

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 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby repealed.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 And any provision of statute in conflict with this provision is hereby repealed.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.

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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.