CHAP. 54.—An act for the sale of the arsenals and lot, at Stonington, Connecticut.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of War be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to sell for cash, after such advertisement for at least one month as he may deem necessary, either by public auction or by inviting proposals for the purchase thereof, and in either case to the highest responsible bidder, a certain lot and parcel of land, with the buildings thereon, in the town of Stonington, Connecticut, belonging to the United States and formerly used for arsenal purposes; and the Secretary of War is empowered and required, on receiving the purchase money in full, to execute the necessary deeds of such property to the purchaser or purchasers thereof, conveying all the right, title and interest of the United States therein.

SEC. 2. That the proceeds of said sale, after paying the necessary expenses thereof, shall, upon receipt of the same, be paid by the Secretary of War into the Treasury.

Approved, April 11, 1876.

CHAP. 55.—An act to enable the Secretary of the Treasury to pay judgments provided for in an act approved February fifteenth, eighteen hundred and seventy-six, entitled “An act providing for the payment of judgments rendered under section eleven of chapter four hundred and fifty-nine of the laws of the First session of the Forty-third Congress.”

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Treasury, for the purpose of paying the judgments provided for in an act approved February fifteenth, eighteen hundred and seventy-six, entitled “An act providing for the payment of judgments rendered under section eleven, of chapter four hundred and fifty-nine of the laws of the first session of the Forty-third Congress,” is hereby authorized to convert into coupon-bonds, and to sell, after five days’ notice, so many as may be necessary for this purpose of the five per centum registered bonds of the United States now held subject to the disposition of Congress under the provisions of the act approved March third, eighteen hundred and seventy-three, chapter two hundred and sixty-one.

SEC. 2. That so much of section fifteen of the act approved June twenty-third, eighteen hundred and seventy-four, chapter four hundred and fifty-nine, as conflicts with this act, is hereby repealed.

Approved, April 11, 1876.

CHAP. 56.—An act to amend section one thousand and forty-four of the Revised Statutes relating to limitations in criminal cases.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section one thousand and forty-four of the Revised Statutes of the United States be amended so as to read as follows:

No person shall be prosecuted, tried, or punished for any offense, not capital, except as provided in section one thousand and forty-six, unless
the indictment is found, or the information is instituted within three years next after such offense shall have been committed.

But this act shall not have effect to authorize the prosecution, trial or punishment for any offense, barred by the provisions of existing laws.

Approved, April 13, 1876.

CHAP. 62.—An act concerning cases in bankruptcy commenced in the supreme courts of the several Territories prior to the twenty-second day of June, eighteen hundred and seventy-four, and now undetermined therein.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That in all cases in bankruptcy commenced in the supreme courts of any of the Territories of the United States prior to the twenty-second day of June, Anno Domini eighteen hundred and seventy-four, and now undetermined therein, the clerks of the said several courts shall immediately transmit to the clerks of the district courts of the several districts of said Territories all the papers in, and a certified transcript of, all the proceedings had in each of said cases; and the said clerks of the district courts shall immediately file the said papers and transcripts as papers and transcripts in the said district courts.

SEC. 2. That the clerks of the said several supreme courts shall transmit the papers and transcripts provided for in section one of this act, in each case, to the clerk of the district court of the district wherein the bankrupt or bankrupts, or some one of them, resided at the time of the filing of the petition in bankruptcy in said case; and as soon as the said papers and transcript in any case shall have been transmitted and filed, as herein provided, the district court in which the same shall have been so filed shall have jurisdiction of the said case, to hear and determine all questions arising therein, and to finally adjudicate and determine the same in all respects as contemplated in other bankruptcy cases by the act entitled "An act to establish a uniform system of bankruptcy throughout the United States," and approved March second, eighteen hundred and sixty-seven, and amendments thereto.

Approved, April 14, 1876.

CHAP. 63.—An act to provide for a deficiency in the Printing and Engraving Bureau of the Treasury Department, and for the issue of silver coin of the United States in place of fractional currency.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there be, and hereby is, appropriated out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of one hundred and sixty-three thousand dollars to provide for engraving, printing, and other expenses of making and issuing United States notes, and the further sum of forty-eight thousand dollars to provide for engraving and printing national bank notes, to be disbursed under the direction of the Secretary of the Treasury.

SEC. 2. That the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby directed to issue silver coins of the United States of the denomination of ten, twenty, twenty-five and fifty cents of standard value, in redemption of an equal amount of fractional currency, whether the same be now in the Treasury awaiting redemption, or whenever it may, be presented for redemption; and the Secretary of the Treasury may, under regulations of the Treasury Department, provide for such redemption and issue by substitution at the regular sub-treasuries and public depositories of the United States until the whole amount of fractional currency outstanding...