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money realized from the sale of said bonds shall be paid out by the Secretary of the Treasury only for the purposes named in this act.

Repeals.

SEC. 2. That the provisions of all acts conflicting herewith, and the acts or parts of acts authorizing said Commissioners of the District of Columbia to issue bonds to redeem certain bonds of said District falling due January first and March first, eighteen hundred and seventy-nine, no bonds having been issued thereunder, are hereby repealed.

Approved, June 10, 1879.

June 11, 1879.

1879, ch. 97, 20 Stat., 318.

CHAP. 18.—An act to amend an act approved February twenty-fourth, eighteen hundred and seventy-nine entitled "An act to create the northern judicial district of the State of Texas, and to change the eastern and western judicial districts of said State, and to fix the time and places of holding courts in said districts."

Courts in Texas.

Transfer of Jackson County.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That so much of the act to which this is amendatory as provides that Jackson County shall be embraced in the western judicial district of Texas, be, and the same is hereby, repealed, and the said county of Jackson is hereby placed in the eastern judicial district of said State; and all process issued against defendants residing therein shall be returned to Galveston; and all civil causes of action which have accrued in said county, of which the courts of the United States have jurisdiction, shall be cognizable in the court at Galveston, but all offenses committed in said county against the laws of the United States before the passage of this act shall be cognizable in the court of the western district, as provided in said act of the twenty-fourth of February, eighteen hundred and seventy-nine.

Return of process.

SEC. 2. That so much of the act to which this is an amendment as makes all process against defendants residing in the counties of Aransas, Duval, Nueces, La Salle, Zapata, San Patricio, Refugio, Dimmit, Webb, Encinal, and Maverick returnable to Brownsville is hereby repealed, and such process is hereby made returnable to San Antonio; and all causes of civil action which have accrued in said counties, or either of them, since the passage of the act to which this is an amendment, or which shall hereafter accrue, shall be cognizable in the court at San Antonio.

Transfer of civil actions.

SEC. 3. Civil actions or proceedings now pending against parties residing in either of said counties in the courts named in the first and second sections hereof, as provided in the act to which this is an amendment, may, on the application of either party, be transferred to the proper court of said district under this act; and in case of such transfer, all papers and files therein, with copies of all journal-entries, shall be transferred to the office of the clerk of such court; and the same shall proceed in all respects as though originally commenced in said court; and civil actions or proceedings now pending in the circuit courts at Brownsville, Austin, Galveston or Tyler which under this act would be cognizable in some other district, may on the application of either party be transferred to the proper court of said district, and in case of such transfer all papers and files therein with copies of all journal-entries, shall be transferred to the office of the clerk of such court, and the same shall proceed in all respects as though originally commenced in said court.

Fifth judicial circuit.

Jurisdiction.

Terms.

SEC. 4. The several districts as established in the act to which this is an amendment are hereby declared to be a part of the fifth judicial circuit; and the courts of the said northern district shall have the same jurisdiction as is conferred by law upon the courts of the eastern and western districts of said State; and the circuit court for said northern district shall be held twice a year at Waco on the first Mondays in April and October, at Dallas on the first Mondays in June and December, and at Graham on the first Mondays in February and August, and the circuit courts shall be held at Jefferson in the eastern district on the

second Mondays in February and September, and at San Antonio in the western district on the first Mondays in May and November.

SEC. 5. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby repealed. Repeals.

Approved, June 11, 1879.

CHAP. 19.—An act to extend the time for the payment of pre-emptors on certain public lands in the State of Minnesota and Territory of Dakota. June 12, 1879.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the time at which pre-emptors on the public lands in the State of Minnesota, including the lands within the Fort Ridgely and Sioux Indian reservations, and the old Sioux Indian reservation in the county of Grant, Territory of Dakota, are now required to make final proof and payment, be, and the same is hereby, extended two years from October first, eighteen hundred and seventy-eight, in all cases when the pre-emptor shall make due proof before the register and receiver of the local land office in the district in which their lands are situated that their crops have been destroyed or seriously injured by grasshoppers within two years prior to October first, eighteen hundred and seventy-eight. Public lands. Pre-emptors' time extended in certain cases.

Approved, June 12, 1879.

CHAP. 20.—An act to extend the time of special postal service until service can be obtained by advertisement. June 12, 1879.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That in cases where special service has already been placed on new routes, the Postmaster-General may, in his discretion, extend such service until the time when service can be obtained by advertisement, not exceeding in any case one year. And whenever an accepted bidder shall fail to enter into contract, or a contractor on any mail-route shall fail or refuse to perform the service on said route according to his contract, or when a new route shall be established or new service required, or when, from any other cause, there shall not be a contractor legally bound or required to perform such service, the Postmaster-General may make a temporary contract for carrying the mail on such route, without advertisement, for such period as may be necessary, not in any case exceeding one year, until the service shall have commenced under a contract made according to law. And any provision of statute in conflict with this provision is hereby repealed. Postal service. Duration of special service. Repeals.

Approved, June 12, 1879.

CHAP. 21.—An act to establish post routes. June 12, 1879.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the following post-routes be, and the same are hereby established. Post-routes.

ALABAMA. Alabama.

From Blake's Ferry, to Cowpens.
From Victoria, to Clintonville.
From Abbeville, via Hardwicksburg to Smithville.
From Tuscaloosa, to Carrollton.
From Gainseville, Alabama, to Scooba, Mississippi.
From Talladega, via Maxwells' Mills, and Grishams Ferry, to Kelley's Creek Post Office.
From Hatchett Creek, to Sylacauga.