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Ship Canal as in his judgment the public necessity may require, which rules and regulations shall be posted in some conspicuous place for the information of the public; any person knowingly and willfully violating such rules and regulations shall be liable to a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars, or imprisonment not exceeding six months, to be enforced in any district court in the United States within whose territorial jurisdiction such offense may have been committed."

Effect.

SEC. 2. That this act shall take effect immediately.

Approved, September 26, 1888.

October 1, 1888.

CHAP. 1056.—An act to amend an act to detach the county of Audrain, in the State of Missouri, from the eastern and attach it to the western judicial district of said State.

Audrain County, Mo. *Ante*, p. 153.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That an act entitled "An act to detach the county of Audrain, in the State of Missouri, from the eastern and attach it to the western judicial district of Missouri," approved May twenty-first, eighteen hundred and eighty-eight, be so amended as to read as follows:

Attached to central division, western judicial district of Missouri.

"That the county of Audrain, in the State of Missouri, be detached from the northern division of the eastern judicial district of Missouri and attached to the central division of the western judicial district of the State of Missouri."

Pending causes.

SEC. 2. That all civil and criminal causes or proceedings pending in the courts of the United States for the northern division of the eastern district of Missouri which originated in said county of Audrain shall remain within the jurisdiction of said courts for that division until finally disposed of, and all offenses committed in said county against the laws of the United States before the passage of this act shall also be cognizable in the United States courts for the northern division of said eastern district until final disposition of the same.

Approved, October 1, 1888.

October 1, 1888.

CHAP. 1057.—An act for the investigation of the mining debris question in the State of California.

Mining debris in California.

Secretary of War to appoint commission to investigate.

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 and directed to detail three officers from the Engineer Corps of the United States Army as a commission for the purpose of making a thorough examination and investigation of the mining debris question in the State of California, for the purpose of ascertaining whether some plan can be devised whereby the present conflict between the mining and farming sections may be adjusted and the mining industry rehabilitated; and for a complete examination of the injured navigable river channels, their tributaries and lands adjacent thereto, with a view to the improvement and rectification of said rivers. And that the sum of ten thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of carrying into effect the provisions of this act, said sum to be expended at the discretion of the Secretary of War; the said commission to report as early as practicable to the Secretary of War the result of their investigation, and the Secretary of War shall make report thereof to Congress.

Appropriation.

Report.

Approved, October 1, 1888.