

hundred and ninety-four, shall be made by the pension agent without other or further approval.

- Fuel. For fuel, seven hundred and fifty dollars.
  - Lights. For lights, seven hundred and fifty dollars.
  - Stationery, etc. For stationery and other necessary expenses, to be approved by the Secretary of the Interior, thirty-five thousand dollars.
  - Rent. For rents, twenty-three thousand and seventy dollars.
- Approved, July 18, 1894.

July 18, 1894.

**CHAP. 142.**—An Act To amend section numbered twenty-three hundred and twenty-four of the Revised Statutes of the United States relating to mining claims.

Mining claims.  
R. S., sec. 2324, p. 426.  
Ante, p. 6.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the provisions of section numbered twenty-three hundred and twenty-four of the Revised Statutes of the United States, which require that on each claim located after the tenth day of May, eighteen hundred and seventy-two, and until patent has been issued therefor, not less than one hundred dollars' worth of labor shall be performed or improvements made during each year, be suspended for the year eighteen hundred and ninety-four, so that no mining claim which has been regularly located and recorded as required by the local laws and mining regulations shall be subject to forfeiture for nonperformance of the annual assessment for the year eighteen hundred and ninety-four: *Provided,* That the claimant or claimants of any mining location, in order to secure the benefits of this Act, shall cause to be recorded in the office where the location notice or certificate is filed on or before December thirty-first, eighteen hundred and ninety-four, a notice that he or they in good faith intend to hold and work said claim: *Provided, however,* That the provisions of this Act shall not apply to the State of South Dakota.

Annual assessment not required, 1894.  
Promises.  
Notice by claimant.

Not applicable to South Dakota.

**SEC. 2.** That this Act shall take effect from and after its passage.  
Approved, July 18, 1894.

July 18, 1894.

**CHAP. 143.**—An Act Authorizing the county of Coconino, Territory of Arizona, to issue bonds for the construction of a county building at the county seat thereof.

Arizona.  
Coconino County may issue bonds for building.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the board of supervisors of the county of Coconino, Territory of Arizona, be, and is hereby, authorized to issue bonds of the said county not exceeding fifteen thousand dollars in amount payable in not less than two or more than ten years, and bearing interest at a rate not exceeding five per centum per annum, for the construction of a county building at the county seat of said county.

Approved, July 18, 1894.

July 18, 1894.

**CHAP. 144.**—An Act To fix a term of the Federal district and circuit courts of the southern judicial district of Mississippi, to be held at Meridian, Mississippi, to include the counties named.

Mississippi southern judicial district.

Counties added to.  
R. S., sec. 539, p. 91;  
Vol. 22, p. 101.

Eastern division.  
Terms, Meridian.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the southern judicial district of the State of Mississippi be so constituted as to include the counties of Kemper, Noxubee, and Neshoba, and that the counties of Lauderdale, Kemper, Noxubee, Leake, Neshoba, Newton, Jasper, Clarke, Wayne, and Jones shall be known as the eastern division of said southern district, and circuit and district courts for the transaction of business pertaining to the persons and property in said eastern division shall be held at the city of Meridian on the second Mondays of

March and September of each year and shall continue for three weeks, or so long as business may require.

SEC. 2. That said courts held in Meridian as provided in section one of this Act shall be possessed of, and exercise, all the powers and jurisdiction now possessed or exercised, or which may hereafter be granted to or exercised by the circuit and district courts now held at Jackson, and all laws regulating and defining how suits against persons or property located or found in judicial districts shall be brought shall be applicable to and govern the bringing of suits in said division, and all laws touching the removal of causes from State courts to United States courts shall apply to said courts hereby established. All prosecutions for crimes and offenses heretofore committed shall be commenced and carried on as if this Act had not been passed.

Jurisdiction.

Pending prosecutions.

Pending causes.

SEC. 3. That all civil causes now pending in the circuit or district courts at Jackson, or Aberdeen, or Mississippi City, or Vicksburg, or Oxford, in which a citizen of any county of said eastern division is a defendant, shall remain as they now stand and be tried and determined as if this Act had not been passed, unless by the consent of all the parties such causes shall be removed to the courts held at Meridian, to be tried there.

SEC. 4. That if there be more than one defendant in a cause and the defendants reside in different divisions of the said southern district, or any of the defendants reside in the northern district, the plaintiff may sue in either division or district where any defendant resides, and send duplicate writs for the other defendant or defendants, the other division or district where such defendant or defendants reside, and said writs when executed and returned into the court from which they issued shall constitute one suit and be proceeded in accordingly.

Actions where more than one defendant.

SEC. 5. That all processes issued out of said courts at Meridian against defendants residing in the counties of Lauderdale, Kemper, Noxubee, Leake, Neshoba, Newton, Jasper, Clarke, Wayne, Jones, or any other county, shall be returned to the courts hereby provided to be held in Meridian.

Return of process.

SEC. 6. That all grand and petit jurors summoned for service in said eastern division of said southern district created by this Act shall be residents of said division.

Juries.

SEC. 7. That the marshal and clerk of said southern district of Mississippi, as constituted before the passage of this Act, shall appoint deputies who shall reside at Meridian.

Deputy clerk, etc.

SEC. 8. That the district attorney of the southern district of Mississippi shall be district attorney for said eastern division, and shall be allowed the same fees and required to perform the same duties and be subject to the same liabilities as now provided by law.

District attorney.

SEC. 9. That when a defendant is sued out of a division of his residence, and is not joined with a codefendant whose residence is in the division where the suit is brought, he may on motion, supported by affidavit, change the venue to the division of his residence.

Change of venue.

Approved, July 18, 1894.

CHAP. 147.—An Act Providing an additional circuit judge in the eighth judicial circuit.

July 23, 1891.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That there shall be in the eighth judicial circuit an additional circuit judge, who shall be appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, and shall possess the same qualifications and shall have the same powers and jurisdiction now prescribed by law in respect to the present circuit judges.

United States courts.  
Additional judge eighth circuit.

Approved, July 23, 1894.