

SEC. 14. That it shall not be lawful for any person or persons within the limits of the District of Columbia to kindle or set on fire, or be present, aiding, consenting, or causing it to be done, in any street, avenue, road, or highway, alley, open ground, or lot, any box, barrel, straw, shavings, or other combustible, between the setting and rising of the sun; and, any person offending against the provisions of this act shall on conviction thereof, forfeit and pay a sum not exceeding ten dollars for each and every offense.

Kindling bonfires
forbidden.

Penalty.

SEC. 15. That the provisions of the several laws and regulations within the District of Columbia for the protection of public or private property and the preservation of peace and order be, and the same are hereby, extended to all public buildings and public grounds belonging to the United States within the District of Columbia. And any person guilty of disorderly and unlawful conduct in or about the same, or who shall willfully injure the buildings or shrubs, or shall pull down, impair, or otherwise injure any fence, wall, or other inclosure, or shall injure any sink, culvert, pipe, hydrant, cistern, lamp, or bridge, or shall remove any stone, gravel, sand, or other property of the United States, or any other part of the public grounds or lots belonging to the United States in the District of Columbia, shall, upon conviction thereof, be fined not more than fifty dollars.

Laws, etc., for protecting property extended to public buildings and grounds.

Disorderly conduct, etc., in public buildings and grounds.

Penalty.

SEC. 16. That if any person shall drive or lead any horse, mule, or other animal, or any cart, wagon, or other carriage whatever on any of the paved or graveled footways now made or which may hereafter be made in and on any of the aforesaid public grounds, or shall ride thereon, except at the intersection of streets, alleys, and avenues, each and every such offender shall forfeit and pay for each offense a sum not less than one nor more than five dollars.

Driving or riding on footways in public grounds forbidden.

SEC. 17. That it shall not be lawful for any person or persons to play the game of football, or any other game with a ball, in any of the streets, avenues, or alleys in the cities of Washington and Georgetown; nor shall it be lawful for any person or persons to play the game of bandy, shindy, or any other game by which a ball, stone, or other substance is struck or propelled by any stick, cane, or other substance in any street, avenue, or alley in the cities of Washington and Georgetown, under a penalty of not more than five dollars for each and every such offense.

Playing games of ball in streets, etc., forbidden.

Penalty.

SEC. 18. That all prosecutions for violations of any of the provisions of any of the laws or ordinances provided for by this act shall be conducted in the name of and for the benefit of the District of Columbia, and in the same manner as now provided by law for the prosecution of offenses against the laws and ordinances of the said District. Any person convicted of any violation of any of the provisions of this act, and who shall fail to pay the fine or penalty imposed, or to give security where the same is required, shall be committed to the workhouse in the District of Columbia for a term not exceeding six months for each and every offense.

Prosecutions in name and benefit of the District.

Committal on failure to pay fine.

SEC. 19. That all laws or ordinances, or parts of laws or ordinances, now in force in the District of Columbia inconsistent with the provisions of this act, or any part thereof, are hereby repealed.

Repeal.

Approved, July 29, 1892.

CHAP. 321.—An act to provide for semi-annual statements by foreign corporations doing business in the District of Columbia.

July 29, 1892.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That any insurance company, building association or company, banking company, savings institution, or other company or association advertising for or receiving premiums, deposits, or dues for membership, incorporated under the laws of any other State, Territory, or foreign government, and transacting

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business within the District of Columbia, shall publish in at least two daily papers printed in the District of Columbia semi-annually, during the months of March and September of each year, a full statement, under oath, showing their capital stock and the amount paid in on account of the same, assets, liabilities, debts, deposits, dividends and dues, as well as their current expenses during six months ending January and July preceding.

Penalty for failure.

Proviso.
Fraternal, etc., so-
cieties excepted.

SEC. 2. That any such company, association, or institution failing to publish statements as required by the first section of this act shall forfeit its right to do business in said District, and thereupon it shall be the duty of said Commissioners to revoke its license or permit to do business in said District: *Provided*, That fraternal beneficiary associations or societies doing business on the lodge plan and paying death benefits be exempted from the provisions of this act.

Approved, July 29, 1892.

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CHAP. 322.—An act to incorporate the Washington and Great Falls Electric Railway Company.

Washington and
Great Falls Electric
Railway Company in-
corporated.
Incorporators.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That W. C. Codd, and James F. Morrison, of the State of Maryland, and James L. Barbour, James Robbins, Smith Pettit, John G. Slater, Edwin Baltzley, Edward Baltzley, J. P. Clark, Simson De. F. Jennings, and Edward B. Cottrell, of the District of Columbia, and their associates and successors, are hereby created a body politic and corporate, in fact and in law, by the name of the Washington and Great Falls Electric Railway Company, and by that name shall have perpetual succession, and shall be able to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, defend and be defended in all courts of law and equity, and may make and have a common seal, and alter the same at their pleasure; and the said corporation is hereby authorized to locate, construct, equip, maintain, and operate a continuous line of single or double track railway, and all necessary sidings, stations, switches, turn-outs, and other devices, and to operate the same by electricity through and along the following named streets, avenues, and roads, to wit: Beginning at a point, to be located by the Commissioners of the District of Columbia, west of the north end of the Aqueduct Bridge, and running thence west over the Canal road on an elevated railway of iron columns and beams, with wood cross-ties and guards, to be built so as not to interfere with the use of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal and so as to preserve to the public the full use of the Canal road. The said company shall submit the plans of said elevated railway to the Commissioners of the District of Columbia for their approval, and no work shall be done on said railway by said company before such approval in writing. In respect of everything that may pertain to the strength of the structure and to the safety and convenience of the public the construction and operating of said elevated railway shall at all times be subject to the control and approval of the said Commissioners, and the said company shall make good to the District of Columbia all damages done by it or by its contracting agents to the Canal road and other roads belonging to the District of Columbia, and shall also make good to the District of Columbia all the costs of inspection of the company's work by the authorized agents of the said District. In respect of everything that may pertain to the safety of the United States water mains in the Canal road, the plans, the construction, and the operating of said elevated railway shall be subject to the control and approval of the Secretary of War. For the safety of travel on said Canal road, and before commencing to run its cars on said elevated railway, and subject to the inspection and approval of the Commissioners of the

May construct elec-
tric railway.

Route.
Elevated roads.

District Commis-
sioners to approve
plans, etc.

Safety of water
mains.

Wall on Canal road.