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A husband and father living apart from his family, may be compelled to contribute to support of wife or minor children.

'in term time or vacation;' and by adding to said chapter the following words, 'execution may also issue for said sums when payable;' so that said chapter, as amended, shall read as follows:

'Chapter 136. Whenever a man, having a wife, a minor child, or both, residing in this state, and from whom he lives apart, and being of sufficient ability, or being able to labor and provide for them, willfully and without reasonable cause, refuses or neglects to provide suitable maintenance for them, the supreme judicial court, in term time or vacation, in the county where the wife or children reside, on petition of the wife for herself, and for such children, or of such children, by their guardian; after such notice to the husband or father as it may order, and hearing, may order him to contribute to the support of his wife, if the separation was without her fault, and to the support of such children, such sums payable weekly, monthly or quarterly, as are deemed reasonable and just, and may enforce obedience by appropriate decrees. Execution may also issue for said sums, when payable.'

Approved February 2, 1897.

Chapter 176.

An Act to amend Section one of Chapter one hundred and twenty-one of the Revised Statutes, relating to Forgery.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows:

Section 1, chapter 121, R. S., amended.

Forgery of, and publishing as true, forged records and written instruments, how punished.

Section one of chapter one hundred and twenty-one of the revised statutes, is hereby amended, so as to read as follows:

'Sect. 1. Whoever, with intent to defraud, falsely makes, alters, forges, or counterfeits, any public record or proceeding filed or entered in any court; or process issued, or purporting to be issued by a competent court, magistrate, or officer; or attestation or certificate of any person required by law, or receivable as legal proof in relation to any matter; or any charter, deed, will, testament, bond, writing obligatory, power of attorney, letter of credit, policy of insurance, bill of lading, bill of exchange, promissory note, order of acceptance, or indorsement or assignment thereof, or of any debt or contract; or acquittance, discharge, or accountable receipt for anything of value; or any other written instrument of another or purport-

ing to be such, by which any pecuniary demand or obligation CHAP. 177
 or any right in any property is or purports to be created,
 increased, conveyed, transferred, diminished, or discharged;
 and whoever utters and publishes as true any instrument before
 mentioned, knowing it to be false, forged, or counterfeit, with
 like intent, shall be punished by imprisonment for not more
 than ten years.'

Approved February 8, 1897.

Chapter 177.

An Act to correct a clerical error in Chapter sixty-one of the Public Laws of
 eighteen hundred and ninety-one, relating to Migratory Fish.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in
 Legislature assembled, as follows:*

The words "weirs," in the fourth line in section seventeen of
 chapter forty of the revised statutes, as amended by chapter
 sixty-one of the public laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-
 one, is hereby stricken out and the word 'rivers' be inserted
 in lieu thereof.

Section 17,
 chapter 40,
 R. S.,
 further
 amended.

Approved February 8, 1897.

Chapter 178.

An Act to amend Section seventeen, Chapter sixty of the Revised Statutes,
 relating to change of name in Divorce Proceedings.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in
 Legislature assembled, as follows:*

Sect. 1. Section seventeen of chapter sixty of the revised
 statutes is hereby amended by inserting after the word "require"
 in the fourth line of the section, the following words; 'change
 the name of the wife, at her request,' so that the section, as
 amended, shall read as follows:

Section 17,
 chapter 60,
 R. S.,
 amended.

'Sect. 17. The court making a decree of nullity, or of
 divorce, may also decree concerning the care, custody, and
 support of the minor children of the parties, and with which
 parent any of them shall live; alter the decree from time to time
 as circumstances require; change the name of the wife, at her
 request; and in execution of the power given in this chapter,

Disposal of
 minor
 children.