

CHAP. 1610.—An Act Providing for holding regular terms of the circuit and district courts of the United States at Great Falls, Montana.

April 27, 1904.
[S. 2385.]

[Public, No. 169.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That hereafter, and until otherwise provided by law, regular terms of the circuit and district courts of the United States for the district of Montana shall be held at Great Falls, Montana, on the first Monday in May and on the first Monday in October in each year, and causes civil and criminal may be transferred by the court or judge thereof from Helena or Butte to Great Falls or from Great Falls to Butte or Helena, in said district, when the convenience of parties or the ends of justice would be promoted by the transfer; and any interlocutory order may be made by the court or judge thereof in either place.

United States courts,
Montana judicial
district.
Vol. 27, p. 252,
amended.
Terms, Great Falls.
Transfer of causes
authorized.

Approved, April 27, 1904.

CHAP. 1611.—An Act To amend an Act entitled "An Act to authorize the Montgomery Bridge Company to construct and maintain a bridge across the Alabama River near the city of Montgomery, Alabama," approved March first, eighteen hundred and ninety-three.

April 27, 1904.
[S. 2842.]

[Public, No. 170.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the said Montgomery Bridge Company shall have authority to construct said bridge mentioned in said Act, across the Alabama River, under and subject to the limitations and restrictions mentioned in said Act, and in the amendment thereto approved March third, eighteen hundred and ninety-seven, if the actual construction of the bridge therein authorized shall be commenced within one year from the approval of this Act and completed within three years from same date.

Alabama River.
Time extended for
bridging, by Mont-
gomery Bridge Com-
pany near Montgom-
ery, Ala.
Vol. 29, p. 622,
amended.

Approved, April 27, 1904.

CHAP. 1612.—An Act To promote the circulation of reading matter among the blind.

April 27, 1904.
[S. 3129.]

[Public, No. 171.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That books, pamphlets, and other reading matter in raised characters for the use of the blind, whether prepared by hand or printed, in single volumes, not exceeding ten pounds in weight, or in packages, not exceeding four pounds in weight, and containing no advertising or other matter whatever, unsealed and when sent by public institutions for the blind, or by any public libraries, as a loan to blind readers, or when returned by the latter to such institutions or public libraries, shall be transmitted in the United States mails free of postage, and under such regulations as the Postmaster-General may prescribe.

Postal service.
Reading matter for
the blind to be trans-
mitted free of postage.
Restrictions.

Approved, April 27, 1904.

CHAP. 1613.—An Act To amend an Act entitled "An Act authorizing the construction of a bridge across the Cumberland River at or near Carthage, Tennessee," approved March second, nineteen hundred and one.

April 27, 1904.
[S. 5259.]

[Public, No. 172.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That an Act entitled "An Act authorizing the construction of a bridge across the Cumberland River at or near Carthage, Tennessee," approved March second, nineteen hundred and one, be, and the same is hereby, revived and declared to be in full force and effect, and that section five of said Act is hereby amended

Cumberland River.
Time extended for
bridging, by Carthage,
Tenn.
Vol. 31, p. 958,
amended.

so as to read as follows: "That this Act shall be null and void if said bridge is not commenced within one year and completed within three years from the first day of April, nineteen hundred and four."

Approved, April 27, 1904.

April 27, 1904.
[S. 5454.]

[Public, No. 173.]

CHAP. 1614.—An Act Permitting the Ozark and Cherokee Central Railroad Company and the Arkansas Valley and Western Railway Company, and each or either of them, to sell and convey their railroads and other property in the Indian Territory to the Saint Louis and San Francisco Railroad Company or to the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railway Company, and for other purposes.

Indian Territory.
Ozark and Cherokee
Central Railroad Com-
pany.
Sale of, authorized
to certain companies.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Ozark and Cherokee Central Railroad Company may sell and convey to the Saint Louis and San Francisco Railroad Company or to the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railway Company all that part of the railroad of said first-named railroad company extending from Fayetteville to Okmulgee which is situate in the Indian Territory, together with all the property, rights, privileges, and franchises appurtenant or relating thereto, such sale and conveyance to be made upon such terms and conditions as may be agreed upon by the boards of directors of the respective companies parties thereto.

Arkansas Valley
and Western Railway
Company.
Sale of, authorized
to certain companies.

SEC. 2. That the Arkansas Valley and Western Railway Company may sell and convey to the Saint Louis and San Francisco Railroad Company or to the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railway Company all of the railroad of said Arkansas Valley and Western Railway Company extending from Tulsa Junction, Indian Territory, to Enid and Avard, Oklahoma Territory, together with all the property, rights, privileges, and franchises appurtenant or relating thereto, such sale and conveyance to be made upon such terms and conditions as may be agreed upon by the boards of directors of the respective companies parties thereto.

Approved, April 27, 1904.

April 27, 1904.
[H. R. 4483.]

[Public, No. 174.]

CHAP. 1615.—An Act Declaring each of the tunnels under the Chicago River an obstruction to navigation, and for other purposes.

Chicago, Ill.
Tunnels under Chi-
cago River in, de-
clared obstructions to
navigation.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the tunnels under the Chicago River in the State of Illinois at La Salle street, Washington street, and near Van Buren street, in the city of Chicago, in said State of Illinois, are, and each of them is hereby, declared to be, as now constructed, an unreasonable obstruction to the free navigation of said Chicago River, and each of said tunnels is hereby declared to be a public nuisance. And it shall be the duty of the Secretary of War to give notice to the persons or corporations owning or controlling said tunnels, or any of them, so to alter the same as to render navigation over said tunnels free, easy, and unobstructed, and in giving such notice he shall specify the changes recommended by the Chief of Engineers that are needed to be made in order that said tunnels, or any of them, shall not thereafter be an obstruction to navigation, and shall prescribe in each case a reasonable time in which to make said changes. If at the expiration of such time such changes have not been made, the Secretary of War shall forthwith notify the United States district attorney for the northern district of Illinois, in which said tunnels are situated, to the end that the criminal proceedings hereinafter prescribed may be taken. If the person or persons, corporation or corporations,

Changes to be made
to aid navigation.
Notice to owners.

Proceedings on fail-
ure to remove obstruc-
tions.