

March 2, 1891.

CHAP. 497.—An act to prevent bookmaking and pool-selling in the District of Columbia.

Bookmaking and pool selling, etc., D. C. Prohibited within one mile of Washington or Georgetown.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That it shall be unlawful for any person or association of persons in the cities of Washington and Georgetown, in the District of Columbia, or within said District within one mile of the boundaries of said cities, to bet, gamble, or make books or pools on the result of any trotting race or running race of horses, or boat race, or race of any kind, or on any election or any contest of any kind, or game of baseball.

Penalty.

SEC. 2. That any person or association of persons violating the provisions of this act shall be fined not exceeding five hundred dollars, or be imprisoned not more than ninety days, or both, at the discretion of the court.

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CHAP. 498.—An act to amend an act entitled "An act for the relief of certain Volunteer and regular soldiers of the late war and the war with Mexico," approved March two, eighteen hundred and eighty-nine.

Removal of charge of desertion. Vol. 25, p. 869, amended.

Minors discharged by order of court.

Not to receive pay, etc.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That subdivision three of section two of the above entitled act be, and the same is amended so as to read as follows:

"Third. That such soldier was a minor, and was enlisted without the consent of his parent or guardian, and was released or discharged from such service by the order or decree of any State or United States court on habeas corpus or other judicial proceedings, and in such case such soldier shall not be entitled to any bounty or allowance, or pay for any time such soldier was not in the performance of military duty."

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CHAP. 499.—An act dedicating part of lots fourteen and fifteen, in square eight hundred and twelve, as a public alley.

Square 812, D. C. Alley in, dedicated from lots 14 and 15.

Proviso. Dedication from contiguous property.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That such parts of lots fourteen and fifteen, in square eight hundred and twelve, at the points where said lots join and abut on original lots six, seven, and twenty-eight, as shown in book seventeen, page fifty-eight, of the office of surveys for the District of Columbia, be, and the same are hereby, dedicated as a public alley: *Provided, however,* That the contiguous property and lot owners dedicate an approximate amount to make an alley of fifteen feet in width between the properties herein described.

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CHAP. 500.—An act authorizing the Commissioners to grant to the Veteran Volunteer Firemen's Association use of certain property in the city of Washington.

Veteran Volunteer Firemen's Association, D. C. Granted use of old engine house, 19th and H streets.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Commissioners of the District of Columbia be, and are hereby, authorized and directed to grant to the Veteran Volunteer Firemen's Association of the District of Columbia the use of all that part of lot eleven, in square one hundred and forty-one, in the city of Washington, and building thereon now occupied by a house used formerly as an engine-house, and described as follows: Beginning at the northwest

corner of said lot and running east thirty feet on H street; thence fifty feet south on a line parallel to Nineteenth street; thence west thirty feet to Nineteenth street, and thence north fifty feet to the beginning; the same to be used by said association as a place of meeting and for the storage of their apparatus, the same to continue during the pleasure of the Commissioners.

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CHAP. 501.—An act to authorize the Rapides Bridge Company, limited, to construct and maintain a bridge across Red River at or near Alexandria, Louisiana.

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Rapides Bridge Company, limited, a corporation created and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Louisiana, be, and is hereby, authorized to construct and maintain a highway and railway bridge across the Red River at or near the town of Alexandria, the said bridge to be so constructed as not to interfere with the navigation of said river, and to be provided with a suitable draw: *Provided,* That any bridge constructed under this act and according to its limitations shall be a lawful structure, and shall be known and recognized as a post route, and the same is hereby declared to be a post route, and the United States shall have the right of way for a postal telegraph across said bridge.

Rapides Bridge Company may bridge Red River, at Alexandria, La.

Proviso.
Lawful structure and post route.

SEC. 2. That the bridge authorized to be constructed under this act shall be located and built under and subject to such regulations for the security of the navigation of said river as the Secretary of War shall prescribe; and to secure that object the said company or corporation shall submit to the Secretary of War, for his examination and approval, a design and drawings of the proposed bridge, and a map of the location, giving, for the space of two miles above and two miles below the proposed location, the high and low water lines upon the banks of the river, the direction and strength of the currents, at all stages of the water, with the soundings, accurately showing the bed of the stream, and the location of any other bridge or bridges, such maps to be sufficiently in detail to enable the Secretary of War to judge of the proper location of said bridge, and shall furnish such other information as may be required for a full and satisfactory understanding of the subject; and until the said plan and location of the bridge are approved by the Secretary of War no work upon the bridge shall be commenced; and should any change be made in the plan of said bridge during the progress of construction, such change shall be subject to the approval of the Secretary of War.

Secretary of War to approve plans, etc.

Changes.

SEC. 3. That Congress reserves the right to alter, amend, or repeal this act at any time; and that if at any time navigation of the said river shall in any manner be obstructed or impaired by the said bridge, the Secretary of War shall have authority, and it shall be his duty, to require the said bridge company to alter and change the said bridge at its own expense, in such manner as may be proper to secure free and complete navigation without impediment; and if upon reasonable notice to said bridge company to make such change or improvements the said company fails to do so, the Secretary of War shall have authority to make the same at the expense of said company, and all the rights conferred by this act shall be forfeited; and Congress shall have power to do any and all things necessary to secure the free navigation of the river.

Amendment, etc.

Alterations, etc.

SEC. 4. That said company shall be permitted to charge and take such rates of toll for crossing said bridge as may be reasonable, subject to the approval of the Secretary of War.

Toll.