

accompanied by all statements, maps, plats, or documents taken by or submitted to them, in like manner as hereinbefore provided in regard to the proceedings of said agent of the Treasury Department; and the Secretary of the Treasury shall thereupon finally determine the location of the building to be erected.

The compensation of said commissioners shall be fixed by the Secretary of the Treasury, but the same shall not exceed six dollars per day and actual traveling expenses: *Provided, however,* That the member of said commission appointed from the Treasury Department shall be paid only his actual traveling expenses.

The building shall be unexposed to danger from fire by an open space of at least forty feet on each side, including streets and alleys.

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—compensation of.  
*Proviso.*  
 —of Treasury mem-  
 ber.  
 Fire space.

**CHAP 376.**—An Act Making an appropriation to carry out the obligations of the treaty between the United States and Spain concluded December tenth, eighteen hundred and ninety-eight.

March 2, 1899.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That for the purpose of carrying out the obligations of the treaty between the United States and Spain concluded at Paris on the tenth day of December, anno Domini eighteen hundred and ninety-eight, to become immediately available upon the exchange of the ratifications of said treaty, there is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of twenty million dollars.

Spain.  
 Payment to, of treaty  
 of Paris obligation.  
*Post,* p. 1756.

Approved, March 2, 1899.

**CHAP. 377.**—An Act To set aside a portion of certain lands in the State of Washington, now known as the Pacific Forest Reserve, as a public park, to be known as the Mount Ranier National Park.

March 2, 1899.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That all those certain tracts, pieces, or parcels of land lying and being in the State of Washington, and within the boundaries particularly described as follows, to wit: Beginning at a point three miles east of the northeast corner of township numbered seventeen north, of range six east of the Willamette meridian; thence south through the central parts of townships numbered seventeen, sixteen, and fifteen north, of range seven east of the Willamette meridian, eighteen miles more or less, subject to the proper easterly or westerly offsets, to a point three miles east of the northeast corner of township numbered fourteen north, of range six east of the Willamette meridian; thence east on the township line between townships numbered fourteen and fifteen north, eighteen miles more or less to a point three miles west of the northeast corner of township fourteen north, of range ten east of the Willamette meridian; thence northerly subject to the proper easterly or westerly offsets, eighteen miles more or less, to a point three miles west of the northeast corner of township numbered seventeen north, of range ten east of the Willamette meridian (but in locating said easterly boundary, wherever the summit of the Cascade Mountains is sharply and well defined, the said line shall follow the said summit, where the said summit line bears west of the easterly line as here'n determined); thence westerly along the township line between said townships numbered seventeen and eighteen to the place of beginning, the same being a portion of the lands which were reserved from entry or settlement and set aside as a public reservation by proclamation of the President on the twentieth day of February, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and ninety-three, and of the Independence of the United States the

Mount Ranier Na-  
 tional Park. Wash-  
 ington, established.

Location.

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one hundred and seventeenth, are hereby dedicated and set apart as a public park, to be known and designated as the Mount Ranier National Park, for the benefit and enjoyment of the people; and all persons who shall locate or settle upon or occupy the same, or any part thereof, except as hereafter provided, shall be considered trespassers and be removed therefrom.

SEC. 2. That said public park shall be under the exclusive control of the Secretary of the Interior, whose duty it shall be to make and publish, as soon as practicable, such rules and regulations as he may deem necessary or proper for the care and management of the same. Such regulations shall provide for the preservation from injury or spoliation of all timber, mineral deposits, natural curiosities, or wonders within said park, and their retention in their natural condition. The Secretary may, in his discretion, grant parcels of ground at such places in said park as shall require the erection of buildings for the accommodation of visitors; all of the proceeds of said leases, and all other revenues that may be derived from any source connected with said park, to be expended under his direction in the management of the same, and the construction of roads and bridle paths therein. And through the lands of the Pacific Forest Reserve adjoining said park rights of way are hereby granted, under such restrictions and regulations as the Secretary of the Interior may establish, to any railway or tramway company or companies, through the lands of said Pacific Forest Reserve, and also into said park hereby created, for the purpose of building, constructing, and operating a railway, constructing and operating a railway or tramway line or lines, through said lands, also into said park. He shall provide against the wanton destruction of the fish and game found within said park, and against their capture or destruction for the purposes of merchandise or profit. He shall also cause all persons trespassing upon the same after the passage of this Act to be removed therefrom, and generally shall be authorized to take all such measures as shall be necessary to fully carry out the objects and purposes of this Act.

SEC. 3. That upon execution and filing with the Secretary of the Interior, by the Northern Pacific Railroad Company, of proper deed releasing and conveying to the United States the lands in the reservation hereby created, also the lands in the Pacific Forest Reserve which have been heretofore granted by the United States to said company, whether surveyed or unsurveyed, and which lie opposite said company's constructed road, said company is hereby authorized to select an equal quantity of nonmineral public lands, so classified as nonmineral at the time of actual Government survey, which has been or shall be made, of the United States not reserved and to which no adverse right or claim shall have attached or have been initiated at the time of the making of such selection, lying within any State into or through which the railroad of said Northern Pacific Railroad Company runs, to the extent of the lands so relinquished and released to the United States: *Provided*, That any settlers on lands in said national park may relinquish their rights thereto and take other public lands in lieu thereof, to the same extent and under the same limitations and conditions as are provided by law for forest reserves and national parks.

SEC. 4. That upon the filing by the said railroad company at the local land office of the land district in which any tract of land selected and the payment of the fees prescribed by law in analogous cases, and the approval of the Secretary of the Interior, he shall cause to be executed, in due form of law, and deliver to said company, a patent of the United States conveying to it the lands so selected. In case the tract so selected shall at the time of selection be unsurveyed, the list filed by the company at the local land office shall describe such tract in such manner as to designate the same with a reasonable degree of certainty; and within the period of three months after the lands including such tract shall have been surveyed and the plats thereof filed by said local land office, a new selection list shall be filed by said company,

Secretary of the Interior to make regulations, etc.

Leases; disposition of funds.

Rights of way to park granted through Pacific Forest Reserve.

Protection of fish and game.

Trespassers.

Grant of land to Northern Pacific Railroad in exchange for land relinquished.

*Proviso.*  
Lieu lands to settlers.

Patent.

Description in selection list of unsurveyed land, etc.

describing such tract according to such survey; and in case such tract, as originally selected and described in the list filed in the local land office, shall not precisely conform with the lines of the official survey, the said company shall be permitted to describe such tract anew, so as to secure such conformity.

SEC. 5. That the mineral-land laws of the United States are hereby extended to the lands lying within the said reserve and said park.

Mineral land laws extended to park.

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**CHAP. 378.**—An Act Creating the office of Admiral of the Navy.

March 2, 1899.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the President is hereby authorized to appoint, by selection and promotion, an Admiral of the Navy, who shall not be placed upon the retired list except upon his own application; and whenever such office shall be vacated by death or otherwise the office shall cease to exist.

Navy.  
Grade of Admiral revived.  
Post, p. 1045.

Approved, March 2, 1899.

**CHAP. 379.**—An Act To attach Claiborne County, Mississippi, to the western division of the southern judicial district of Mississippi.

March 2, 1899.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That Claiborne County, Mississippi, be, and it is hereby, embraced in the western division of the southern district of Mississippi, as fixed by the Act of Congress describing the western division of the southern district of Mississippi, the court thereof being held at Vicksburg, Mississippi.

Mississippi judicial district.  
Claiborne County attached to the western division of the southern district.

SEC. 2 That all process issued to and served upon parties in said county returnable to the United States court at Jackson, Mississippi, is hereby returnable to the next succeeding term of said court at Vicksburg, Mississippi, and all causes pending in the Jackson, Mississippi, court against citizens in said Claiborne County may, upon the order of the judge thereof, be transferred, upon motion, to said Vicksburg court.

Process returnable to Vicksburg.

Approved, March 2, 1899.

**CHAP. 380.**—An Act To amend an Act entitled "An Act authorizing the Arkansas Northwestern Railway Company to construct and operate a railway through the Indian Territory, and for other purposes," and extending the time for constructing and operating the said railway for two years from the fifth day of April, eighteen hundred and ninety-nine.

March 2, 1899.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That section eight of the Act entitled "An Act authorizing the Arkansas Northwestern Railway Company to construct and operate a railway through the Indian Territory, and for other purposes," enacted March twenty-fifth, eighteen hundred and ninety-six, and in force April fifth, eighteen hundred and ninety-six, be, and the same is hereby, amended so as to read as follows:

Time extended to Arkansas Northwestern Railway for completion of right of way through Indian Territory.  
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"SEC. 8. That said railway company shall build at least one hundred miles of its railway within five years after the passage of this Act or the rights herein granted shall be forfeited as to that portion not built. That said railway company shall construct and maintain continually all fences, roads, and highway crossings, and necessary bridges over said railway wherever said roads or highways do now or may hereafter cross said railway's right of way, or may be, by the proper authorities, laid out across the same."

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