

Penalty for noncompliance by clerk of court.

SEC. 10. That if the clerk of the supreme court of the District of Columbia shall neglect or refuse to comply with the provisions of this Act he shall, upon conviction, be fined not less than twenty-five dollars, nor more than five hundred dollars, in the discretion of the court.

Record of marriages. R. S. D. C., sec. 723, p. 86, amended.

SEC. 11. That the clerk shall provide a record book of his office, in which shall be filed in the order of their number the certificates upon their return to said office, corresponding to said record book of licenses issued, and a copy of any license and certificate of marriage so kept and recorded and certified by the clerk under his hand and the seal of the court shall be competent evidence of the marriage.

Effect.

SEC. 12. That this Act take effect from and after thirty days from the approval thereof.

Inconsistent laws repealed.

SEC. 13. That sections four, five, six, eight, nine, ten, fifteen, sixteen, and seventeen, in chapter thirty, of the compiled statutes now in force in the District of Columbia, and all laws or parts of laws heretofore in force in this District inconsistent with or in conflict with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed.

Approved, May 13, 1896.

May 14, 1896.

CHAP. 179.—An Act To amend the Act approved March third, eighteen hundred and ninety-one, granting the right of way upon the public lands for reservoir and canal purposes.

Public lands. Right of way, tramroads, etc. Vol. 27, p. 635.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Act entitled "An Act to permit the use of the right of way through the public lands for tramroads, canals, and reservoirs, and for other purposes," approved January twenty-first, eighteen hundred and ninety-five, be, and the same is hereby, amended by adding thereto the following:*

Extended to electric power companies.

"SEC. 2. That the Secretary of the Interior be, and hereby is, authorized and empowered, under general regulations to be fixed by him, to permit the use of right of way to the extent of twenty-five feet, together with the use of necessary ground, not exceeding forty acres, upon the public lands and forest reservations of the United States, by any citizen or association of citizens of the United States, for the purposes of generating, manufacturing, or distributing electric power."

Approved, May 14, 1896.

May 15, 1896.

CHAP. 181.—An Act To permit Rene C. Baughman to lay pipes in a certain street in the city of Washington.

District of Columbia. Petroleum pipe line permitted.

*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 are hereby authorized to grant to Rene C. Baughman permission to lay pipes for the transmission of petroleum and its products in the following-named streets in said city of Washington, to wit: From north block numbered six hundred and ninety-seven along the unpaved portion of Half street southeast, a distance of three thousand feet in a southerly direction to the Eastern Branch of the Potomac River; the said pipe line shall be laid under such regulations and rentals as the Commissioners of the District of Columbia may make in relation thereto.*

Amendment.

SEC. 2. That Congress reserves the right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act.

Approved, May 15, 1896.

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CHAP. 182.—An Act Authorizing the Secretary of War to make certain uses of national military parks.

Military parks. Use by Army and Militia permitted.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That in order to obtain practical benefits of great value to the country from the establishment of national military parks, said parks and their approaches are hereby*

declared to be national fields for military maneuvers for the Regular Army of the United States and the National Guard or Militia of the States: *Provided*, That the said parks shall be opened for such purposes only in the discretion of the Secretary of War, and under such regulations as he may prescribe.

*Proviso.*  
Regulations.

SEC. 2. That the Secretary of War is hereby authorized, within the limits of appropriations which may from time to time be available for such purpose, to assemble, at his discretion, in camp at such season of the year and for such period as he may designate, at such field of military maneuvers, such portions of the military forces of the United States as he may think best, to receive military instruction there. The Secretary of War is further authorized to make and publish regulations governing the assembling of the National Guard or Militia of the several States upon the maneuvering grounds, and he may detail instructors from the Regular Army for such forces during their exercises.

Annual instruction  
camps.

Approved, May 15, 1896.

**CHAP. 191.**—An Act Constituting Syracuse, New York, a port of delivery.

May 18, 1896.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That Syracuse, in the State of New York, be, and is hereby, constituted a port of delivery, and that the privileges of immediate transportation of dutiable merchandise conferred by the seventh section of the Act of June tenth, eighteen hundred and eighty, entitled "An Act to amend the statutes in relation to immediate transportation of dutiable goods, and for other purposes," be, and the same are hereby, extended to said port; and there shall be appointed a surveyor of customs to reside at said port, who shall receive a salary, to be determined by the Secretary of the Treasury, not exceeding one thousand dollars per annum.

Syracuse, N. Y.  
Made port of delivery and given immediate transportation privileges.

Vol. 21, p. 174.

Surveyor.

Approved, May 18, 1896.

**CHAP. 192.**—An Act To provide a life-saving station at or near Point Bonita, at the Golden Gate, in the State of California.

May 18, 1896.

*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 is hereby authorized to establish a life-saving station at or near Point Bonita, at the Golden Gate, in the State of California.

Point Bonita, Cal.  
Life-saving station established.

Approved, May 18, 1896.

**CHAP. 193.**—An Act Authorizing the county of Navajo, Territory of Arizona, to issue bonds for the construction of a court-house and jail at the county seat thereof.

May 18, 1896.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the board of supervisors of the county of Navajo, Territory of Arizona, be, and are hereby, authorized to issue bonds of said county not exceeding fifteen thousand dollars in amount, payable in not less than five, nor more than twenty years, and bearing interest at a rate not exceeding six per centum per annum, interest and principal payable in lawful money of the United States, interest payable semiannually, and which said bonds shall not be sold for less than par, for the construction of a court-house and jail at the county seat of said county: *Provided*, That a vote of the duly qualified electors of said county shall first be taken upon the question of the issue of the bonds under the provisions of this Act, which election shall be held in all respects as required by the general election laws of the Territory of Arizona, and unless a majority of the qualified electors of said county shall vote at said election for the issue of bonds as in this Act provided, said bonds shall not be issued.

Navajo County,  
Ariz.  
Issue of bonds authorized.

*Proviso.*  
Election to decide.

Approved, May 18, 1896.