

other papers for the purpose of taking extracts therefrom or making copies thereof without charge of any kind, shall be allowed to all officers or employes of the United States, during office hours.

§ 3. COPIES TO BE FURNISHED.] It shall be the duty of the secretary of state to furnish on application, exemplified copies of all maps, field notes and records upon the payment to him of such fees for the copying and certifying such field notes, maps and records, as may be prescribed by the governor, secretary of state and attorney general. All fees paid to the secretary of state for copies of plats, field notes and records shall be paid into the state treasury and placed to the credit of the general fund of the state.

Approved March 13, 1907.

TELEGRAPH AND TELEPHONES

CHAPTER 246.

[H. B. No. 312—Murphy]

REGULATING TELEGRAPH SERVICE.

AN ACT to Regulate Telegraph Service Within the State.

Be It Enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the State of North Dakota:

§ 1. MUST MAINTAIN SUFFICIENT EQUIPMENT.] All persons, corporations and companies doing a public telegraph business within the state shall maintain sufficient wires and equipment to give prompt service and dispatch. All messages received in any telegraph office within the state must be delivered promptly if it is within the power of a telegraph company to locate the party to whom the message is addressed.

§ 2. MESSAGES TRANSMITTED PROMPTLY.] All messages left at the office of any telegraph office or the office of any railroad station where public service is maintained, must be transmitted promptly, providing said message is prepaid by the sender. In no case must a message remain at the telegraph office or station unsent more than thirty minutes, except in case of accident to the lines, such as broken wire or during severe storms.

§ 3. BLANKS USED CONFORM TO ACT.] All blanks and forms used for the sending of telegrams within the state must comply with the requirements of this act and it shall be the duty of any companies doing a telegraph business for a compensation within the state to conduct their business and offices in such a manner that this act be not violated.

§ 4. PENALTY.] Any person, company or corporation or any agent of the same who shall violate any of the provisions of this act shall be subject to a fine of not less than one hundred dollars nor more than five hundred dollars, for each offense, and shall also be liable to the sender or receiver of the message on which violation was made, for all damages resulting from such delay and the criminal procedure is hereby made applicable for collecting fines under this act.

Approved March 13, 1907.

CHAPTER 247.

[H. B. No. 232—Martin of Morton]

INJURING ELECTRIC WIRES.

AN ACT to Amend Section 9312 of the Revised Codes of 1905, Making It a Misdemeanor to Injure or Obstruct Electric Wire.

Be It Enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the State of North Dakota:

§ 1. AMENDMENT.] Section 9312 of the revised codes of 1905 is amended to read as follows:

§ 9312. INJURING ELECTRIC WIRES MISDEMEANOR.] Every person who willfully or maliciously takes down, removes, injures or obstructs any line of telegraph, telephone or electric wires or any part thereof, or appurtenances or apparatus therewith connected, or severs any wire thereof, is guilty of a misdemeanor.

Approved March 12, 1907.

CHAPTER 248.

[S. B. No. 225—Leutz]

ELECTRIC CURRENT.

AN ACT Making It a Misdemeanor to Fraudulently Connect Wires or Instruments with Electric Wires or Altering Meters for the Purpose of Evading Payment for Electric Current.

Be It Enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the State of North Dakota:

§ 1. ELECTRIC CURRENT, FRAUDULENTLY USING. MISDEMEANOR.] Every person who, with intent to defraud, makes, or causes to be made, any wires or other instruments or contrivances or connection, and connects the same or causes it to be connected, with any wire laid or strung for conducting electric current, so as to

conduct or carry electric current to a point where the same may be consumed without its passing through the meter provided for registering the quantity consumed or in any manner to evade paying therefor, and every person who with like intent injures or alters any electric meter or any electrical appliance, instrument, wire or connection, or obstructs their action, is guilty of a misdemeanor.
Approved March 8, 1907.

CHAPTER 249.

[H. B. No. 286—J. A. Sorlie]

TELEPHONE LINES.

AN ACT to Prohibit the Uttering of Lascivious or Obscene Language over Telephones in this State.

Be It Enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the State of North Dakota:

§ 1. UNLAWFUL TO USE OBSCENE LANGUAGE. PENALTY.] Any person who shall utter or speak any obscene or lascivious language over any public telephone line in this state shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof before any justice of the peace, or before any county court exercising increased jurisdiction, as provided by the constitution of this state, shall be liable to a fine of not more than one hundred dollars, or imprisonment in the county jail for a period not exceeding thirty days, at the discretion of the court or magistrate before whom a conviction shall be had.

§ 2. EMERGENCY.] Whereas, an emergency exists, in that there is no provision of law forbidding the matters prohibited in this act, this law shall take effect and be in force on and after its passage and approval.

Approved March 13, 1907.

TITLES

CHAPTER 250.

[S. B. No. 77—Pierce]

“CONVEYANCE” AND “PURCHASER” DEFINED.

AN ACT to Amend Section 5039 of the Revised Codes of 1905, Relating to Conveyances.

Be It Enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the State of North Dakota:

§ 1. AMENDMENT.] Section 5039 of the revised codes of 1905, is amended to read as follows: