

CHAP. 463.—An act to change the times of holding the circuit and district courts at the city of Evansville. June 23, 1874.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the terms of the circuit and district courts of the United States for the district of Indiana, which are provided by law to be holden at the city of Evansville, shall hereafter be held at that city on the first Mondays of April and October in each year. Terms of district courts in Indiana.

SEC. 2. That all suits which stand for trial at, and all writs, processes, and recognizances which are, or may be made, returnable to, the next August term of said courts, shall stand continued and be returnable to the next term thereof provided for in this act. Continuance of causes.

Approved, June 23, 1874.

CHAP. 464.—An act to protect persons of foreign birth against forcible constraint or involuntary servitude. June 23, 1874.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That whoever shall knowingly and wilfully bring into the United States, or the Territories thereof, any person inveigled or forcibly kidnapped in any other country, with intent to hold such person so inveigled or kidnapped in confinement or to any involuntary service, and whoever shall knowingly and wilfully sell, or cause to be sold, into any condition of involuntarily servitude, any other person for any term whatever, and every person who shall knowingly and wilfully hold to involuntary service any person so sold and bought, shall be deemed guilty of a felony, and, on conviction thereof, be imprisoned for a term not exceeding five years and pay a fine not exceeding five thousand dollars. Bringing into the United States, selling, holding, &c., inveigled or kidnapped persons, penalty.

SEC. 2. That every person who shall be accessory to any of the felonies herein declared, either before or after the fact, shall be deemed guilty of a felony, and on conviction thereof be imprisoned for a term not exceeding five years and pay a fine not exceeding one thousand dollars. Penalty for accessories.

Approved, June 23, 1874.

CHAP. 465.—An act to provide for the care and custody of persons convicted in the courts of the United States who have or may become insane while imprisoned. June 23, 1874.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That upon the application of the Attorney-General, the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to transfer to the Insane Asylum in the District of Columbia all persons who have been or shall be convicted of any offense in any court of the United States, and imprisoned in any State prison or penitentiary of any State or Territory, and who, during the term of their imprisonment, have or shall become and be insane. Insane convicts may be transferred to Government Hospital for the Insane in the District of Columbia.

SEC. 2. That in all cases where any person convicted in a court of the United States shall, while imprisoned under such conviction in any State prison or penitentiary, become and be insane, and there shall not be accommodation for such insane person at the Insane Asylum of the District of Columbia, or if for other reasons the Attorney-General is of opinion that such insane person should be placed at a State insane asylum rather than at said District Asylum, then the Attorney-General shall have power in his discretion to contract with any State insane or lunatic asylum, within the State in which such convict is imprisoned, for his care and custody while remaining so insane; and in all cases where such convicts shall have heretofore been, or shall hereafter be, transferred to a State asylum for insane convicts, in accordance with the laws of such State, the Attorney-General is hereby authorized and Attorney-General may contract with State asylums in certain cases.

Compensation to State asylums. directed to compensate the said asylum, or the proper authorities controlling the same, for the care and custody of such insane convicts, until their removal or discharge, in such amounts as he shall deem just and reasonable; but no contract shall be made or compensation paid for the care of such insane person beyond their respective terms of imprisonment.

Convicts restored to sanity to be returned to prison. SEC. 3. That whenever such insane convict shall be restored to sanity, after he or she shall have been transferred under the provisions of this act, he or she shall be returned to the prison or penitentiary from which the transfer was made, provided the term of imprisonment shall not have expired. The questions of sanity in all cases arising under this act shall be determined in accordance with the rules and regulations of existing laws, State or national, on that subject, applicable to the prison, penitentiary, or asylum where such convict shall be confined.

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1872, ch. 337, §§ 1, 4, pp. 330, 331.

CHAP. 466.—An act to extend the time allowed for the redemption of certain lands by the first section of the act entitled "An act to provide for the redemption and sale of lands held by the United States under the several acts levying direct taxes, and for other purposes" approved June eighth, eighteen hundred & seventy-two, and to suspend the operation of the fourth section of said act.

Time for redemption of lands sold for direct taxes extended.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the time allowed in and by the first section of the act of Congress approved June eighth, eighteen hundred and seventy-two, entitled "An act to provide for the redemption and sale of lands held by the United States under the several acts levying direct taxes, and for other purposes" be and the same is hereby extended for the term of two years from the first day of June, eighteen hundred and seventy-four.

Sale of unredemmed lands suspended until, &c.

SECTION 2. That the operation of the fourth section of said act be, and the same is hereby, suspended until the expiration of said term of two years from said first day of June.

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1792, ch. 1, §3, vol. 1, p. 288.

CHAP. 467.—An act to authorize the use of gilt letters for the names of vessels.

Names of vessels may be painted upon stern in yellow or gilt letters.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section three of the act entitled "An act concerning the registering and recording of ships and vessels," approved December thirty-first, seventeen hundred and ninety-two, is hereby so amended as to allow the name of any vessel to be painted upon her stern in yellow or gilt letters.

Approved, June 23, 1874.

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1856, ch. 81, vol. xi, p. 30.

CHAP. 468.—An act to amend the act entitled "An act to amend an act entitled 'An act to establish a court for the investigation of claims against the United States,'" approved August 6th, 1856.

Quorum of Court of Claims.

Concurrence of three judges necessary to decision of cases.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That any three judges of the Court of Claims shall constitute a quorum; *Provided,* That the concurrence of three judges shall be necessary to the decision of any case.

Approved, June 23, 1874.