

May 19, 1896.

**CHAP. 203.**—An Act To permit the Pintsch Compressing Company to lay pipes in certain streets in the city of Washington.

District of Columbia.  
Pintsch Compressing Company may lay pipes.

*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 the Pintsch Compressing Company, a corporation organized under the laws of the State of New Jersey, and having a plant located in square two hundred and sixty-nine in said city, permission to lay pipes for the distribution of the gas manufactured at its plant for the purpose of furnishing light to railway cars and the gas buoys of the United States Light-House Board in the following-named streets in said city of Washington, to wit: From the works or plant of said company in square two hundred and sixty-nine along Maryland avenue to Sixth street west; thence along Sixth street to the Baltimore and Potomac Railroad depot; also continuing along Maine avenue to Third street west, and thence along Third street to B street north, thence along B street north to First street west, thence along First street west to Indiana avenue, and thence along Indiana avenue to the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad depot, and also across Thirteenth and E streets to the yards of the Southern Railway; also from their said plant or station along Thirteenth-and-a-half street southwest, or along such other street or streets as agreed upon, to the Potomac River; that said pipe lines shall be laid under the direction of the Commissioners of the District of Columbia.

Location.

Security for compliance with permit.

**SEC. 2.** That said Pintsch Compressing Company shall furnish said Commissioners with bond or bonds or such other security as they may require to guarantee the strict compliance with the permit that may be granted said company, and to insure the complete restoration of all pavements and other public or private property disturbed in laying said pipe line as aforesaid.

Relaying, etc.

**SEC. 3.** That said Pintsch Compressing Company shall also lower or relay any pipes whenever directed to do so by said Commissioners by reason of a change in the grade of the streets or the construction of any public works therein.

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**CHAP. 204.**—An Act Amending the statutes relating to the sale of printed copies of patents.

Patent Office.  
Sale of copies of specifications, etc.  
R. S., sec. 493, p. 82, amended.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That section four hundred and ninety-three of the Revised Statutes be, and the same hereby is, amended by striking out the words "within the limits of ten cents as the minimum and fifty cents as the maximum price," in lines three and four, and substituting in lieu thereof, "Provided, That the maximum cost of a copy shall be ten cents," so that the section so amended shall read as follows:

Cost of uncertified copies reduced.

"**SEC. 493.** The price to be paid for uncertified printed copies of specifications and drawings of patents shall be determined by the Commissioner of Patents: *Provided,* That the maximum cost of a copy shall be ten cents."

Proviso.  
Maximum.

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**CHAP. 205.**—An Act To authorize and regulate the sale of unclaimed freight, baggage, and other property in the District of Columbia.

District of Columbia.  
Unclaimed freight, etc.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That whenever any freight, baggage, or other property transported by a common carrier to, or deposited with a common carrier at, any point in the District of Columbia, shall remain unclaimed by the owner or consignee, or the charges

thereon shall remain unpaid, for the space of six months after arrival at the point to which the same shall have been directed or transported, or after deposit as aforesaid, and the owner or person to whom the same is consigned, or by whom the same shall have been deposited, shall, after notice of such arrival, or after notice to take away such property so deposited, neglect or refuse to receive the same and pay the charges thereon within such period of six months, then it shall be lawful for such carrier to sell such freight, baggage, or other property at public auction, after giving three weeks' notice of the time and place of sale, once a week for three successive weeks, in a newspaper published in the District of Columbia.

Sale by common carrier for charges.

SEC. 2. That upon the application of such carrier, verified by affidavit, to the supreme court of the District of Columbia holding a special term, setting forth that the place of residence of the owner or consignee of any such freight, baggage, or other property is unknown, or that such freight, baggage, or other property is of such perishable nature, or so damaged, or showing any other cause that shall render it impracticable to give the notice or delay the sale for the period provided in the first section of this Act, then it shall be lawful for such court to make an order authorizing the sale of such freight, baggage, or other property upon such terms as to notice as the nature of the case may admit of, and to such court shall seem meet: *Provided*, That in case of perishable property the affidavit and proceedings required and authorized by this section may be had before a justice of the peace.

Sales by order of court.

*Proviso.*  
Perishable property.

SEC. 3. That the residue of moneys arising from any such sale, under either the first or second section of this Act, after deducting the amount of charges, including charges for transportation, the cost of handling and storage, demurrage, and the costs and expenses of proceedings to authorize the sale, and of advertising and sale, shall be paid to the owner of such freight, baggage, or other property, on demand.

Proceeds of sales.

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CHAP. 206.—An Act To provide for the drainage of lots in the District of Columbia.

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*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That each original lot or subdivisional lot situated on any street in the District of Columbia where there is a public sewer shall be connected with said sewer in such manner that any and all of the drainage of such lot, whether water or liquid refuse of any kind, except human urine and fecal matter, shall flow into said sewer; and if such original lot or subdivisional lot is situated on any street in said District where there is a public sewer and water main, such original lot or subdivisional lot shall be connected with said sewer and also with said water main in such manner that any and all of the drainage of such lot, whether water or liquid refuse of any kind shall flow into said sewer: *Provided*, That the connections required to be made by this Act shall be made under the following conditions: When there is on any such original lot or subdivisional lot aforesaid any building used or intended to be used as a dwelling, or in which persons are employed or intended to be employed in any manufacture, trade, or business, or any stable, shed, pen, or place where cows, horses, mules, or other animals are kept, then, and in that instance, such original lot or subdivisional lot shall be connected with a public sewer and water main or with a public sewer, as may be required with this Act; and whenever there is no such building, stable, shed, pen, or place, as aforesaid, on such original lot or subdivisional lot, then such lot shall be required to be connected with a public sewer only when it has been certified by the health officer of said District that such connection is necessary to public health.

District of Columbia.  
Drainage of lots required.  
Sewer connections.

Sewer and water connections.

*Proviso.*  
All buildings to connect with sewer, etc.

Vacant lots.

SEC. 2. That it shall be the duty of the Commissioners of said District to notify the owner or owners of every lot required by this Act to be

Notification to owner.