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provided for in section one of this Act said Commissioners are also empowered to issue temporary permits for the erection and maintenance of poles and overhead conductors in places where the lines are ultimately to be placed underground, where the work can not be immediately done because of the greater urgency of work in other localities, or for other reasons satisfactory to said Commissioners; but in issuing such temporary permits said Commissioners shall bear in mind the purpose and policy of this Act, which is to cause to be removed from the streets and avenues within the said limits described in section one of this Act all poles and wires attached thereto, except as hereinbefore provided, as expeditiously as may be without interfering with or impairing the efficiency of the telegraph service in said District and without denying to the public reasonable telegraph facilities.

Conduits, etc., in parks and reservations.

SEC. 4a. That any officer of the United States Government charged with the care, maintenance, and supervision of any public park or reservation may grant permission to any company or corporation now or hereafter maintaining and operating a telegraph plant or system in said District, upon application being made therefor, to construct conduits, subsidiaries, or manholes in said park or reservation, under such reasonable regulations as said officer may prescribe, unless, in the judgment of said officer, said construction will result in injury to the United States or its properties.

Regulations.

SEC. 5. That all subways, conduits, manholes, and overhead lines constructed or erected under the provisions of this Act shall be subject to such reasonable regulations as the Commissioners of the District of Columbia may from time to time prescribe as to inspection, location, character of conduit construction, and height of poles and wires: *Provided*, That in all underground conduits so constructed such space shall be furnished to the said District of Columbia and the United States as may be necessary for their telegraph, fire-alarm, and police-patrol wires or cables carrying low potential currents of electricity, free of charge: *And provided further*, That the number of ducts so reserved in any one conduit shall not be more than two.

Provisos.
Fire alarm, etc., wires.

Maximum ducts reserved.

Repairs and renewals outside fire limits.

SEC. 6. That the said Commissioners are empowered to authorize any such company or corporation now or hereafter owning and operating lines of street poles and wires, and any alley poles or alley-pole line or house-top wires within the said District and outside of the limits described in section one of this Act to continue to maintain the same, with such repairs and renewals as may be necessary to keep them in good order and condition of repair, and to add thereto such poles and wires as may be necessary for their telegraphic purposes.

Amendment.

Prior rights not affected.
R.S., sec. 5263, p. 1019.

SEC. 7. That Congress reserves the right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act, but nothing herein shall abridge or lessen the rights granted telegraph companies under title sixty-five, section fifty-two hundred and sixty-three and the following, United States Revised Statutes.

Government ownership.

SEC. 8. That if at any time the District of Columbia or the National Government shall acquire, by purchase, condemnation proceedings, or otherwise, the property of any telegraph company in the District of Columbia, nothing shall then be paid for the rights accorded under this bill to build and lay such conduits.

Approved, March 3, 1905.

March 3, 1905.
[S. 5094.]
[Public, No. 149.]

CHAP. 1416.—An Act To promote the efficiency of the reserve militia and to encourage rifle practice among the members thereof.

Reserve militia.
Sale of army rifles to States and Territories for use of, authorized.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of War is hereby authorized to sell, at the prices at which they are listed for the Army, upon the request of the governors of the several States and

Territories, such magazine rifles belonging to the United States as are not necessary for the equipment of the Army and the organized militia, for the use of rifle clubs formed under regulations prepared by the national board for the promotion of rifle practice and approved by the Secretary of War.

Sale ammunition ordnance stores, etc. Vol. 32, p. 778.

SEC. 2. That the Secretary of War is hereby authorized in his discretion to sell to the several States and Territories, as prescribed in section seventeen of the Act approved January twenty-first, nineteen hundred and three, for the use of said clubs, ammunition, ordnance stores, and equipments of the Government standard at the prices at which they are listed for the Army. The practice of the rifle clubs herein provided shall be carried on in conformity to regulations prescribed by the national board for the promotion of rifle practice, approved by the Secretary of War, and the results thereof shall be filed in the office of the Military Secretary of the Army.

Rifle practice.

Approved, March 3, 1905.

CHAP. 1417.—An Act Providing for the resurvey of township nineteen north, range six east, Montana meridian, Cascade County, State of Montana.

March 3, 1905. [S. 5203.]

[Public, No. 150.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized to cause to be made a resurvey of the lands in township numbered nineteen north, in range numbered six east, Montana meridian, in Cascade County, in the State of Montana; and all rules and regulations of the Interior Department requiring petitions from all settlers of said county asking for resurvey and agreement to abide by the result of the same so far as these lands are concerned are hereby abrogated: *Provided*, That nothing herein contained shall be so construed as to impair the present bona fide claim of any actual occupant of any of said lands to the lands so occupied.

Public lands. Resurvey of township 19, range 6, Cascade County, Mont., authorized.

Petitions of all settlers not required.

Proviso. Bona fide claims not affected.

Approved, March 3, 1905.

CHAP. 1418.—An Act To provide for an additional judge of the district court of the United States for the district of New Jersey.

March 3, 1905. [S. 5768.]

[Public, No. 151.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, shall appoint an additional judge of the district court of the United States for the district of New Jersey, who shall reside in said district, and who shall possess the same powers, perform the same duties, and receive the same salary as the present district judge of said district.

United States Courts. New Jersey judicial district. Additional judge.

Approved, March 3, 1905.

CHAP. 1419.—An Act To provide for circuit and district courts of the United States at Selma and Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

March 3, 1905. [S. 6232.]

[Public, No. 152.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the northern division of the southern judicial district of the State of Alabama is hereby established, composed of the counties of Dallas, Hale, Marengo, Perry, and Wilcox. And all other counties now in the southern judicial district of the State of Alabama shall constitute the southern division

United States Courts. Alabama southern judicial district. Northern division established. R. S., sec. 582, p. 89.