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large, from the grade of first or second lieutenant, and officers so detailed shall, while so serving, receive the pay of first lieutenant: *Provided*, That no officer shall be so detailed except upon such examination as may be prescribed by the Secretary of War: *Provided further*, That the Secretary of War is hereby authorized and empowered to accept the sum of ten thousand dollars, tendered the Government by Chaplain C. C. Pierce, United States Army, and the Daughters of the American Revolution, for the purpose of erecting a memorial building, for the physical and moral welfare of the enlisted men, at such army post as the Secretary of War may approve.

Provisos. Examination.

Acceptance of gift for memorial building.

Approved, March 2, 1903.

CHAP. 976.—An Act To amend an Act entitled "An Act to promote the safety of employees and travelers upon railroads by compelling common carriers engaged in interstate commerce to equip their cars with automatic couplers and continuous brakes and their locomotives with driving-wheel brakes, and for other purposes," approved March second, eighteen hundred and ninety-three, and amended April first, eighteen hundred and ninety-six.

March 2, 1903.

[Public, No. 133.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the provisions and requirements of the Act entitled "An Act to promote the safety of employees and travelers upon railroads by compelling common carriers engaged in interstate commerce to equip their cars with automatic couplers and continuous brakes and their locomotives with driving-wheel brakes, and for other purposes," approved March second, eighteen hundred and ninety-three, and amended April first, eighteen hundred and ninety-six, shall be held to apply to common carriers by railroads in the Territories and the District of Columbia and shall apply in all cases, whether or not the couplers brought together are of the same kind, make, or type; and the provisions and requirements hereof and of said Acts relating to train brakes, automatic couplers, grab irons, and the height of drawbars shall be held to apply to all trains, locomotives, tenders, cars, and similar vehicles used on any railroad engaged in interstate commerce, and in the Territories and the District of Columbia, and to all other locomotives, tenders, cars, and similar vehicles used in connection therewith, excepting those trains, cars, and locomotives exempted by the provisions of section six of said Act of March second, eighteen hundred and ninety-three, as amended by the Act of April first, eighteen hundred and ninety-six, or which are used upon street railways.

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Exceptions.

SEC. 2. That whenever, as provided in said Act, any train is operated with power or train brakes, not less than fifty per centum of the cars in such train shall have their brakes used and operated by the engineer of the locomotive drawing such train; and all power-braked cars in such train which are associated together with said fifty per centum shall have their brakes so used and operated; and, to more fully carry into effect the objects of said Act, the Interstate-Commerce Commission may, from time to time, after full hearing, increase the minimum percentage of cars in any train required to be operated with power or train brakes which must have their brakes used and operated as aforesaid; and failure to comply with any such requirement of the said Interstate-Commerce Commission shall be subject to the like penalty as failure to comply with any requirement of this section.

Minimum number of cars.

Increase of percentage.

SEC. 3. That the provisions of this Act shall not take effect until September first, nineteen hundred and three. Nothing in this Act shall be held or construed to relieve any common carrier, the Interstate-Commerce Commission, or any United States district attorney from any of the provisions, powers, duties, liabilities, or requirements

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of said Act of March second, eighteen hundred and ninety-three, as amended by the Act of April first, eighteen hundred and ninety-six; and all of the provisions, powers, duties, requirements and liabilities of said Act of March second, eighteen hundred and ninety-three, as amended by the Act of April first, eighteen hundred and ninety-six, shall, except as specifically amended by this Act, apply to this Act.

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Approved, March 2, 1903.

March 2, 1903.
[Public, No. 134.]

CHAP. 977.—An Act To increase the pensions of those who have lost limbs in the military or naval service of the United States.

Pensions.
Rating for loss of limbs.
R. S., sec. 4698, p. 915, amended.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That from and after the passage of this Act all persons on the pension roll, and all persons hereafter granted a pension, who, while in the military or naval service of the United States and in the line of duty, shall have lost one hand or one foot, or been totally disabled in the same, shall receive a pension at the rate of forty dollars per month; that all persons who, in like manner, shall have lost an arm at or above the elbow or a leg at or above the knee, or been totally disabled in the same, shall receive a pension at the rate of forty-six dollars per month; that all persons who, in like manner, shall have lost an arm at the shoulder joint or a leg at the hip joint, or so near the shoulder or hip joint or where the same is in such a condition as to prevent the use of an artificial limb, shall receive a pension at the rate of fifty-five dollars per month, and that all persons who, in like manner, shall have lost one hand and one foot, or been totally disabled in the same, shall receive a pension at the rate of sixty dollars per month; and that all persons who, in like manner, shall have lost both feet shall receive a pension at the rate of one hundred dollars per month: *Provided, however*, That this Act shall not be so construed as to reduce any pension under any Act, public or private.

Proviso.
No present pension reduced.

Approved, March 2, 1903.

March 2, 1903.
[Public, No. 135.]

CHAP. 978.—An Act Amending the Civil Code of Alaska, providing for the organization of private corporations, and for other purposes.

Alaska Civil Code amendments.
Vol. 31, p. 341.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section fifty-four of chapter five of title two of an Act entitled "An Act making further provision for a civil government for Alaska, and for other purposes," approved June sixth, nineteen hundred, be, and is hereby, amended so as to read as follows:

Pleadings.
Admiralty omitted.

"SEC. 54. All the forms of pleading heretofore existing in actions at law and suits in equity are abolished, and hereafter the forms of pleading in causes in law and equity in courts of record and the rules by which the sufficiency of such pleadings is to be determined shall be those prescribed by this code."

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SEC. 2. That section four hundred and sixty-nine of chapter forty-five of title two be amended so as to read as follows:

Divorces.
Residence of parties for two years.

"SEC. 469. In an action for the dissolution of the marriage contract the plaintiff therein must be an inhabitant of the district at the commencement of the action and for two years prior thereto, which residence shall be sufficient to give the court jurisdiction without regard to the place where the marriage was solemnized or the cause of action arose."