

United States of America who have served their country in war, and who bear as a mark of such service the loss of their sight and to perpetuate and keep alive the memories of their comradeship and to enable them by their organization to render what aid they can to the blind in general.

General, etc., corporate powers.

SEC. 4. That the corporation created by this Act shall have the following powers: To have perpetual succession with power to sue and be sued in courts of law and equity; to receive, hold, own, use, and dispose of such real estate and personal property as shall be necessary for its corporate purposes; to adopt a corporate seal and alter the same at pleasure; to adopt a constitution, by-laws, and regulations to carry out its purposes, not inconsistent with the laws of the United States or of any State; to use in carrying out the purposes of the corporation such emblems and badges as it may adopt; to establish and maintain offices for the conduct of its business; to establish State and Territorial organizations and local chapter or post organizations; to publish a magazine or other publications, and generally do any and all such acts and things as may be necessary and proper in carrying into effect the purposes of the corporation.

Eligibility for active membership.

SEC. 5. That any honorably discharged American veteran of the allied forces who participated in the World War and whose vision has become defective to such an extent that he is eligible for training under Supervisor for the Blind of the United States Veterans' Bureau, and any ex-service man who is eligible for such training shall be eligible for "active membership" in the United States Blind Veterans of the World War. The members of this corporation shall have the power to admit such other persons to "honorary" membership as they may see fit.

Admissions to honorary membership.

Purpose restriction.

SEC. 6. That this organization shall be nonpolitical and shall not be used for the dissemination of partisan principles.

Use of name exclusive.

SEC. 7. That said corporation and its State and local subdivisions shall have the sole and exclusive right to have and to use in carrying out its purposes the name "The United States Blind Veterans of the World War."

Amendment.

SEC. 8. That the right to repeal, alter, or amend this Act at any time is hereby expressly reserved.

Approved, June 7, 1924.

June 7, 1924.
[H. R. 4816.]
[Public, No. 219.]

CHAP. 297.—An Act Authorizing the Secretary of War to permit the city of Vicksburg, Mississippi, to construct and maintain water mains on and under the National Cemetery Road at Vicksburg, Mississippi.

Vicksburg National Cemetery.
Right of way granted to Vicksburg, Miss., through, for waterworks.

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 and empowered, under such terms and conditions as are deemed advisable by him, to permit the city of Vicksburg, Mississippi, to construct, operate, and maintain water mains in connection with the waterworks of said city, on and under the National Cemetery Road at Vicksburg, Mississippi.

Approved, June 7, 1924.

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[H. R. 4835.]
[Public, No. 220.]

CHAP. 298.—An Act To pay tuition of Indian children in public schools.

Indian pupils
Payment authorized for tuition of, in State public schools, 1922, 1923.

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 to pay any claims which are ascertained to be proper and just, whether covered by contracts

or not, for tuition of Indian pupils in State public schools during the fiscal years 1922 and 1923, and to expend for such purpose out of balances remaining from the appropriations for support of Indian day and industrial schools for such fiscal years, not to exceed a total of \$30,000, without regard to the limitations heretofore placed by law upon the use of such appropriations for tuition of Indian pupils in public schools.

Approved, June 7, 1924.

CHAP. 299.—An Act To authorize an exchange of lands with the State of Washington.

June 7, 1924.
[H. R. 5318.]
[Public, No. 221.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That upon delivery to the Secretary of the Interior by the State of Washington of its properly executed conveyance to the United States of America in fee simple of the following lands in that State: The northwest quarter of the northeast quarter, the northeast quarter of the northwest quarter, the south half of the northwest quarter, the southwest quarter and the northwest quarter of the southeast quarter, all in section 16, township 20 north, range 1 east, Willamette Meridian, containing three hundred and sixty acres, the Secretary of the Interior is authorized to issue in exchange therefor a patent to the State of Washington to the following lands in that State: The north half of the northwest quarter, the east half of the southwest quarter of the northwest quarter, the east half of the northwest quarter of the southwest quarter, all in section 25, township 22 north, range 10 west, Willamette Meridian.

McNeil Island penitentiary, Wash.
Exchange of lands with Washington.
To United States.

To Washington.

Lands received added to penitentiary.

SEC. 2. That the lands first described shall as soon as title thereto is vested in the United States be under the care and control of the Attorney General of the United States, to be administered by him as a part of the Federal penitentiary on McNeil Island.

Approved, June 7 1924.

CHAP. 300.—An Act Conferring jurisdiction upon the Court of Claims to hear, examine, adjudicate, and enter judgment in any claims which the Choctaw and Chickasaw Indians may have against the United States, and for other purposes.

June 7, 1924.
[H. R. 5325.]
[Public, No. 222.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That jurisdiction be, and is hereby, conferred upon the Court of Claims, notwithstanding the lapse of time or statutes of limitation, to hear, examine, and adjudicate and render judgment in any and all legal and equitable claims arising under or growing out of any treaty or agreement between the United States and the Choctaw and Chickasaw Indian Nations or Tribes, or either of them, or arising under or growing out of any Act of Congress in relation to Indian affairs which said Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations or Tribes may have against the United States, which claims have not heretofore been determined and adjudicated on their merits by the Court of Claims or the Supreme Court of the United States.

Choctaw and Chickasaw Indians.
Undetermined claims of, against United States, to be adjudicated by Court of Claims.

Time of filing.

SEC. 2. Any and all claims against the United States within the purview of this Act shall be forever barred unless suit be instituted or petition filed as herein provided in the Court of Claims within five years from the date of approval of this Act. The claim or claims of each of said Indian nations shall be presented separately or jointly by petition in the Court of Claims, and such

Jointly, or separately, presented.