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SEC. 2. That terms of the circuit and district courts of the United States for the said southern district of Iowa shall be held twice in each year at the city of Davenport, Iowa, and that until otherwise provided by law the judges of said courts shall fix the times at which said courts shall be held at Davenport, of which they shall make publication and give due notice. Terms at Davenport.

SEC. 3. That all civil process issued against persons resident in the said counties of Scott, Muscatine, Washington, and Keokuk, and cognizable before the United States courts, shall be made returnable to the courts, respectively, to be held at the city of Davenport, Iowa, and all prosecutions for offenses committed in any of said counties shall be tried in the appropriate United States courts at the city of Davenport, Iowa: *Provided*, That no process issued or prosecution commenced or suit instituted before the passage of this Act shall be in any way affected by the provisions hereof. Return of process, etc. *Proviso.* Pending causes.

SEC. 4. That the clerks of the circuit and district courts of said district shall maintain an office, in charge of themselves or a deputy, at the said city of Davenport, Iowa, for the transaction of the business of said division. Clerks.

Suitable quarters for the maintenance of said clerk's office and for holding said court shall be furnished without expense to the United States. Quarters.

Approved, April 28, 1904.

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[H. R. 14826.]
[Public, No. 233.]

CHAP. 1801.—An Act To amend the homestead laws as to certain unappropriated and unreserved lands in Nebraska.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That from and after sixty days after the approval of this Act entries made under the homestead laws in the State of Nebraska west and north of the following line, to wit: Beginning at a point on the boundary line between the States of South Dakota and Nebraska where the first guide meridian west of the sixth principal meridian strikes said boundary; thence running south along said guide meridian to its intersection with the fourth standard parallel north of the base line between the States of Nebraska and Kansas; thence west along said fourth standard parallel to its intersection with the second guide meridian west of the sixth principal meridian; thence south along said second guide meridian to its intersection with the third standard parallel north of the said base line; thence west along said third standard parallel to its intersection with the range line between ranges twenty-five and twenty-six west of the sixth principal meridian; thence south along said line to its intersection with the second standard parallel north of the said base line; thence west on said standard parallel to its intersection with the range line between ranges thirty and thirty-one west; thence south along said line to its intersection with the boundary line between the States of Nebraska and Kansas, shall not exceed in area six hundred and forty acres, and shall be as nearly compact in form as possible, and in no event over two miles in extreme length: *Provided*, That there shall be excluded from the provisions of this Act such lands within the territory herein described as in the opinion of the Secretary of the Interior it may be reasonably practicable to irrigate under the national irrigation law, or by private enterprise; and that said Secretary shall, prior to the date above mentioned, designate and exclude from entry under this Act the lands, particularly along the North Platte River, which in his opinion it may be possible to irrigate as aforesaid; and shall thereafter, from time to time, open to entry under this Act any of the

Public lands.
Nebraska.
Homestead entries for 640 acres allowed on certain arid lands.
Location.

Proviso. Irrigable lands excluded.

Designation of exclusion.

lands so excluded, which, upon further investigation, he may conclude can not be practically irrigated in the manner aforesaid.

Entries by present homesteaders.

SEC. 2. That entrymen under the homestead laws of the United States within the territory above described who own and occupy the lands heretofore entered by them, may, under the provisions of this Act and subject to its conditions, enter other lands contiguous to their said homestead entry, which shall not, with the land so already entered, owned, and occupied, exceed in the aggregate six hundred and forty acres; and residence upon the original homestead shall be accepted as equivalent to residence upon the additional land so entered, but final entry shall not be allowed of such additional land until five years after first entering the same.

Fees.

SEC. 3. That the fees and commissions on all entries under this Act shall be uniformly the same as those charged under the present law for a maximum entry at the minimum price. That the commutation provisions of the homestead law shall not apply to entries under this Act, and at the time of making final proof the entryman must prove affirmatively that he has placed upon the lands entered permanent improvements of the value of not less than one dollar and twenty-five cents per acre for each acre included in his entry: *Provided*, That a former homestead entry shall not be a bar to the entry under the provisions of this Act of a tract which, together with the former entry, shall not exceed six hundred and forty acres: *Provided*, That any former homestead entryman who shall be entitled to an additional entry under section two of this Act shall have for ninety days after the passage of this Act the preferential right to make additional entry as provided in said section.

Commutation not allowed.

Provisos.
Additional entries.

Time limit.

Approved, April 28, 1904.

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[H. R. 14944.]

[Public, No. 234.]

CHAP. 1802.—An Act Establishing a regular term of the United States circuit and district courts at Lewisburg, West Virginia.

United States courts.
West Virginia, southern district.
Term at Lewisburg.
R. S., secs. 572, 658, pp. 101, 123.
Vol. 31, p. 738.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That a regular term of the United States circuit and district courts for the southern district of West Virginia shall be held every year at Lewisburg, West Virginia, on the second Tuesday in February.

Approved, April 28, 1904.

April 28, 1904.
[H. R. 15010.]

[Public, No. 235.]

CHAP. 1803.—An Act To amend section six of "An Act to authorize the construction of a bridge by the New York, Chicago and Saint Louis Railroad Company and the Chicago and Erie Railroad Company across the Calumet River at or near the city of Hammond, Indiana, at a point about one thousand two hundred feet east of the Indiana and Illinois State line and about one hundred feet east of the location of the present bridge of the New York, Chicago and Saint Louis Railroad Company across said River; also to authorize the construction of a bridge by the Chicago and State Line Railroad Company across said river at the point where said company's railroad crosses said river in Hyde Park Township, Chicago, Illinois, being at the location of the present bridge of said company across said river in said township," approved July first, nineteen hundred and two.

Calumet River.
New York, Chicago and Saint Louis Railroad Company, and Chicago and Erie Railroad Company, bridges at Hammond, Ind.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section six of "An Act to authorize the construction of a bridge by the New York, Chicago and Saint Louis Railroad Company and the Chicago and Erie Railroad Company across the Calumet River at or near the city of Hammond, Indiana, at a point about one thousand two hundred feet east of the Indiana and Illinois State line and about one hundred feet east of the