer *Damara*.

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[S. 7015.]

[Public, No. 228.]  
"Damara," steamer.  
American register granted to.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Commissioner of Navigation is hereby authorized and directed to cause the steamer *Damara*, rebuilt at San Francisco, California, from the wreck of the British steamer *Damara*, wrecked in the harbor of San Francisco and abandoned by her owners as a total wreck, to be registered as a vessel of the United States, whenever it shall be shown to the Commissioner of Navigation that the cost of rebuilding said vessel in the United States amounted to three times the actual cost of said wreck and that the vessel is wholly owned by citizens of the United States

Conditions.

Approved, July 17, 1912.