

messenger service, traveling expenses of consular officers and consular clerks, compensation of Chinese writers, loss by exchange, and such other miscellaneous expenses as the President may think necessary for the several consulates, consular agencies, and commercial agencies in the transaction of their business, two hundred and fifteen thousand dollars.

Approved, February 9, 1903.

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[Public, No. 74.]

**CHAP. 531.**—An Act To extend the provisions of chapter eight, title thirty-two, of the Revised Statutes of the United States, entitled "Reservation and sale of town sites on the public lands," to the ceded Indian lands in the State of Minnesota.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That chapter eight, title thirty-two, of the Revised Statutes of the United States, entitled "Reservation and sale of town sites on the public lands," be, and is hereby, extended to and declared to be applicable to ceded Indian lands within the State of Minnesota. This Act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved, February 9, 1903.

Public lands.  
Town-site entries  
extended to ceded Indian  
lands in Minnesota.  
R. S., Title XXXII,  
ch. 8, p. 435.

February 9, 1903.

[Public, No. 75.]

**CHAP. 532.**—An Act To detach the county of Dimmit from the southern judicial district of Texas and to attach it to the western judicial district of Texas.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the county of Dimmit, in the State of Texas, is hereby detached from the southern and is hereby attached to the western judicial district of Texas.

United States courts.  
Dimmit County  
transferred to Texas  
western judicial district.  
*Ante*, p. 65.  
Pending proceedings.

**SEC. 2.** That all offenses heretofore committed in said county of Dimmit of which the district court of said southern judicial district has jurisdiction and upon which proceedings have been taken shall be tried and prosecuted in said southern judicial district, and civil suits and proceedings now pending in the circuit or district courts in said State shall not be affected by this Act.

Subsequent process,  
etc.

**SEC. 3.** That hereafter all processes issued against defendants residing in said county of Dimmit shall be returned to San Antonio, Texas. All offenses committed in said county of Dimmit in which proceedings have not been begun shall be prosecuted in said western district.

Repeal.

**SEC. 4.** That all laws and parts of laws, so far as in conflict herewith, are hereby repealed.

Approved, February 9, 1903.

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[Public, No. 76.]

**CHAP. 533.**—An Act To fix the time for holding the United States district and circuit courts in the northern and middle districts of Alabama.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That hereafter the regular terms of the district and circuit courts of the United States for the middle district of Alabama shall be held at Montgomery, Alabama, on the first Tuesdays in May and December of each year.

United States courts.  
Alabama middle judicial  
district.  
Terms, Montgomery.  
R. S., secs. 572, 658,  
pp. 98, 120.  
Northern district.  
Term, Huntsville.  
*Post*, p. 832.

**SEC. 2.** That the regular terms of the district and circuit courts of the United States for the northern division of the northern district of Alabama shall be held at Huntsville, Alabama, on the first Tuesday in April and the second Tuesday in October of each year.

SEC. 3. That the regular terms of the district and circuit courts of the United States for the southern division of the northern district of Alabama shall be held at Birmingham, Alabama, on the first Tuesdays of March and November of each year.

Terms, Birmingham. Post, p. 832.

SEC. 4. That no action, suit, proceeding, information, indictment, recognizance, bail, bond, or any other proceeding or process in either of said courts shall abate or be rendered invalid by reason of the change of time in the holding of said courts, but the same shall be deemed returnable, pending, or triable at the terms herein provided for.

Pending cases not affected.

Approved, February 9, 1903.

**CHAP. 537.**—An Act Authorizing the appointment of John Russell Bartlett, a captain on the retired list of the Navy, as a rear-admiral on the retired list of the Navy.

February 10, 1908.  
[Public, No. 77.]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, is hereby authorized to appoint John Russell Bartlett, now a captain on the retired list of the Navy, to be a rear-admiral on the retired list of the Navy, with the rank of said office: *Provided,* That no pay, bounty, or other emolument shall accrue by reason of the passage of this Act.

Capt. John Russell Bartlett may be appointed rear-admiral on naval retired list.

*Proviso.*  
No pay, etc.

Approved, February 10, 1903.

**CHAP. 538.**—An Act To authorize the Oklahoma City and Western Railroad Company to construct and operate a railway through the Fort Sill Military Reservation, and for other purposes.

February 10, 1908.  
[Public, No. 78.]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Oklahoma City and Western Railroad Company, a corporation created under and by virtue of the laws of the Territory of Oklahoma, be, and the same is hereby, empowered to survey, locate, construct, and maintain a railway, telegraph, and telephone line through Fort Sill Military Reservation, in the Territory of Oklahoma, upon such a line as may be determined and approved by the Secretary of War.

Oklahoma City and Western Railroad Company. Granted right of way through Fort Sill Military Reservation, Okla.

SEC. 2. That said corporation is authorized to take and use for all purposes of a railway, telegraph, and telephone line, and for no other purpose, a right of way one hundred feet in width through said Fort Sill Military Reservation, and a right to take and use a strip of land in said reservation two hundred feet in width, with a length of three thousand feet, in addition to right of way, for stations, with the right to use such additional ground when cuts and fills may be necessary for the construction and maintenance of the roadbed, not exceeding one hundred feet in width on each side of said right of way, or as much thereof as may be included in said cut or fill: *Provided,* That no part of the lands herein authorized to be taken shall be used except in such manner and for such purposes as shall be necessary for the construction and convenient operation of said railway, telegraph, and telephone lines; and when any portion thereof shall cease to be used, such portion shall revert to the United States, from which the same shall be taken: *Provided further,* That no more space on the military reservation be given to the said Oklahoma City and Western Railroad Company than was given to the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railroad under the terms of the Act of January thirty-first, nineteen hundred; that the Oklahoma City and Western Railroad Company will fence its right of way and lay and maintain sufficient fence equal to that built

Width.

*Provisos.*  
Use of lands granted.

Reversion if not used.

Restrictions on grant.

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Fencing.