

words "eighteen hundred and seventy-seven", and inserting in lieu thereof the words "next succeeding the completion of the assessment"; and by striking out in lines fourth and fifth of said section the words "eighteen hundred and seventy-eight", and inserting in lieu thereof the words "next following"; so that the said section shall read as follows:

"SEC. 3. That one-half the tax levied upon real and personal property shall become due and payable on the first day of November next succeeding the completion of the assessment, and the other half of such tax shall become due and payable on the first day of May next following; and in every case where the tax levied shall be paid by installments, as herein authorized, each of said payments shall be deemed to have been made on the several funds and for the different purposes indicated in the second section of this act; and an equal pro rata proportion of the payments so made shall be carried to the credit of the respective funds.

Tax, when payable.

Approved, April 3, 1878.

CHAP. 49.—An act to constitute a commission to consider and report a plan for providing enlarged accommodations for the Library of Congress.

April 3, 1878.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the two chairmen of the Joint Committee on the Library of Congress on the part of the Senate and House, the chairman of the Senate Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds, the chairman of the House Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds, and the Librarian of Congress, be, and they are hereby, constituted a commission to consider the whole subject of providing enlarged accommodations for the Library of Congress, and to report a plan for such accommodations, together with an estimate of the cost.

Library of Congress.

Commission.

SEC 2. That the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for procuring such plans as the commission may prescribe, in furtherance of the provisions of this act.

Appropriation.

Approved, April 3, 1878.

CHAP. 50.—An act for the relief of John A. Darling.

April 8, 1878.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President of the United States be, and he is hereby, authorized to nominate and by and with the advice and consent of the Senate appoint John A. Darling, late captain Second Artillery, a captain of artillery in the Army of the United States, with his former rank and date of commission; and that he, the said John A. Darling, shall be assigned to the first vacancy of his grade occurring in the artillery arm of the service: *Provided,* That said John A. Darling shall receive no further pay for the time he was out of service, so that he shall only receive pay from the date of appointment under this act.

John A. Darling restored to Army.

Proviso.

Approved, April 8, 1878.

CHAP. 51.—An act to amend section five hundred and forty, chapter one, title thirteen, Revised Statutes of the United States.

April 8, 1878.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section five hundred and forty, of chapter one and title thirteen of the Revised Statutes, be amended to read as follows:

R. S., 540, p. 90, Amended.

"SEC. 540. The State of Missouri is divided into two districts, which shall be called the eastern and the western district of Missouri. The

Missouri, judicial districts of.

eastern district includes the counties of Schuyler, Adair, Knox, Shelby, Monroe, Pike, Montgomery, Gasconade, Franklin, Washington, Reynolds, Shannon, and Oregon, as they existed January first, eighteen hundred and fifty-seven, with all the counties east of them. The western district includes the residue of said State.

Approved, April 8, 1878.

April 10, 1878.

CHAP. 58.—An act to authorize the Secretary of War to prescribe rules and regulations to be observed in the preparation, submission, and opening of bids for contracts under the War Department.

Bids for contracts under War Department.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of War is hereby authorized to prescribe rules and regulations to be observed in the preparation and submission and opening of bids for contracts under the War Department; and he may require any bid to be accompanied by a bond in such penal sum as he may deem advisable, with good and sufficient security, conditioned that the bidder will enter into a contract agreeably to the terms of his bid, if the same be awarded to him within sixty days from the date of the opening of the bids, or otherwise pay the penalty. No bid shall be withdrawn by the bidder within the said period of sixty days.

Approved, April 10, 1878.

April 17, 1878.

CHAP. 59.—An act to amend an act entitled "An act to provide for the sale of certain New York Indian lands in Kansas," approved February nineteenth, eighteen hundred and seventy-three.

Indian settlers on New York Indian lands in Kansas; time extended. 1873, ch. 167, 17 Stat., 466.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the period within which the thirty-two Indians referred to in the act to which this is an amendment, or their heirs, are required to prove their identity in order to entitle them to the benefits of said act, be, and the same is hereby, extended for two years from the nineteenth day of February, eighteen hundred and seventy-eight.

Approved, April 17, 1878.

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CHAP. 60.—An act to prevent depredations upon property in the District of Columbia

Depredation on fixtures in houses in District of Columbia.

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 District of Columbia, shall willfully and without color of right, enter into any occupied or unoccupied dwelling-house or other building, the property of another, and shall cut, break, or tear from its place any gas-pipe, water-pipe, door-bell, or other fixture therein; or who shall, in such dwelling-house or other building, willfully and without color of right cut, break, or tear down any wall, or part of a wall, or door, with intent to cut, break, or tear from its place any pipe or fixture therein, shall, for the first offense, be fined not more than two hundred dollars, and be imprisoned in the District jail not less than two months or more than one year, and for any subsequent offense shall be imprisoned in the penitentiary for not less than one year or more than three years.

Penalty.

Approved, April 17 1878.

April 19, 1878.

CHAP. 61.—An act requiring the Commissioner for preparing and publishing a new edition of the Revised Statutes of the United States to revise and perfect the index to the first volume of the same.

Index to Revised Statutes to be revised.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That it shall be the duty of the commissioner appointed under the act of Congress entitled "An act to provide for the preparation and publication of a new edition of the Re-