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statutes is hereby amended by adding after the word "lot" in the seventh line the words 'and playgrounds,' and by striking out the word "three" in the seventh line and by inserting in the place thereof the word 'five,' so that said section, as amended, shall read as follows:

'Sec. 3. Municipal officers may lay out a play ground as well as a school house lot; size of lot increased from three acres to five acres. When a location for the erection or removal of a school house and requisite buildings has been legally designated, by vote of the town at any town meeting called for that purpose, and the owner thereof refuses to sell, or, in the opinion of the municipal officers, asks an unreasonable price for it, or resides without the state and has no authorized agent or attorney therein, they may lay out a school house lot and playgrounds, not exceeding five acres, and appraise the damages as is provided for laying out town ways, and appraising the damages therefor; and on payment or tender of such damages, or if such owner does not reside in the state, upon depositing such damages in the treasury of such town for his use, the town designating it may take such lot to be held and used for the purposes aforesaid; and when such school house has ceased to be thereon for two years, said lot reverts to the owner, his heirs or assigns. And any town or city may take real estate for the enlargement or extension of any location designated for the erection or removal of a school house and requisite buildings and playgrounds, as herein provided; but no real estate shall be so taken within fifty feet of a dwelling-house, and all school house lots and playgrounds that require fencing shall be fenced by the town or city.'

Approved March 10, 1921.

Chapter 11.

An Act to Amend Section Fourteen of Chapter Two, of the Revised Statutes, Relating to Notice of Proceedings for Relinquishment to the United States of the Title to Certain Lands.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

R. S., c. 2, § 14; relating to proceedings for relinquishment to United States of the title to lands for the erection of lighthouse, forts, etc., amended. Section fourteen of chapter two of the revised statutes of Maine is hereby amended by striking out the word "months" in the twelfth line thereof and inserting in its place the word 'weeks,' so that said section, as amended, shall read as follows:

'Sec. 14. Notice of application to be published once a week for three weeks, instead of for three months. Whenever, upon application

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of an authorized agent of the United States, it is made to appear to any justice of the supreme judicial court, that the United States desires to purchase a tract of land and the right of way thereto, within the state, for the erection of a lighthouse, beacon light, range light, or light keeper's dwelling, forts, batteries or other public buildings, and that any owner is a minor, or is insane or is from any cause incapable of making perfect title to said lands or is unknown, or a non-resident, or from disagreement in price or any other cause, refuses to convey such land to the United States, said justice shall order notice of said application to be published in some newspaper in the county where such land lies, if any, otherwise in a paper in this state nearest to said land, once a week, for three weeks, which notice shall contain an accurate description of said land with the names of the supposed owners, provable in the manner required for publications of notice in chapter eighty-six, and shall require all persons interested in said land on a day specified in said notice, to file their objections to the proposed purchase; and at the time so specified a justice of said court shall empanel a jury, in the manner provided for the trial of civil actions, to assess the value of said land at its fair market value, and all damages sustained by the owner of such land by reason of such appropriations; which amount when so assessed, with the entire costs of said proceedings, shall be paid into the treasury of said county, and thereupon the sheriff thereof, upon the production of the certificate of the treasurer that said amount has been paid, shall execute to the United States, and deliver to its agent a deed of said land, reciting the proceedings in said cause, which deed shall convey to the United States a good and absolute title to said land against all persons.'

Approved March 10, 1921.

Chapter 12.

An Act to Amend Section Sixty-seven of Chapter One Hundred and Forty-two of the Revised Statutes, Relating to Inmates Escaping from the Reformatory for Women.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

R. S., c. 142, § 67; relating to penalty for aiding or abetting the escape of an inmate from the reformatory for women. Section sixty-seven of chapter one hundred forty-two of the revised statutes is hereby amended by inserting after the word "may" in the twelfth line of said section the words 'whether the limit of her original sentence shall have expired or not', and by adding at the end of said section the following: 'Any woman lawfully committed to said reformatory who escapes therefrom, or who violates the condition of any permit by which she may have been