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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Inconsistent laws repealed.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laws heretofore in force in this District inconsistent with or in conflict with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed.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.

Location.

Amendment.

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

Approved, May 15, 1896.

May 15, 1896.

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