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shall be in lieu of all other assessments of taxes of whatsoever character upon its personal property, including its docks and barges, cars, and motive power, but the real estate of the company may be taxed as other real estate in the District: *Provided*, That the tracks of the company shall not be taxed as real estate.

Proviso.
Tracks.

Water front to be unobstructed.

SEC. 6. That the water front at the end of all public streets and highways shall be and remain open to the use of the public.

Amendment.

SEC. 7. That this act may at any time be altered, amended, or repealed by the Congress of the United States.

Approved, September 26 1888.

September 26, 1888.

CHAP. 1039.—An act amendatory of "An act relating to postal crimes and amendatory of the statutes therein mentioned," approved June eighteenth, eighteen hundred and eighty-eight, and for other purposes.

Postal crimes.
Ante, p. 187.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the last clause of the second section of "An act relating to postal crimes, and amendatory of the statutes therein mentioned," approved June eighteenth, eighteen hundred and eighty-eight be, and the same is hereby, so amended as to read as follows, and constitute the third section of said act:

Indecent, libelous, etc., matter on wrappers, etc., non-mailable.

"SEC. 3. That all matter otherwise mailable by law, upon the envelope or outside cover or wrapper of which, or any postal-card upon which, any delineations, epithets, terms, or language of an indecent, lewd, lascivious, obscene, libelous, scurrilous, defamatory, or threatening character, or calculated by the terms or manner or style of display and obviously intended to reflect injuriously upon the character or conduct of another may be written or printed, or otherwise impressed or apparent, are hereby declared non-mailable matter, and shall not be conveyed in the mails, nor delivered from any post-office nor by any letter-carrier, and shall be withdrawn from the mails under such regulations as the Postmaster-General shall prescribe; and any person who shall knowingly deposit, or cause to be deposited, for mailing or delivery, anything declared by this section to be non-mailable matter, and any person who shall knowingly take the same or cause the same to be taken from the mails, for the purpose of circulating or disposing of, or of aiding in the circulation or disposition of the same, shall, for each and every offense, upon conviction thereof, be fined not more than five thousand dollars, or imprisoned at hard labor not more than five years, or both, at the discretion of the court."

Punishment for mailing.

SEC. 2. That section thirty-eight hundred and ninety-three of the Revised Statutes, as amended by the act of July twelfth, eighteen hundred and seventy-six, is hereby so amended as to read as follows:

Obscene, etc., matter declared non-mailable.
R. S., sec. 3893, p. 758, amended.
Letters added.

"SEC. 3893. Every obscene, lewd, or lascivious book, pamphlet, picture, paper, letter, writing, print, or other publication of an indecent character, and every article or thing designed or intended for the prevention of conception or procuring of abortion, and every article or thing intended or adapted for any indecent or immoral use, and every written or printed card, letter, circular, book, pamphlet, advertisement or notice of any kind giving information, directly or indirectly, where or how, or of whom, or by what means any of the hereinbefore mentioned matters, articles, or things may be obtained or made, whether sealed as first-class matter or not, are hereby declared to be non-mailable matter, and shall not be conveyed in the mails nor delivered from any post-office nor by any letter-carrier; and any person who shall knowingly deposit, or cause to be deposited, for mailing or delivery, anything declared by this section to be non-mailable matter, and any person who shall knowingly take the same,

or cause the same to be taken, from the mails for the purpose of circulating or disposing of, or of aiding in the circulation or disposition of the same, shall, for each and every offense, be fined upon conviction thereof not more than five thousand dollars, or imprisoned at hard labor not more than five years, or both, at the discretion of the court. And all offenses committed under the section of which this is amendatory, prior to the approval of this act, may be prosecuted and punished under the same in the same manner and with the same effect as if this act had not been passed: *Provided*, That nothing in this act shall authorize any person to open any letter or sealed matter of the first-class not addressed to himself."

Proviso.
First-class matter.

Approved, September 26, 1888.

CHAP. 1040.—An act to change the time of the sessions of the circuit and district courts for the Western Division of the Western District of Missouri.

September 26, 1888.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the terms of the circuit court of the United States for the Western Division of the Western District of Missouri shall begin and be held at Kansas City in said State on the first Mondays in March and September annually.

Missouri, western judicial district.

Terms at Kansas City.

That the terms of the district court of the United States for the Western Division of the Western District of Missouri shall begin and be held at Kansas City in said State on the first Mondays in May and October annually.

That the terms of both the circuit and district courts of the United States for the Saint Joseph Division of the Western District of Missouri, shall begin and be held at Saint Joseph in said State on the first Mondays in April and November annually.

Saint Joseph Division.

That the terms of both the circuit and district courts of the United States for the Central Division of the Western District of Missouri shall begin and be held at Jefferson City in said State on the third Mondays in April and November annually.

Central Division.

That the terms of the district court of the United States for the Southern Division of the Western District of Missouri shall be held at Springfield in said State on the third Mondays in May and October annually.

Southern Division. R. S., secs. 572, p 100; 658, p. 121. Vol. 24, p. 425.

All acts or parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

SEC. 2. All process issued from the clerk's offices of said courts when this act takes effect shall be taken and considered as returnable to the term or terms hereby established in lieu of the term or terms existing at the time such process was issued.

Return of process.

Approved, September 26, 1888.

CHAP. 1041.—An act to amend an act entitled "An act making appropriations for the construction, repair and preservation of certain public works on rivers and harbors, and for other purposes," approved July fifth, eighteen hundred and eighty-four.

September 26, 1888.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section seven of the "Act making appropriations for the construction, repair, and preservation of certain public works on rivers and harbors, and for other purposes," approved July fifth, eighteen hundred and eighty-four be, and the same is hereby, amended, so that the same shall read as follows:

United States canals. Vol. 23, p. 148.

"SEC. 7. That it shall be the duty of the Secretary of War to prescribe such rules and regulations in respect to the use and administration of the Des Moines Rapids Canal, the Saint Mary's Falls Canal, the Louisville and Portland Canal, and the Saint Clair Flats

Regulations for use of, extended to Saint Clair Flats Ship Canal.