

either to an alien or to a citizen of the United States, in trust and for the purpose and with the intention of evading the provisions of this Act, such conveyance shall be null and void, and any such lands so conveyed shall be forfeited and escheat to the United States.

"SEC. 5. That it shall be the duty of the Attorney-General of the United States, when he shall be informed or have reason to believe that land in any of the Territories of the United States are being held contrary to the provisions of this Act, to institute or cause to be instituted suit in behalf of the United States in the district court of the Territory in the district where such land or a part thereof may be situated, praying for the escheat of the same on behalf of the United States to the United States: *Provided*, That before any such suit is instituted the Attorney-General shall give or cause to be given ninety days' notice by registered letter of his intention to sue, or by personal notice directed to or delivered to the owner of said land, or the person who last rendered the same for taxation, or his agent, and to all other persons having an interest in such lands of which he may have actual or constructive notice. In the event personal notice can not be obtained in some one of the modes above provided, then said notice shall be given by publication in some newspaper published in the county where the land is situate, and if no newspaper is published in said county then the said notice shall be published in some newspaper nearest said county.

"SEC. 6. That if it shall be determined upon the trial of any such escheat proceedings that the lands are held contrary to the provisions of this Act, the court trying said cause shall render judgment condemning such lands and shall order the same to be sold as under execution; and the proceeds of such sale, after deducting costs of such suit, shall be paid to the clerk of such court so rendering judgment, and said fund shall remain in the hands of such clerk for one year from the date of such payment, subject to the order of the alien owner of such lands, or his heirs or legal representatives; and if not claimed within the period of one year, such clerk shall pay the same into the treasury of the Territory in which the lands may be situated, for the benefit of the available school fund of said Territory: *Provided*, That the defendant in any such escheat proceedings may, at any time before final judgment, suggest and show to the court that he has conformed with the law, either becoming a bona fide resident of the United States, or by declaring his intention of becoming a citizen of the United States, or by the doing or happening of any other act which, under the provisions of this Act, would entitle him to hold or own real estate, which being admitted or proved, such suit shall be dismissed on payment of costs and a reasonable attorney fee to be fixed by the court.

"SEC. 7. That this Act shall not in any manner be construed to refer to the District of Columbia, nor to authorize aliens to acquire title from the United States to any of the public lands of the United States or to in any manner affect or change the laws regulating the disposal of the public lands of the United States. And the Act of which this Act is an amendment shall remain in force and unchanged by this Act so far as it refers to or affects real estate in the District of Columbia.

"SEC. 8. That all laws and parts of laws so far as they conflict with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed."

Approved, March 2, 1897.

Proceedings for escheat of lands illegally held.

Proviso.
Notice.

Advertisement.

Sales.

Proceeds.

Unclaimed proceeds for school funds.

Proviso.
Defense.

Not applicable to District of Columbia.

Public land laws not affected.

Former act in force as to District of Columbia.

Repeal.

CHAP. 364.—An Act To punish the impersonation of inspectors of the health and other departments of the District of Columbia.

March 2, 1897.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That it shall be unlawful for any person in the District of Columbia to falsely represent himself or herself as being an inspector of the health department of said District, or an inspector of any department of the District government; and any

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person so offending shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction in the police court of said District shall be punished by a fine of not less than ten dollars nor more than fifty dollars for the first offense, and for each subsequent offense by a fine of not less than fifty dollars nor more than one hundred dollars, or imprisonment in the jail of the District not exceeding six months, or both, in the discretion of the court.

Approved, March 2, 1897.

March 2, 1897.

CHAP. 365.—An Act To amend an Act entitled "An Act to prohibit the interment of bodies in Graceland Cemetery, in the District of Columbia," passed August third, eighteen hundred and ninety-four.

District of Columbia.
Graceland Cemetery.
Vol. 28, p. 220.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section two of the Act entitled "An Act to prohibit the interment of bodies in Graceland Cemetery, in the District of Columbia," passed August third, eighteen hundred and ninety-four, is hereby amended as follows:

Conveyance by deed
of trust authorized.

"The said board of officers are hereby authorized and empowered to convey the said property by mortgage or deed of trust to secure a loan, which they are hereby authorized to make, at such time and at such rate of interest as may be practicable, not exceeding six per centum per annum, which money so raised shall be used by them for the purposes of carrying out the provisions of the said Act, and for which they shall be accountable as for other moneys coming into their hands as such officers under the said Act."

Approved, March 2, 1897.

March 2, 1897.

CHAP. 366.—An Act To provide times and places for holding terms of United States courts in Utah.

United States courts.
Utah.
Vol. 28, p. 119.
Circuit court.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the circuit court of the United States in and for the State of Utah shall be held at the time and place provided by law for holding the United States district court in and for said State.

Divisions created.

SEC. 2. That for the purpose of holding terms of the district court, said district shall be divided into two divisions, to be known as the northern and central divisions. The counties of Weber, Davis, Morgan, Rich, Cache, and Boxelder shall constitute the northern division, the court for which shall be held at the city of Ogden; and all remaining counties of the said State shall constitute the central division, the court for which shall be held at the city of Salt Lake.

Northern division.

Central division.

Jurisdiction.

SEC. 3. That all civil suits not of a local character which shall be brought in the district or circuit courts of the United States for the district of Utah, in either of said divisions, against a single defendant, or where all the defendants reside in the same division of said district, shall be brought in the division in which the defendant or defendants reside, or if there are two or more defendants residing in different divisions, such suit may be brought in either division; and all mesne and final process subject to the provisions of this Act issued in either of said divisions may be served and executed in either or both of said divisions.

Removal of causes.

All issues of fact in civil causes triable in any of the said courts shall be tried in the division where the defendant, or one of the defendants, reside, unless by consent of both parties the case shall be removed to some other division.

Clerks.

SEC. 4. That the clerks of the circuit and district courts for said district shall each appoint a deputy clerk at each of the places where