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Assay-office at Helena, Montana Territory: For wages of workmen, two thousand dollars. Helena.

For contingent expenses, three thousand dollars.

Approved, May 10, 1879.

CHAP. 4.—An act providing for a new propeller for the United States ship "Alarm". May 12, 1879.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That in order to enable the Secretary of the Navy to fit a new propeller to the United States torpedo-boat "Alarm", and to conduct experiments as to the best mode of propelling and steering said vessel, twenty thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated; the same to be available immediately on the passage hereof. Torpedo-boat "Alarm."

Approved, May 12, 1879.

CHAP. 5.—An act to amend sections fourteen hundred and seventeen, fourteen hundred and eighteen, fourteen hundred and nineteen, fourteen hundred and twenty, and sixteen hundred and twenty-four of the Revised Statutes of the United States, relating to the Navy. May 12, 1879.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section fourteen hundred and seventeen of the Revised Statutes of the United States be amended so as to read as follows: Naval service. R. S. 1417, Amended.

"SEC. 1417. The number of persons who may at one time be enlisted into the Navy of the United States, including seamen, ordinary seamen, landsmen, mechanics, firemen, and coal-heavers, and including seven hundred and fifty apprentices and boys, hereby authorized to be enlisted annually, shall not exceed eight thousand two hundred and fifty: *Provided*, That in the appointment of warrant-officers in the naval service of the United States, preference shall be given to men who have been honorably discharged upon the expiration of an enlistment as an apprentice or boy, to serve during minority, and re-enlisted within three months after such discharge, to serve during a term of three or more years: *Provided further*, That nothing in this act shall be held to abrogate the provisions of section fourteen hundred and seven of the Revised Statutes of the United States." Number of enlisted men in the Navy. Apprentices as warrant-officers. *Proviso.* R. S. 1407.

That section fourteen hundred and eighteen be amended so as to read as follows: R. S. 1418, Amended.

"SEC. 1418. Boys between the ages of fifteen and eighteen years may be enlisted to serve in the Navy until they shall arrive at the age of twenty-one years; other persons may be enlisted to serve for a period not exceeding five years, unless sooner discharged by direction of the President." Terms of enlistment.

That section fourteen hundred and nineteen be amended so as to read as follows: R. S. 1419, Amended.

"SEC. 1419. Minors between the ages of fifteen and eighteen years shall not be enlisted for the naval service without the consent of their parents or guardians." Enlistment of minors.

That section fourteen hundred and twenty be amended so as to read as follows: R. S. 1420, Amended.

"SEC. 1420. No minor under the age of fifteen years, no insane or intoxicated person, and no deserter from the naval or military service of the United States, shall be enlisted in the naval service." Prohibited enlistments.

That article nineteen of section sixteen hundred and twenty-four be amended so as to read as follows; R.S. 1624, Art. 19, Amended.

"SEC. 1624. ARTICLE 19. Any officer who knowingly enlists into the naval service any deserter from the naval or military service of the United States, or any insane or intoxicated person, or any minor Penalty for improper enlistments.