

amendatory, which section reads as follows, to wit: (*Vide ante*, p. 636, Sec. 31), be and the same is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

Returns to be made to the board of vital statistics.

That in any county of this state in which there is now established a county board of health and vital statistics, the returns of births, deaths and marriages now required to be made by ministers of the gospel, physicians and other persons, shall hereafter be made by such persons to said board of health and vital statistics only, and in no other manner whatever; and it shall be the duty of the clerk of such board to make annual returns of such births, deaths and marriages to the secretary of state, for which services in making such returns there shall be allowed and paid to said clerk by the board of chosen freeholders of such county, five cents for each and every name returned, upon production of a certificate from the secretary of state of the receipt by him of such returns.

Meadows.

A further supplement to an act entitled "An act to provide for the drainage of lands," approved March eighth, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-two.

P. L. 1877, p. 71.

Approved March 8, 1877.

Managers of geological survey empowered to add to, alter or amend any system or plan of drainage of land subject to overflow, &c., which has been heretofore adopted and filed.

1. That the board of managers of the geological survey may, and it shall be lawful for said board, at any time, to add to, alter, or amend any system or plan of drainage for any tract of land which is subject to overflow from freshets, or which is usually in a low, marshy, boggy, or wet condition, which said board has heretofore adopted and filed in the office of the clerk of the supreme court, or which said board shall hereafter adopt and file in the office of the clerk of the supreme court; and every such addition, alteration or amendment, after being adopted by said board and certified by the president of said board and the secretary thereof, shall be filed in the office of the clerk of the supreme court, and thereupon such addition, alteration, or amendment shall become and be a part of the system or plan of drainage to which such addition, alteration, or amendment relates, and shall be executed by the commissioners appointed by the supreme court as if such addition, alteration, or amendment had been incorporated into and formed a part of the original system or plan.

Mechanics Lien.

An act to amend an act entitled "An act to secure to mechanics and others payment for their labor and materials in erecting any building" (revision), approved March twenty-seventh, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-four.

P. L. 1877, p. 153.

Approved March 9 1877.

1. That the eleventh section of the act entitled "An act to secure to mechanics and others payment for their labor and materials in erecting any building," (revision), approved March twenty-seventh, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-four, and which is as follows: (*Vide ante*, p. 679), be amended so as to read as follows:

11. That every person intending to claim a lien upon any building or lands by virtue of this act, shall, within one year after the labor is performed or the materials furnished for which such lien is claimed, file his claim in the office of the clerk in the county where such building is situate, which claim shall contain these matters:

Lien to contain description.

I. A description of the building and of the lot or curtilage upon which the lien is claimed, and of its situation sufficient to identify the same.

Name of owners.

II. The name of the owner or owners of the estate therein on which the lien is claimed.

- III. The name of the person who contracted the debt, or for whom or at whose request the labor was performed or the materials furnished for which such lien is claimed, who shall be deemed the builder. Name of person who contracted the debt.
- IV. In claims hereafter filed a true statement of the time of the commencement of the building for which said lien is claimed, the statement of which shall be conclusive as against the claimant. Statement of time of commencement of building.
- V. A bill of particulars, exhibiting the amount and kind of labor performed and of materials furnished, and the prices at which and times when the same was performed and furnished, and giving credit for all payments made thereupon, and deductions that ought to be made therefrom, and exhibiting the balance justly due to such claimant, which statement, when the work or materials, or both, are furnished by contract, need not state the particulars of such labor or materials further than by stating generally that certain work therein stated was done by contract at a price mentioned, and such bill of particulars and statements shall be verified by the oath of the claimant or his agent in said matter, setting forth that the same is for labor done or materials furnished in the erection of the building in such claim described at the times therein specified, that the commencement of the building was at the time therein stated, and that the amount as claimed therein is justly due; and when such claim shall not be filed in the manner or within the time aforesaid, or if the time of the commencement of the building shall be wilfully or fraudulently misstated, or if the bill of particulars shall contain any wilful or fraudulent misstatement of the matters above directed to be inserted therein, the building or lands shall be free from all lien for the matters in such claim. Bill of particulars.

Militia.

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| 1. Section 1 of act of March 9, 1869, repealed. | 4. Companies, how officered. |
| 2. Proviso authorizing colored infantry repealed. | 5. Parades. Encampments. |
| 3. Name and organization of active militia. | |

Supplement to an act entitled "An act for the organization of the national guard of the state of New Jersey," approved March ninth, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-nine, and the various amendments thereto.

Approved March 9, 1877. P. L. 1877, p. 162.

1. That the first section of the act entitled "An act for the organization of the national guard of the state of New Jersey," approved March ninth, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-nine, which section is in the following words:

"1. That the active militia of this state shall be known as 'the national guard of the state of New Jersey,' and shall consist of not more than sixty companies of infantry, and such batteries (not more than two) and such cavalry companies (not more than six) as may be authorized by the commander-in-chief, to be organized into brigades, in number not more than three, and to be comprised in one division; *provided*, that each county of the state shall be entitled to at least one of said companies," be and the same is hereby repealed. Section repealed recited.

2. That the first section of the supplement to the act entitled "An act for the organization of the national guard of the state of New Jersey," approved March ninth, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-nine, which supplement was approved March twenty-first, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-two, which section is in the following words:

"1. That the first section of the act to which this is a supplement, shall be and the same is hereby amended as follows, that is to say, by striking out the words '*provided*, that each county of the state shall be entitled to one of said companies,' and inserting '*provided*, that in addition to the force now authorized, there be allowed ten additional companies of colored infantry,'" be and the same is hereby repealed. Section repealed recited.