

LIBRARY.

For entomological and botanical works of reference, works on chemistry and mineralogy, charts, current agricultural works for library, miscellaneous agricultural periodicals and the completion of imperfect series, one thousand five hundred dollars. Library.

INVESTIGATING THE DISEASES OF DOMESTICATED ANIMALS.

For continuing the investigation of infectious and contagious diseases to which all classes of domesticated animals are subject, twenty-five thousand dollars. Diseases of domesticated animals.

RECLAMATION OF ARID AND WASTE LANDS.

For continuing, locating, and sinking artesian wells on the plains east of the Rocky Mountains, with a view to reclaiming arid and waste public lands, ten thousand dollars: *Provided*, That no part of this sum shall be expended in experiments upon the lands of individuals or corporations, but only upon the lands belonging to the United States. Arid lands. *Proviso.*

POSTAGE.

For postage on return letters, circulars, and miscellaneous articles for correspondents and foreign mail, four thousand dollars. Postage.

CONTINGENT EXPENSES.

For stationery, freight, express charges, fuel, lights, subsistence, and care of horses, repairs of harness, paper, twine and gum for folding-room; and for miscellaneous items, namely, for advertising, telegraphing, dry-goods, soap, brushes, brooms, mats, oils, paints, glass, lumber, hardware, ice, purchasing supplies, and for necessary items, including actual traveling expenses while on the business of the department, fourteen thousand dollars. Contingent expenses.

FORESTRY.

For the purpose of enabling the Commissioner of Agriculture to experiment and to continue an investigation and report upon the subject of forestry, ten thousand dollars. Forestry.

SEC. 2.—That no part of the sums herein or hereafter appropriated for the Department of Agriculture shall be paid to any person, as additional salary or compensation, receiving at the same time other compensation as an officer or employee of the Government; and in addition to the proper vouchers and accounts for the sums appropriated for the said department, to be furnished to the accounting officers of the Treasury, the Commissioner of Agriculture shall, at the commencement of each regular session, present to Congress a detailed statement of the expenditures of all appropriations for said department for the last preceding fiscal year. Additional salary, etc., prohibited. Commissioner to make to Congress detailed statement of expenditures.

Approved, January 20, 1883.

CHAP. 40.—An act more effectually to suppress gaming in the District of Columbia. Jan. 31, 1883.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That every person who shall in the District of Columbia, set up or keep any gaming table, or any house, vessel, or place on land or water for the purpose of gaming, or gambling device commonly called A. B. C., *pro-bank*, E. O., roulette, equality, kenô, thimbles or "little joker," or any kind of gambling table or Suppression of gambling in District of Columbia.

Penalties.

gambling device, adapted, devised, and designed for the purpose of playing any game of chance for money or property, or who shall induce, entice or permit any person to bet or play at or upon any such gaming table or gambling device, or on the side or against the keeper thereof, shall, on conviction, be adjudged guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall be punished by imprisonment for a term not more than five years.

SEC. 2.—That every person who shall, in the District of Columbia, knowingly permit any gaming table, bank, or device to be set up or used, for the purpose of gaming in any house, building, vessel, shed, booth, shelter, lot or other premises to him belonging, or by him occupied, or of which he hath at the time the possession or control, shall, on conviction, be adjudged guilty of a misdemeanor, and punished by imprisonment for not more than one year, and by fine not exceeding five hundred dollars.

SEC. 3.—That every person who shall, in the District of Columbia, deal, play or practice, or be in any manner accessory to the dealing, playing or practicing of the confidence game or swindle known as three-card monte or of any such game, play, or practice, or any other confidence game, play or practice, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine not exceeding one thousand dollars, and by imprisonment, at hard labor, in the jail of the District, not more than five years.

Definition of term gaming table.

SEC. 4.—That all games, devices, or contrivances at which money or any other thing shall be bet or wagered shall be deemed a gaming table within the meaning of this act; and the courts shall construe the preceding sections liberally, so as to prevent the mischief intended to be guarded against.

SEC. 5.—That all laws inconsistent with this act are hereby repealed.

Approved, January 31, 1883.

Jan. 31, 1883.

CHAP. 41.—An act to increase the police force of the District of Columbia, and for other purposes.

Increase of police force in District of Columbia. R. S. 340, D. C. Amended.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section three hundred and forty of the Revised Statutes of the United States relating to the District of Columbia be, and the same hereby is amended so as to read as follows:

“The police force shall consist of the following officers, namely: One major, one captain, ten lieutenants, twenty sergeants, such number of privates not exceeding two hundred and fifty for the regular service, as the Commissioners may deem necessary, and all promotions to the positions of captain, lieutenant, and sergeant shall be made from the next succeeding grade or rank on the force.”

Detective force abolished, etc.

SEC. 2. That the detective force established by the aforesaid section of the Revised Statutes of the United States, relating to the District of Columbia, be and the same is hereby abolished.

Detail of men from police, authorized.

SEC. 3.—That the Commissioners of the District of Columbia are hereby authorized to detail, from time to time, from the privates of the police, such number of privates, not exceeding six, as may in their judgment be necessary, for special service in the detection and prevention of crime; and such privates so specially detailed shall be entitled to receive and shall be paid the compensation now allowed by law to the detective force abolished by this act, during such time as they shall continue so detailed by the order of the Commissioners

Compensation.

Appointment of additional policemen.

SEC. 4.—That the Commissioners may, and they are hereby, authorized to appoint not more than six privates, to be members of the police force, from among citizens of the United States who have or have not served in the Army and Navy of the United States, but who shall possess all the other qualifications prescribed by section three hundred and