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and the word "eight," and after the word "the," in the twenty-third line of the section, the word "approved," so that the section as amended shall read as follows:

Thickness of boiler plates increased for certain rivers.
R. S., sec. 4434, p. 859, amended.

SEC. 4434. No externally fired boiler having its shell constructed of iron or steel plates, exceeding an average thickness of thirty-eight one-hundredths of an inch, shall be employed on any steam vessel navigating the Red River of the North or rivers flowing into the Gulf of Mexico or their tributaries; and no externally fired boiler employed on any such steam vessel shall have less than three inches space between its shell and any of its internal flues, and not less than three inches space between such flues when any such flues are more than five inches in diameter, the measurements to be taken from the center of the length of the tapered section of said flues; and every such externally fired boiler employed on any such steam vessel shall be provided with a manhole in the lower part of the front head thereof, of such dimensions as may be prescribed by the Board of Supervising Inspectors, in all cases where the distance between its internal flues is less than three inches. Externally fired boilers having shells constructed of iron or steel plates not exceeding an average thickness of fifty one-hundredths of an inch may, in the discretion of the Supervising Inspector-General, be authorized and employed on steam vessels navigating the Atlantic and Pacific oceans, or salt-water bays, or sounds, or the Great Lakes, or any of them, and waters flowing to and from the same, or any of them: *Provided*, That on inspection, no plate that is by this Act limited to a thickness of thirty-eight one-hundredths of an inch and no plate that is by this Act limited to a thickness of fifty one-hundredths of an inch shall be rejected for use if found to exceed those dimensions, respectively, if the approved average thickness thereof does not exceed the limits therein specified, and the amount of steam pressure that will be permitted to be carried in boilers constructed in accordance with the requirements of this Act shall be determined from measurements showing the least thickness of the plates.

Space between flues.

Manhole.

Extra thickness allowed ocean, etc., vessels.
Decision.

Proviso.
Average required.

SEC. 2. That all externally fired boilers, constructed of iron or steel, prior to the passage of this Act, and now in use on any such vessels, wherein the space between the shell and any of its internal flues or between such flues is less than three inches, they shall be deemed lawfully constructed.

Boilers in use.

SEC. 3. That all laws or parts of laws conflicting with this Act are hereby repealed.

Repeal.

Approved, March 2, 1909.

CHAP. 245.—An Act To attach Dawson County, in the State of Texas, to the Abilene division of the northern judicial district of said State and to detach it from the Fort Worth division of said court.

March 2, 1909.
[H. R. 28305.]
[Public, No. 302.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Dawson County, in the State of Texas, be, and the same is hereby, attached to and made a part of the Abilene division of the northern judicial district of the State of Texas and detached from the Fort Worth division of said judicial district.

Texas northern judicial district.
Dawson County transferred to Abilene division.
Vol. 32, p. 67, amended.

SEC. 2. That all process against persons resident in said county of Dawson and cognizable before the court in said judicial district shall be issued out of and made returnable to said court at Abilene, and that all prosecutions against persons for offenses committed in said county shall be tried in said court at Abilene: *Provided*, That no civil or criminal cause begun and pending prior to the passage of this Act shall be in any way affected by it.

Return of process, etc.

Proviso.
Pending causes.

Approved, March 2, 1909.