

and the facts learned entered in permanent records, in which shall also be noted the subsequent history of each child, so far as it can be ascertained.

Records. SEC. 7. That the Commissioners of the District shall have authority to prescribe the form of records to be kept by the board of guardians, and the methods to be employed by them in paying bills and auditing accounts; and an annual report of its operations hereunder shall be made by the board to the superintendent of charities. The superintendent of charities shall have full powers of investigation and report regarding all branches of the work of the board, as well as over all institutions in which children are placed by the board; and it shall be his duty to recommend annually the appropriations which in his judgment are necessary to the carrying on of its work.

Approved, July 26, 1892.

July 26, 1892.

**CHAP. 251.**—An act to amend Section two of an act approved May fourteenth, eighteen hundred and eighty, being "An act for the relief of settlers on public lands."

Public lands.  
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*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That section two of an act approved May fourteenth, eighteen hundred and eighty, entitled "An act for the relief of settlers on public lands," be, and the same is hereby, amended so as to read as follows:

Notice to contestant of relinquishment of contestee's claim.

"SEC. 2. In all cases where any person has contested, paid the land-office fees, and procured the cancellation of any pre-emption, homestead, or timber-culture entry, he shall be notified by the register of the land office of the district in which such land is situated of such cancellation, and shall be allowed thirty days from date of such notice to enter said lands: *Provided*, That said register shall be entitled to a fee of one dollar for the giving of such notice, to be paid by the contestant and not to be reported: *Provided further*, That should any such person who has initiated a contest die before the final termination of the same, said contest shall not abate by reason thereof, but his heirs who are citizens of the United States, may continue the prosecution under such rules and regulations as the Secretary of the Interior may prescribe, and said heirs shall be entitled to the same rights under this act that contestant would have been if his death had not occurred.

*Proviso.*

Fee.

Death of contestant not to abate rights.

Approved, July 26, 1892.

July 26, 1892.

**CHAP. 252.**—An act to amend an act entitled "An act to incorporate the Brightwood Railway Company of the District of Columbia."

Brightwood Railway Company.

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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 charter granted to the Brightwood Railway Company by an act of Congress approved October eighteenth, eighteen hundred and eighty-eight, be, and the same is, amended as follows:

To use overhead electric power.

"That within six months from the date of the approval of this act, the said Brightwood Railway Company shall equip and operate its existing line with the overhead trolley system of electric motive power, and shall thereafter maintain the road in first-class condition. That the road shall be supplied entirely with new cars of the most approved pattern, which shall be run as the public convenience shall require, but not less frequently than one car every fifteen minutes from each end of the line, between five o'clock ante meridian and twelve o'clock midnight.

Equipment.

Extension of tracks.

"SEC. 2. That within twelve months from the date of the approval of this act the said Brightwood Railway Company shall extend its tracks to the District line, as provided in the original charter of said company, and shall operate the new portion of the line in the same manner and under the same conditions as hereinbefore provided for the

operation of those portions of the road already built. The said company shall also construct and maintain a branch line, beginning at a point, to be located by the Commissioners of the District of Columbia, west of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad track on Fifth street in Takoma Park; thence along Fifth street to Umatilla street; thence west along Umatilla street to and across Piney Branch road, and thence to Brightwood avenue by such route as the Commissioners of the District of Columbia shall approve. Said branch line shall be operated by the overhead trolley system; and when the company lays its double track from Brightwood to Takoma Park said tracks shall be laid on one side of the said road; the cars used shall be first-class in every respect, and the schedule of the running of cars shall be subject to the approval of the District Commissioners, but cars shall be run as often as one every fifteen minutes between the hours of five o'clock ante meridian and twelve o'clock midnight. Work on the said branch road shall be begun within two months and completed, with cars running thereon, within one year from the date of the approval of this act.

Branch line.

Commencement and completion.

"SEC. 3. That in the event that the company should not be able to come to an agreement with the owner or owners of any land through which the said road may be located to pass, or upon which any necessary buildings may be required to be located, proceedings for the condemnation for the use of the company of so much of said land as may be required, not exceeding one hundred feet in width, for its roadway, and of so much as may be necessary for buildings, and so forth, may be instituted in the usual way in the supreme court of the District of Columbia, under such rules and regulations as said court may prescribe for such purposes.

Condemnation proceedings for right of way, etc.

"SEC. 4. That any failure to comply with any of the provisions of this act shall work a forfeiture of the original charter of the said Brightwood Railway Company. All acts or parts of acts inconsistent with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed.

Forfeiture on failure to comply.

"SEC. 5. That Congress reserves the right to alter, amend, or repeal this act."

Amendment, etc.

Approved, July 26, 1892.

**CHAP. 253.**—An act to amend "An act to authorize the construction of a bridge across the Tennessee River at or near Knoxville, Tennessee," approved August ninth, eighteen hundred and eighty-eight.

July 26, 1892.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the time for the commencement of the bridge authorized by an act entitled "An act to authorize the construction of a bridge across the Tennessee River at or near Knoxville, Tennessee," approved August the ninth, eighteen hundred and eighty-eight, be, and the same is hereby, extended one year from this passage of this act, and that the time for the completion of said bridge be extended three years from the same date.

Bridge across Tennessee River at Knoxville, Tenn. Vol. 25, p. 395.

Time for construction extended.

Approved, July 26, 1892.

**CHAP. 254.**—An act to authorize and direct the Secretary of the Treasury to pay over certain moneys to the State of South Carolina, as prescribed by the act of August thirtieth, eighteen hundred and ninety, entitled "An act to apply a portion of the proceeds of the public lands to the more complete endowment and support of the colleges for the benefit of agriculture and the mechanic arts established under the provisions of an act of Congress approved July second, eighteen hundred and sixty-two."

July 26, 1892.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed, notwithstanding the adverse report of the Secretary of the Interior, to pay over to the

South Carolina. To be paid allotment for agricultural colleges.