

For military postal service, two hundred and two dollars and fifty cents.

For compensation of postmasters, one hundred and forty-five dollars and seventy-one cents.

For railroad transportation, seven thousand six hundred and ninety-six dollars.

For mail-messenger transportation, twelve dollars and fifty-two cents.

For star transportation, except the claim numbered twenty thousand seven hundred and four, three hundred and eighty-nine dollars and ten cents.

For limited indemnity for lost registered mail, fifty-seven dollars and twenty cents.

For rewards, two hundred and fifty dollars.

Approved, February 14, 1902.

CHAP. 18.—An Act To prevent the sale of firearms, opium, and intoxicating liquors in certain islands of the Pacific.

February 14, 1902.

[Public, No. 10.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That any person subject to the authority of the United States who shall give, sell, or otherwise supply any arms, ammunition, explosive substance, intoxicating liquor, or opium to any aboriginal native of any of the Pacific islands lying within the twentieth parallel of north latitude and the fortieth parallel of south latitude and the one hundred and twentieth meridian of longitude west and one hundred and twentieth meridian of longitude east of Greenwich, not being in the possession or under the protection of any civilized power, shall be punishable by imprisonment not exceeding three months, with or without hard labor, or a fine not exceeding fifty dollars, or both. And in addition to such punishment all articles of a similar nature to those in respect to which an offense has been committed found in the possession of the offender may be declared forfeited.

Pacific islands.
Sale of arms and intoxicants forbidden.

Punishment.

SEC. 2. That if it shall appear to the court that such opium, wine, or spirits have been given bona fide for medical purposes it shall be lawful for the court to dismiss the charge.

Medical use excepted.

SEC. 3. That all offenses against this Act committed on any of said islands or on the waters, rocks, or keys adjacent thereto shall be deemed committed on the high seas on board a merchant ship or vessel belonging to the United States, and the courts of the United States shall have jurisdiction accordingly.

Deemed an offense on high seas.

Approved, February 14, 1902.

CHAP. 19.—An Act To regulate the collection of taxes in the District of Columbia.

February 14, 1902

[Public, No. 11.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That hereafter, beginning with the fiscal year commencing July first, nineteen hundred and two, the whole tax on real and personal property in the District of Columbia shall be payable in the month of May of each year: Provided, however, That on and after the first of November of each year the tax may be paid in two equal installments, the first in November and the second in May, but that no penalty shall accrue for delinquency until the following June, as hereinafter provided; or if the whole or any part of said tax upon real and personal property shall not be paid before the first day of June in each year the same shall thereafter be in arrears

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Taxes payable in May.

Proviso.
Payment in installments.
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Penalty for arrears.

and delinquent and there shall then be added, to be collected with said tax, a penalty of one per centum per month upon the amount thereof, and a like penalty on the first day of each succeeding month until payment of said tax and penalty, and the whole together shall constitute the delinquent tax, to be dealt with in the manner now provided by law.

Repeal.

SEC. 2. That all laws or parts of laws inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed.

Approved, February 14, 1902.

February 14, 1902.

[Public, No. 12.]

Preamble.
Vol. 29, p. 608.

CHAP. 20.—An Act To declare the international railway bridge over the Saint Lawrence River, near Hogansburg, New York, a lawful structure.

Whereas by Act of Congress entitled "An Act to authorize the construction and maintenance of a bridge across the Saint Lawrence River," approved March second, eighteen hundred and ninety-seven, authority was granted for the construction of a bridge across the southerly channel of the Saint Lawrence River from a point on the right or southerly bank thereof, near the village of Hogansburg, New York, as in said Act set forth; and

Whereas said bridge was not completed until after the expiration of three years from the date of approval of said Act, but is now completed and is in operation and in use as a post route and for purposes of commerce with a foreign nation: Therefore,

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That said bridge be, and the same is hereby, declared to be a lawful structure.

St. Lawrence River.
Bridge at Hogans-
burg, N. Y., a lawful
structure.
Rights, etc., con-
firmed.

SEC. 2. That the rights, powers, privileges, and franchises granted in and by said Act of Congress be, and the same are hereby, confirmed in the Northern New York Railroad Company, its successors and assigns: *Provided, however,* That all obligations and duties imposed in and by said Act shall also remain in force.

Proviso.
Prior act continued.

Approved, February 14, 1902.

February 15, 1902.

[Public, No. 13.]

District of Columbia.
Penalty on tax ar-
rears reduced.

CHAP. 22.—An Act To receive arrearages of taxes due the District of Columbia to July first, nineteen hundred, at six per centum per annum, in lieu of penalties and costs.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the rate of interest to be collected of any person owing arrearages of general taxes prior to July first, eighteen hundred and ninety-nine, now due to and the liens for which are held by the District of Columbia, shall be six per centum per annum, in lieu of the rate and penalties now fixed by law, and all accrued costs: *Provided,* That this Act shall apply only to taxes paid on or before the thirty-first day of December, nineteen hundred and two.

Proviso.
Application.

Approved, February 15, 1902.

February 15, 1902.

[Public, No. 14.]

Steam vessels.
R. S., sec. 4400, p.
852, amended.

CHAP. 23.—An Act To amend section forty-four hundred of the Revised Statutes of the United States, relating to a reciprocal recognition of boiler-inspection certificates between the several maritime nations having marine-inspection laws.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section forty-four hundred of title fifty-two of the Revised Statutes of the United States be, and the same is hereby, amended by adding to said section, as