

be held at San Francisco, be amended so as to provide that the holding of terms of said circuit and district courts shall be as follows: Beginning on the first Monday in March, the second Monday in July, and the first Monday in November in each year; and so much of such section three as is inconsistent with this provision is hereby repealed.

Approved, May 25, 1896.

May 25, 1896.

**CHAP. 239.**—An Act To amend section thirty-seven hundred and nineteen of the Revised Statutes relative to guarantees on proposals for naval supplies.

Naval supplies.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That section thirty-seven hundred and nineteen of the Revised Statutes be, and the same is hereby, amended by adding thereto the following:

Certified check may be accepted as security for proposals, etc. R. S., sec. 3719, p. 735, amended.

“*Provided,* That the Secretary of the Navy may, in his discretion, accept, in lieu of the written guaranty required to accompany a proposal for naval supplies, and in lieu of the bond required for the faithful performance of a contract for furnishing such supplies, a certified check, payable to the order of the Secretary of the Navy, for the full amount of such proposal or contract, the check to be held by the Secretary of the Navy until the requirements of the proposal or contract shall be complied with and as a guaranty for compliance with the same.”

Approved, May 25, 1896.

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**CHAP. 240.**—An Act Authorizing the Secretary of Navy to deliver one condemned cannon to the city of Elmwood, Peoria County, Illinois, and for other purposes.

Condemned cannon. Donated Elmwood, Ill., and Soldiers' Home, Tilton, N. H.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Secretary of the Navy be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to deliver to the city of Elmwood, Peoria County, Illinois, one piece of condemned cast-iron cannon and twenty cannon balls, for use of said city; and also two condemned cannon and a pyramid of cannon balls to the State Soldiers' Home, at Tilton, New Hampshire: *Provided,* That said delivery shall be made without expense to the United States Government: *And provided,* That said delivery of said cannon can be made without detriment to the said naval service.

Provisos. Expense.

Condition.

Approved, May 25, 1896.

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**CHAP. 241.**—An Act Making one year's residence in a Territory a prerequisite to obtaining a divorce there.

Territories. One year's residence required in divorce proceedings.

Proviso. Pending actions.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That no divorce shall be granted in any Territory for any cause unless the party applying for the divorce shall have resided continuously in the Territory for one year next preceding the application: *Provided,* That this Act shall not affect any action duly commenced and pending at the date of the passage thereof.

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**CHAP. 242.**—An Act Making it unlawful to shoot at or into any railway locomotive or car, or at any person thereon, or to throw any rock or other missile at or into any locomotive or car in the Indian Territory, and for other purposes.

Indian Territory. Punishment for shooting at railway trains.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That every person who, in the Indian Territory, shall willfully and maliciously shoot at or into any locomotive, caboose, postal car, passenger coach, express, or baggage car of any railway train, or at any person thereon, or shall throw any

dangerous missile at or into any locomotive, caboose, postal car, passenger coach, express, or baggage car of any railway train, or at any person thereon, or shall derail or attempt to derail any locomotive or train, shall be deemed guilty of a felony, and on conviction thereof shall be sentenced to imprisonment at hard labor in the penitentiary for any time not more than twenty years: *Provided*, That if any person shall be killed, either directly or indirectly, by reason of said shooting, throwing, or derailing, the person causing the death shall be deemed guilty of murder, and upon conviction thereof shall be punished accordingly.

*Proviso.*  
Punishment in case of death.

SEC. 2. That any person who, in the Indian Territory, shall willfully shoot at or into any freight, stock, postal, baggage, or other car of any railway train, whether such car is attached to a locomotive or not, or shall throw any dangerous missile at or into such car, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by imprisonment not exceeding ninety days or by fine not exceeding three hundred dollars, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

Punishment for shooting at freight cars, etc.

Approved, May 25, 1896.

CHAP. 243.—An Act To provide for settlement of titles and disposition of public lands in the Arredondo grant, in Columbia County, Florida.

May 25, 1896.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the lands embraced in the Arredondo grant of twenty thousand acres, in Columbia County, State of Florida, are and shall be disposed of as follows: The lands in the incorporated limits of Lake City shall be subject to entry only by the mayor of said city, in trust for the use and benefit of the several owners or occupants under claim of title of said lands, in accordance with the Acts of Congress in such case made and provided.

Florida.  
Disposal of lands in Arredondo grant.  
To Lake City.

All other lots or parcels of land in said grant entered or purchased of the United States prior to April tenth, eighteen hundred and eighty-two, are confirmed to the several persons, their heirs and assigns, by whom they were so entered or purchased respectively, according to the terms of such several entries or purchases, and upon performance of the conditions thereof, if there are any such conditions to be performed. In all cases where any lands in said grant have been purchased prior to April tenth, eighteen hundred and eighty-two, from any railroad company or trustees for the bonds or indebtedness of any railroad company, claiming under or through any Act of Congress or any land grant from the United States in aid of any such railroad, and in all cases where any such lands have been purchased prior to said April tenth, eighteen hundred and eighty-two, from the State of Florida, or from the trustees of the internal improvement fund of the State of Florida, or from any board or officials of said State, claiming the same under or through any Act of Congress or land grant from the United States, as swamp and overflowed land, internal improvement land, school land, or otherwise, the titles to such lands are hereby confirmed to the several persons who have so purchased any such lands, their heirs, and assigns: *Provided*, That nothing in this Act shall be construed to give or confirm any right or title, or right of entry or purchase in or to any land in said grant to any railroad company, or any trustees for the bonds or indebtedness of any railroad company, or to the State of Florida, or any board or official thereof.

Confirmation of purchases.

Purchases from railroad companies.

Purchases from Florida.

*Proviso.*  
No title to railroad company or the State.

SEC. 2. That all other lands in said grant shall be disposed of according to the laws of the United States.

Sale of remaining lands.

Approved, May 25, 1896.