

the court or justice shall make a final decree, unless the court has for sufficient cause, on application of any party interested, otherwise ordered.”

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Approved May 15, 1882.

AN ACT TO LIMIT THE INVESTMENTS OF SAVINGS BANKS AND INSTITUTIONS FOR SAVINGS IN THE STOCK OF BANKS AND BANKING ASSOCIATIONS.

Chap. 224

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

No savings bank or institution for savings shall hereafter invest or hold as collateral security more than three per cent. of its deposits in the stock of any one bank or banking association such as are described in the fourth clause of section twenty of chapter one hundred and sixteen of the Public Statutes. Any such savings bank or institution for savings which now has more than three per cent. of its deposits invested as aforesaid, shall reduce its investments therein to said limit, on or before the first day of July in the year eighteen hundred and eighty-three.

Investments in the stock of banks limited.

Approved May 15, 1882.

AN ACT TO AMEND “AN ACT TO PREVENT DISCRIMINATION IN FREIGHT RATES BY RAILROAD CORPORATIONS.”

Chap. 225

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. Chapter ninety-four of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and eighty-two is amended by striking out the first and second sections thereof and inserting instead the following words: “No railroad company shall in its charges for the transportation of freight or in doing its freight business make or give any undue or unreasonable preference or advantage to or in favor of any person, firm or corporation, nor subject any person, firm or corporation to any undue or unreasonable prejudice or disadvantage.”

No discrimination to be made in freight rates.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Approved May 16, 1882.

AN ACT IN RELATION TO BLANKS FOR CERTAIN COURT RETURNS, AND TO REPORTS OF ARRESTS.

Chap. 226

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. The blank forms of the returns required by sections thirty-four and thirty-five of chapter two hundred and nineteen of the Public Statutes shall be fur-

Blank forms of returns to be furnished by commissioners of prisons.

nished by the commissioners of prisons, and shall be in such form as said commissioners shall prescribe.

Monthly reports of arrests to be made to commissioners.

SECTION 2. The police commissioners of the city of Boston, the city marshals or chiefs of police of other cities and of towns, and every officer making an arrest in a city or town not having a chief of police, shall make monthly reports to the commissioners of prisons, showing the number of persons of each sex arrested in their several cities and towns; such returns to be classified according to offences. Said commissioners may in their annual report present such statistics compiled from said reports as they shall deem expedient.

Repeal of P. S. 15, § 15; 219, § 36.

SECTION 3. Section fifteen of chapter fifteen of the Public Statutes and section thirty-six of chapter two hundred and nineteen of the Public Statutes are repealed.

Approved May 16, 1882.

Chap. 227

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE DISTRICT COURT OF HAMPSHIRE.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

District court of Hampshire.

SECTION 1. The several towns in the county of Hampshire shall constitute a judicial district under the jurisdiction of a court to be called the District Court of Hampshire.

Justices. Salaries.

SECTION 2. There shall be one justice and two special justices of said court; and the justice thereof shall receive from said county a salary of twenty-eight hundred dollars a year.

Sessions of the court.

SECTION 3. Said court shall be held on Monday and Tuesday of each week in the town of Northampton; on the first and third Wednesdays of each month in the town of Amherst; on the second Wednesday of each month in the town of Cummington; on the first and third Thursdays of each month in the town of Belchertown; on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month in the town of Huntington; on the first, second and third Fridays of each month in the town of Ware, and on the second and fourth Saturdays of each month in the town of Easthampton. Other times and places for holding said court for either civil or criminal business may be fixed by the justice thereof by general rule.

Writ may run into any county when one of defendants resides in the district.

SECTION 4. When one of several defendants resides within said district the writ issued by said court may run into any county and be served on the other defendant or defendants fourteen days at least before its return day, in like manner as if issued by the superior court. Except as