

January 4, 1896.

CHAP. 3.—An Act Fixing the times for holding the Circuit and District Courts of the Northern District of Iowa, and of the Southern District of Iowa.

Iowa judicial districts.
R. S., secs. 572, 658, pp. 99, 120.
Vol. 27, p. 1.
Terms, northern district.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That hereafter terms of the Circuit and District Courts of the United States shall be held in the several divisions of the Northern district of Iowa, as follows:

In the Cedar Rapids division at Cedar Rapids, on the first Tuesday in April, and the second Tuesday in September.

In the Eastern division at Dubuque, on the fourth Tuesday in April, and the first Tuesday in December.

In the Western division at Sioux City, on the fourth Tuesday in May, and the first Tuesday in October.

In the Central division at Fort Dodge, on the second Tuesday in June, and the second Tuesday in November.

Terms, southern district.

Section 2. That hereafter terms of the Circuit and District Courts of the United States shall be held in the several divisions in the Southern district of Iowa, as follows:

In the Western division at Council Bluffs, on the second Tuesday in March, and the third Tuesday in September.

In the Eastern division at Keokuk, on the second Tuesday in April, and the third Tuesday in October.

In the Central division at Des Moines, on the second Tuesday in May, and the third Tuesday in November.

Pending actions.

Section 3. That no action, suit, proceeding, information, indictment, recognizance, bail-bond, or other process, in any of said Courts, shall abate or be rendered invalid by reason of the change of time in the holding of the terms of said Courts, but the same shall be deemed to be returnable to, and pending and triable at, the terms provided for in this Act.

Approved, January 4, 1896.

January 6, 1896.

CHAP. 4.—An Act To make Palm Beach, Florida, a subport of entry and delivery.

Palm Beach, Fla., made subport of entry and delivery.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Palm Beach, in the State of Florida, shall be and is hereby made a subport of entry and delivery, and a customs officer, or such officers, shall be stationed at said subport with authority to enter and clear vessels, receive duties, fees and other moneys, and perform such other services and receive such compensation as in the judgment of the Secretary of the Treasury the exigencies of commerce may require.

Approved, January 6, 1896.

January 21, 1896.

CHAP. 5.—An Act To amend an Act entitled "An Act to provide a permanent system of highways in that part of the District of Columbia lying outside of cities," approved March second, eighteen hundred and ninety-three.

District of Columbia. Permanent system of highways.
Vol. 27, p. 537.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section seventeen of the Act approved March second, eighteen hundred and ninety-three, entitled "An Act to provide a permanent system of highways in that part of the District of Columbia lying outside of cities," be, and the same is hereby, amended so as to read as follows:

Court of appeals to decide law questions, appeals, etc.

SEC. 17. That said court in special term may certify to the court of appeals of the District of Columbia for decision there, in the first instance, any question of law that shall arise during any proceedings in said court in special term under this Act. Any party aggrieved by the final order or decree of said court in special term fixing the amount

of damages, or the assessment for benefits as to any parcel of land, may take an appeal to said court of appeals, and shall be entitled to a bill of exceptions as in civil cases triable by jury, and said court of appeals may affirm, reverse, or modify the order or decree appealed from: *Provided*, That said court of appeals shall consider only questions of law arising on such appeal. From a final judgment of said court in special term under this Act, distributing the damages among contending claimants, any party aggrieved may in like manner take an appeal to the court of appeals, which court in such cases shall consider both questions of law and fact. Any appeal under this Act to the court of appeals shall be taken within twenty days after the making of the final order or decree appealed from, and not afterwards, and shall be subject to the laws and rules of court regulating appeals to said court of appeals. Cases arising under this Act shall have precedence in said court over all other cases, except criminal cases, and the decision of said court of appeals upon any question arising under this Act shall be final: *Provided*, That from any judgment or order of said court of appeals involving any question as to the constitutionality of this Act or of any part thereof, any party aggrieved may, within thirty days after such judgment or order shall be entered, appeal to the Supreme Court of the United States. Said court shall determine only the questions of constitutionality involved in the case, and shall have power to make such special rules and regulations applying to appeals under this Act as may be proper to bring such cases to a speedy hearing and determination.

Provisos.
Limitation.
Appeals from final judgments.

Appeals to Supreme Court.

Jurisdiction.

Approved, January 21, 1896.

CHAP. 6.—An Act For improving Aransas Pass.

January 21, 1896.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the time within which the Aransas Pass Harbor Company was required, by an Act entitled "An Act to amend an Act of Congress, approved May twelfth, eighteen hundred and ninety, granting to the Aransas Pass Harbor Company the right to improve Aransas Pass," to obtain the navigable depth of twenty feet over the outer bar therein mentioned is hereby extended until January twenty-second, eighteen hundred and ninety-nine.

Aransas Pass Harbor.
Time for completing work extended.
Vol. 26, p. 106; Vol. 28, p. 28.

Approved, January 21, 1896.

CHAP. 7.—An Act To provide an American register for the steamer Miami.

January 22, 1896.

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 foreign-built steamer Nerito, owned by Charles W. Hogan, a citizen of the United States, to be registered as a vessel of the United States under the name of Miami.

"Nerito."
American register granted, and name changed to "Miami."

SEC. 2. That the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorized and directed to cause the inspection of said vessel, steam boilers, steam pipes, and their appurtenances, and cause to be granted the usual certificate issued to steam vessels of the merchant marine without reference to the fact that said steam boilers, steam pipes, and appurtenances were not constructed pursuant to the laws of the United States, and were not constructed of iron stamped pursuant to said laws; and the tests in the inspection of said boilers, steam pipes, and appurtenances shall be the same in all respects as to strength and safety as are required in the inspection of boilers constructed in the United States for marine purposes.

Inspection.

Approved, January 22, 1896.