

which the property is situated at the time the mortgage is executed. All mortgages of personal property in the Indian Territory heretofore executed and recorded in the judicial district thereof in which the property was situated at the time they were executed are hereby validated."

Approved, February 3, 1897.

**CHAP. 145.**—An Act To provide an American register for the barge Black Diamond.

February 4, 1897.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Commissioner of Navigation is hereby authorized and directed to cause the foreign-built barge Thomas S. Falck, owned by the Mobile Coal Company, of Mobile, Alabama, a corporation under the laws of Alabama, to be registered as a vessel of the United States under the name of Black Diamond.

Approved, February 4, 1897.

"Thomas S. Falck,"  
Barge.  
Granted American register and name changed to "Black Diamond."

**CHAP. 146.**—An Act To authorize officers who served during the war of the rebellion in the Regular Army to bear the title and, on occasions of ceremony, wear the uniform of their highest rank.

February 4, 1897.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That all officers who have served during the rebellion as officers of the Regular Army of the United States, and have been honorably discharged or resigned from the service, shall be entitled to bear the official title and, upon occasions of ceremony, to wear the uniform of the highest grade they have held, by brevet or other commission, as is now authorized for officers of volunteers by section twelve hundred and twenty-six, Revised Statutes.

Approved, February 4, 1897.

Army.  
Title and uniform of highest rank allowed ex-officers for service during the rebellion.

R.S., sec. 1226, p. 212.

**CHAP. 167.**—An Act For the protection of yacht owners and shipbuilders of the United States.

February 5, 1897.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That section forty-two hundred and sixteen of the Revised Statutes be, and is hereby, amended to read as follows:

"**SEC. 4216.** Yachts, belonging to a regularly organized yacht club of any foreign nation which shall extend like privileges to the yachts of the United States, shall have the privilege of entering or leaving any port of the United States without entering or clearing at the custom-house thereof or paying tonnage tax: *Provided,* That the privileges of this section shall not extend to any yacht built outside of the United States and owned, chartered, or used by a citizen of the United States, unless such ownership or charter was acquired prior to the passage of this Act."

**SEC. 2.** That section eleven of an Act, entitled "An Act to abolish certain fees for official services to American vessels, and to amend the laws relating to shipping commissioners, seamen and owners of vessels, and for other purposes," approved June nineteenth, eighteen hundred and eighty-six, so far as the same exempts any yacht built outside of the United States and owned, chartered, or used by a citizen of the United States, from the payment of tonnage taxes, is hereby repealed.

Received by the President, January 25, 1897.

[NOTE BY THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE.—The foregoing act having been presented to the President of the United States for his approval,

Yachts.

Exemptions to foreign yacht clubs.  
R. S., sec. 4216, p. 812, amended.

*Proviso.*  
Not extended to yachts used, etc., by citizens.

Foreign-built yachts owned, etc., by citizens to pay tonnage tax.  
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and not having been returned by him to the house of Congress in which it originated within the time prescribed by the Constitution of the United States, has become a law without his approval.]

February 6, 1897.

**CHAP. 169.**—An Act Authorizing the establishment of a pierhead light at or near South Milwaukee, in the State of Wisconsin.

South Milwaukee, Wis.  
Pierhead light established.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to establish a pierhead light at or near South Milwaukee, in the State of Wisconsin, at a cost not to exceed five thousand dollars.

Approved, February 6, 1897.

February 6, 1897.

**CHAP. 170.**—An Act To amend an Act entitled "An Act granting to the Eastern Nebraska and Gulf Railway Company right of way through the Omaha and Winnebago Indian reservations, in the State of Nebraska," by extending the time for the construction of said railway.

Right of way, Eastern Nebraska and Gulf Railway through Omaha and Winnebago reservations, Nebr.  
Time for construction extended.  
Vol. 28, p. 96.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the time prescribed by an Act of Congress approved the twenty-seventh day of June, eighteen hundred and ninety-four, entitled "An Act granting to the Eastern Nebraska and Gulf Railway Company right of way through the Omaha and Winnebago Indian reservations, in the State of Nebraska," for the construction of said railway, be, and the same is hereby, extended for a period of three years from the twenty-seventh day of June, eighteen hundred and ninety-seven.

SEC. 2. That all other provisions of said Act are hereby continued in full force and effect.

Approved, February 6, 1897.

February 8, 1897.

**CHAP. 172.**—An Act To prevent the carrying of obscene literature and articles designed for indecent and immoral use from one State or Territory into another State or Territory.

Obscene literature, etc.  
Sending by express companies, etc., unlawful.

Punishment to sender.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That it shall be unlawful for any person to deposit with any express company or other common carrier for carriage from one State or Territory of the United States or the District of Columbia to any other State or Territory of the United States or the District of Columbia any obscene, lewd, or lascivious book, pamphlet, picture, paper, letter, writing, print, or other matter of indecent character, or any article or thing designed or intended for the prevention of conception or procuring of abortion, or any written or printed card, letter, circular, book, pamphlet, advertisement, or notice of any kind giving information, directly or indirectly, where, how, or of whom, or by what means any of the hereinbefore mentioned articles, matters, or things may be obtained or made; and any person who shall knowingly deposit, or cause to be deposited, with any express company or other common carrier for carriage from one State or Territory of the United States or the District of Columbia to any other State or Territory of the United States or the District of Columbia, or who shall take from such express company or other common carrier with intent to sell, distribute, or circulate any matter or thing herein forbidden to be deposited for carriage, shall for each 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.

Approved, February 8, 1897.