

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.

May 25, 1896.

CHAP. 244.—An Act To authorize the establishment of a life-saving station at Port Huron, on the coast of Lake Huron, Michigan.

Port Huron, Mich.
Life-saving station
established.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and is hereby, authorized to establish a life-saving station at or near Port Huron, on the coast of Lake Huron, in the State of Michigan, at such point as the General Superintendent of the Life-Saving Service may recommend.

Approved, May 25, 1896.

May 25, 1896.

CHAP. 245.—An Act Relating to the testimony of physicians in the courts of the District of Columbia.

District of Colum-
bia.
Physicians prohib-
ited disclosing confi-
dential information.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That in the courts of the District of Columbia no physician or surgeon shall be permitted, without the consent of the person afflicted, or of his legal representative, to disclose any information, confidential in its nature, which he shall have acquired in attending a patient in a professional capacity and which was necessary to enable him to act in that capacity, whether such information shall have been obtained from the patient or from his family or from the person or persons in charge of him: *Provided,* That this Act shall not apply to evidence in criminal cases where the accused is charged with causing the death of, or inflicting injuries upon, a human being, and the disclosure shall be required in the interests of public justice.

Proviso
Exception in crimi-
nal cases.

Received by the President, May 13, 1896.

[NOTE BY THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE.—The foregoing act having been presented to the President of the United States for his approval, and not having been returned by him to the house of Congress in which it originated within the time prescribed by the Constitution of the United States, has become a law without his approval.]

May 25, 1896.

CHAP. 246.—An Act To authorize the construction of a bridge across the Missouri River at or near the city of Boonville, Missouri.

Boonville and How-
ard County Bridge
Company may bridge
Missouri River. Boon-
ville, Mo.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Boonville and Howard County Bridge Company and its successors, assigns, grantees, mortgagees, and successors in interest be, and are hereby, authorized to construct and maintain a bridge and approaches thereto across the Missouri River at or near the city of Boonville, Missouri, between the counties of Cooper and Howard, at a point at least one-third of a mile from any other bridge, to be selected consistent with the interests of river navigation. Said bridge shall be constructed to provide for the passage of wagons and vehicles of all kinds, street railway cars, motor cars, animals, foot passengers, and for all road travel, for such reasonable rates of toll and under such reasonable rules and regulations as may be prescribed by the said parties or their successors and assigns, and to be approved from time to time by the Secretary of War.

Wagon, etc., bridge.

Toll.

Secretary of War to
approve plans, etc.

SEC. 2. That the said bridge shall not be commenced or built until the plans and specifications for its construction have been submitted to the Secretary of War for his approval, nor until he shall approve the plan and location of said bridge; and if any change be made in the plan or construction of said bridge at any time, such change shall be subject to the approval of the Secretary of War; and any change in the construction or any alteration of said bridge that may be directed at any time by Congress or the Secretary of War shall be made at the cost and expense of the owners thereof; that the said bridge shall be constructed without interference with the security and convenience of

Changes.