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loss of or injury to books, and to establish all other needful rules and regulations for the management of the library as the said board shall deem proper. The said board of trustees shall appoint a librarian to have the care and superintendence of said library, who shall be responsible to the board of trustees for the impartial enforcement of all rules and regulations lawfully established in relation to said library. The said librarian shall appoint such assistants as the board shall deem necessary to the proper conduct of the library. The said board of library trustees shall make an annual report to the Commissioners of the District of Columbia relative to the management of the said library.

Librarian, etc.

Annual report.

SEC. 5. That said library shall be located in some convenient place in the city of Washington to be designated by the Commissioners of the District of Columbia upon the recommendation of the trustees of said library: *Provided*, That in any municipal building to be hereafter erected in said District suitable provision shall be made for said library and reading room sufficient to accommodate not less than one hundred thousand volumes.

Location.

Proviso. Public building.

Approved, June 3, 1896.

CHAP. 316.—An Act For the relief of settlers on the Northern Pacific Railroad indemnity lands.

June 3, 1896.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That those persons, their heirs, or legal representatives, who, between the fifteenth day of August, anno Domini eighteen hundred and eighty-seven, and the first day of January, anno Domini eighteen hundred and eighty-nine, settled upon and made final proof and entry, under the homestead or preemption laws, of lands within the so-called second indemnity belt of the Northern Pacific Railway Company's grant in the State of Minnesota, which entries were afterwards, without their fault, canceled, upon establishing these facts before the register and receiver of the local land office, in such mode and under such rules as may be prescribed by the Secretary of the Interior, shall be allowed to make final homestead entry, and receive a patent therefor, of a quantity of land of any of the unappropriated public lands of the United States subject to homestead entry, equal in acreage to the land proved up and entered in the said second indemnity belt, as aforesaid, without being required to make any settlement or improvement upon or cultivation of such land so entered prior to such entry; and those persons, their heirs or legal representatives, who, within the period aforesaid for the space of six months settled upon, improved, and cultivated any of said indemnity lands with a view of entering the same under the homestead or preemption laws, being competent to make such entries, and who were not permitted to make such entries, upon establishing these facts before the register and receiver of the local land office, in such mode and under such rules as the Secretary of the Interior may prescribe, shall be allowed to enter under the homestead laws of the United States a quantity of land of the unappropriated public lands of the United States, subject to homestead entry, equal in amount to the land settled upon, improved, and cultivated, as aforesaid, and under the homestead entry so made, shall, when making proof and final entry, receive credit for the settlement, improvement, and cultivation made upon the said indemnity land as aforesaid: *Provided*, That the law in force in eighteen hundred and eighty-nine governing the commutation of homestead entries shall apply to the commutation of entries under this section.

Public lands. Settlers on Northern Pacific second indemnity grant, Minnesota, allowed other lands for canceled entries.

Allowance for entries not completed.

Proviso. Commutations permitted.

SEC. 2. That those who are entitled to make the homestead entries prescribed in the preceding section may make such entries of any of the agricultural lands embraced in the provisions of an Act entitled "An Act for the relief and civilization of the Chippewa Indians in the State of Minnesota," approved January fourteenth, eighteen hundred

Entries on Chippewa lands.

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and eighty-nine, upon condition of paying for such lands the price prescribed in said Act.

Rights not assignable.

SEC. 3. That the right of homestead entry conferred by the provisions of this Act shall not be assignable, and no conveyance, sale, or transfer of the land so entered shall be valid or of any effect if made before patent has issued.

Approved, June 3, 1896.

June 3, 1896.

CHAP. 317.—An Act To amend an Act entitled "An Act to incorporate the Washington and Great Falls Electric Railway Company."

District of Columbia. Washington and Great Falls Electric Railway Company. Vol. 27, p. 326; Vol. 28, p. 492.

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 incorporate the Washington and Great Falls Electric Railway Company," approved July twenty-ninth, eighteen hundred and ninety-two, and the amendment thereto approved August twenty-third, eighteen hundred and ninety-four, be, and the same are hereby, amended as follows:

Section one shall be amended to read as follows, commencing with the word "beginning," in line seventeen:

Route modified.
Location.

"Beginning at a passenger station to be erected and maintained on the square bounded by Prospect, Thirty-fifth, M, and Thirty-sixth streets northwest, as hereinafter provided for; thence westerly along Prospect street to or near Thirty-eighth street northwest; thence westerly and northerly on land to be acquired, except at street crossings, by said company, to and across the Foxhall road; thence westerly along the top of the bluff on the north side of the Canal road, and outside and south of the southern boundary of the land of the Washington Aqueduct pertaining to the distributing reservoir, to a point on said boundary not more than six hundred feet from the western boundary of said land; thence across said land, but at no point less than two hundred feet from the outer crest of the dam of said reservoir, to said western boundary; thence westwardly on a route exterior to and on the south side of the land of the United States pertaining to the Conduit road to the land of the said aqueduct pertaining to the receiving reservoir; thence through said land to a point on the land of said aqueduct near the westerly foot of Dalecarlia Hill; thence westwardly on a route exterior to and on the south side of the land of the United States pertaining to the Conduit road, except in the vicinity of Washington Aqueduct boundary stone numbered thirty-one, as hereinafter described, to Cabin John Creek, returning thence along the same line, by return tracks to the place of beginning, with the privilege of constructing a

Branch lines.
To Chain Bridge.

branch line, with a single or double track, from the Conduit road lands south to Chain Bridge, and a branch line north, beginning and connecting at a point on its main line, about opposite said Chain Bridge; thence running northerly on land to be acquired by said corporation to the Conduit road; thence across the Conduit road at right angles and on the grade of this road; thence northerly on land to be acquired by said corporation, except across and along streets, where necessary, to a point

To Tennallytown road.
Loop.

on the Georgetown and Tenallytown Railway at or near the junction of the Loughboro road with the River road. Also, beginning and connecting on Thirty-seventh street northwest at its junction with Prospect avenue; thence north along Thirty-seventh street one hundred and twenty feet; thence easterly on land to be acquired by said corporation two hundred and forty feet; thence southerly on land to be acquired by said corporation one hundred and twenty feet to Prospect avenue and

Provisos.
But one road parallel to Conduit road.

to connect with its present tracks: *Provided*, That there shall be but one railway parallel to and near the Conduit road; and wherever the route specified in this Act is parallel with or coincides with the route

Use of same tracks.
Penalty for violation.

of any other railway the two companies shall maintain and use but one set of double tracks, and any violation of this provision by the said Washington and Great Falls Electric Railway Company shall operate