Section 2. The common carrier issuing such re- connecting ceipt or bill of lading, or delivering such property liability. so received and transported, shall be entitled to recover from the common carrier on whose line the loss, damage, or injury shall have been sustained. the amount of such loss, damage, or injury as it may be required to pay to the owners of such property, as may be evidenced by any receipt, judgment or transcript thereof.

Passed the Senate March 1, 1945.

Passed the House March 7, 1945.

Approved by the Governor March 15, 1945.

CHAPTER 204.

[S. B. 302.]

BANKS-PUBLICATION OF DEPOSITS.

An Act providing for the semi-annual publications by all banks and banking institutions, including branches thereof; and the total amount of deposits therein on certain dates and providing that any such institutions failing so to do shall not be eligible as depositories for public funds.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

SECTION 1. Words and phrases as used in this Definitions. act shall be given the meaning as in this section defined, unless the context clearly shows a different meaning is intended.

(a) "Banks" shall mean any commercial bank- Banks. ing institution doing a commercial banking business within the State of Washington, and for the purpose of this act, each branch of any bank shall be considered as a separate institution.

(b) "Public Funds" shall mean the funds of the Public State of Washington and of each and every subdivision, municipality, county, public corporation, quasi public corporation, quasi municipal corporation, irrigation district and port district therein.

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Publication semiannually of deposits. SEC. 2. Every bank shall on or before August first of each year and February first of each year, publish in a newspaper of general circulation in the county in which such bank has its office, a statement showing the total amount of deposits in such bank as of date not more than thirty-two days prior to the publication of such notice.

Failure to comply.

SEC. 3. Every bank failing to comply with the provisions of this act shall not be eligible to receive deposits of public funds.

Passed the Senate March 2, 1945.

Passed the House March 7, 1945.

Approved by the Governor March 15, 1945.

CHAPTER 205.

[S. B. 323.]

PURCHASE OF PROPERTY FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.

An Act relating to the purchase, lease or other acquisition of surplus property of the Federal Government on behalf of the state and its political subdivisions; defining the powers and duties of the Governor and Director of Finance, Budget and Business in connection therewith; creating a surplus property purchase revolving fund; making an appropriation thereto from the general fund, and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

State department. SECTION 1. For the purposes of this act:

The term "state department" means any office, department, commission, institution or other agency of the State of Washington authorized by law to exercise any governmental authority on behalf of the state.

Political subdivision.

The term "political subdivision" means any political subdivision of the state including any county, city, town, township, port district, public utility dis-