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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 No bid shall be withdrawn by the bidder within the said period of sixty days.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.

April 17, 1878.

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,

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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.

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-