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second line and the word "the" at the commencement of the third line of said section, the words 'the first day of January, the nineteenth day of April,' so that said section fifty-two, when so amended, shall read as follows:

'Section 52. No court shall be held on Sunday, on any day designated for the annual thanksgiving, or for the choice of presidential electors, the first day of January, the nineteenth day of April, the thirtieth day of May, fourth day of July, the first Monday of September, the day of the state election, or on Christmas day; and when the time fixed for a term of said court falls on either of said days, it shall stand adjourned until the next day, which shall be deemed the first day of the term for all purposes.'

Legal holidays.

Section 4. Section eighty-two of chapter eighty-three of the revised statutes of nineteen hundred and three is hereby amended by striking out the words "fast or" at the end of the second line thereof, and inserting between the words "thanksgiving" and "the" in the third line thereof, the words 'the nineteenth day of April,' so that said section eighty-two, when so amended, shall read as follows:

Section 82, chapter 88, R. S., amended.

'Section 82. No person shall be arrested in a civil action, on mesne process, or execution, or on a warrant for taxes, on the day of annual thanksgiving, the nineteenth day of April, the thirtieth day of May, the fourth day of July, the first Monday of September, or Christmas; and, on the day of any military training, inspection, review or election, no officer or soldier required by law to attend the same, shall be arrested on any such processes.'

Exemption from arrest on certain holidays.

Section 5. This act shall take effect when approved.

Approved March 11, 1907.

Chapter 49.

An Act to amend Section seventeen of Chapter forty-one of the Revised Statutes, relating to measurement of Lobsters.

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

Section seventeen of chapter forty-one of the revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out the word "catch" in the first line thereof; also by striking out the words "ten and one-half" in the second line thereof and inserting in their place the words 'four and three-fourths;,' also by striking out the fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth lines and the words "stretching and pulling"

Section 17, chapter 41, R. S., amended.

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in the ninth line and inserting in their place the following words: 'end of the bone of the nose to the center of the rear end of the body shell,' so that said section as amended, shall read as follows:

Unlawful to have in possession lobsters less than 4¾ inches long.

—how measured.

—short lobsters to be liberated.

—possession of mutilated lobsters, evidence.

—must be sold in the shell.

—penalty.

—common carriers, liabilities of.

—meat liable to seizure.

—exception.

'Section 17. No person shall buy or sell, give away or expose for sale or possess for any purpose any lobster less than four and three-fourths inches in length, alive or dead, cooked or uncooked, measured in manner as follows; taking the length of the back of the lobster measured from the end of the bone of the nose to the center of the rear end of the body shell; and any lobster shorter than the prescribed length when caught shall be liberated alive at the risk and cost of the parties taking them, under a penalty of one dollar for each lobster so caught, bought, sold, given away, or exposed for sale or in possession. The possession of mutilated lobsters, cooked or uncooked, shall be prima facie evidence that they are not of the required length. All lobsters or parts of lobsters sold for use in this state or for export therefrom must be sold and delivered in the shell under a penalty of twenty dollars for each offense, and whoever ships, buys, gives away, sells or exposes for sale lobster meat after the same shall have been taken from the shell shall be liable to a penalty of one dollar for each pound of meat so bought, sold, given away, exposed for sale or shipped. Any person or corporation in the business of a common carrier of merchandise, who shall knowingly carry or transport from place to place lobster meat after the same shall have been taken from the shell shall be liable to a penalty of fifty dollars upon each conviction thereof. All lobster meat so illegally bought, shipped, sold, given away, exposed for sale or transported shall be liable to seizure and may be confiscated. Nothing contained herein shall be held to prohibit the sale of lobsters that have been legally canned.'

Approved March 11, 1907.

Chapter 50.

An Act in addition to Chapter one hundred forty-four of the Revised Statutes, relating to the commitment of the Insane.

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

Judges of probate shall, on complaint, have power to examine cases.

Section 1. The judge of probate in the several counties shall likewise have power to examine insane persons not included in section fifteen of chapter one hundred and forty-four of the revised statutes, and upon complaint in writing of any blood relation, husband or wife, of said alleged insane person, or of any justice of the peace, accompanied by the certificate of some