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CHAP. 24.—An act to amend Section fifty-four hundred and fifty-seven of the Revised Statutes of the United States relating to counterfeiting

Jan. 16, 1877.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Section fifty-four hundred and fifty-seven of the Revised Statutes of the United States be, and the same is hereby, amended so as to read as follows:

R. S., 5457, p. 1063, amended.

"Every person who falsely makes, forges, or counterfeits, or causes or procures to be falsely made, forged, or counterfeited, or willingly aids or assists in falsely making, forging, or counterfeiting any coin or bars in resemblance or similitude of the gold or silver coins or bars which have been, or hereafter may be, coined or stamped at the mints and assay-offices of the United States, or in resemblance or similitude of any foreign gold or silver coin which by law is, or hereafter may be, current in the United States, or are in actual use and circulation as money within the United States, or who passes, utters, publishes, or sells, or attempts to pass, utter, publish, or sell, or bring into the United States from any foreign place, knowing the same to be false, forged, or counterfeit, with intent to defraud any body politic or corporate, or any other person or persons whatsoever, or has in his possession any such false, forged or counterfeited coin or bars, knowing the same to be false, forged or counterfeited, with intent to defraud any body politic or corporate, or any other person or persons whatsoever, shall be punished by a fine of not more than five thousand dollars, and by imprisonment at hard labor not more than ten years.

Counterfeiting, etc., coin, etc.

Penalty.

Approved, January 16, 1877.

CHAP. 25.—An act to amend an act entitled "An act authorizing the repavement of Pennsylvania avenue," and the act amendatory thereof.

Jan. 16, 1877.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That so much of said act, and the act amendatory thereof, approved August fifteenth, eighteen hundred and seventy-six, as provides that the said pavement shall be fully completed and ready for use January fifteenth, eighteen hundred and seventy-seven, is hereby amended so as to extend the time for the completion of said work to the first day of June, eighteen hundred and seventy-seven: *Provided*, That the sureties in the contract for doing said work shall file with the said Paving Commissioners their consent in writing to the extension of time provided for in this act and in default thereof that the contractors shall file a new bond to the satisfaction of the said Paving Commissioners, before said contractors shall be entitled to any benefits under the provisions of this act.

Ante, pp. 93, 207, amended.

Time for paving Pennsylvania avenue extended.

Proviso.

Approved, January 16, 1877.

CHAP. 27.—An act making appropriations for the payment of invalid and other pensions of the United States for the year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and seventy-eight.

Jan. 19, 1877.

Ante, p. 8.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the following sums be, and the same are hereby, appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the payment of pensions for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and seventy-eight:

Appropriations.

For pensions for Army invalids, for widows, minors, and dependent relatives, and for survivors and widows of the war of eighteen hundred and twelve, twenty-seven million three hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars, including such contingent expenses as may be recommended by the Commissioner of Pensions, and approved by the Secretary of the Interior; which shall be stated in the annual report of Commissioner of

Army pensions.