

become vested in the city of Little Rock upon the express trust and condition that said grounds shall be forever exclusively devoted to the uses and purposes of a public park for said city.

Approved, April 23, 1892.

CHAP. 53.—An act to authorize the appointment of an inspector of plumbing in the District of Columbia, and for other purposes.

April 23, 1892.

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 and their successors be, and they hereby are, authorized and empowered to make, modify, and enforce regulations governing plumbing, house drainage, and the ventilation, preservation, and maintenance in good order of house sewers and public sewers in the District of Columbia, and also regulations governing the examination, registration, and licensing of plumbers and the practice of the business of plumbing in said District; and any person who shall neglect or refuse to comply with the requirements of the provisions of said regulations after ten days' notice of the specific thing required to be done thereunder, within the time limited by the Commissioners for doing such work, or as the said time may be extended by said Commissioners, shall upon conviction thereof be punishable by a fine of not more than two hundred dollars for each and every such offense, or in default of payment of fine, to imprisonment not to exceed thirty days.

District of Columbia. Commissioners to enforce plumbing regulations.

Penalty for not complying.

SEC. 2. That the said Commissioners and their successors be, and they hereby are, authorized and empowered to require every person licensed to practice the business of plumbing in the District of Columbia, before engaging in the said business, to file a bond in such amount not exceeding the sum of two thousand dollars and with such number of sureties as the said Commissioners shall determine, conditioned upon the faithful performance of all work in compliance with the plumbing regulations, and that the District of Columbia shall be kept harmless from the consequence of any and all acts of the said licensee during the period covered by the said bond.

Bond required from plumber.

SEC. 3. That the said Commissioners and their successors be, and they hereby are, authorized to establish and charge a fee for each permit granted to connect any building, premises, or establishment with any sewer, water, or gas main, or other underground structure located in any public street, avenue, alley, road, highway, or space; and also to establish and charge a fee for each permit granted to make an excavation in any public street, avenue, alley, highway, road, or space for the purpose of repairing, altering, or extending any house sewer, water main, or gas main, or other underground construction. The fees authorized by this section shall be paid to the collector of taxes of the District of Columbia and by him deposited in the Treasury of the United States, one half to the credit of the United States and one half to the credit of the District of Columbia.

Fees for permits.

SEC. 4. That the inspector of plumbing and his assistants shall be under the direction of said Commissioners, and they are hereby empowered accordingly, to inspect or cause to be inspected, all houses when in course of erection in said district, to see that the plumbing, drainage, and ventilation of sewers thereof conform to the regulations hereinbefore provided for; and also at any time, during reasonable hours, under like direction, on the application of the owner, or occupant, or the complaint under oath of any reputable citizen to inspect or cause to be inspected any house in said district, to examine the plumbing, drainage, and ventilation of sewers thereof, and generally to see that the regulations hereinbefore provided for are duly observed and enforced.

Inspection of new houses. Vol. 21, p. 318.

Inspection of houses now built.

SEC. 5. That all laws or parts of laws inconsistent herewith be, and they hereby are, repealed.

Repeal.

Approved, April 23, 1892.

April 28, 1892.

CHAP. 54.—An act to extend the time for making an assessment of real estate in the District of Columbia, outside the cities of Washington and Georgetown.

District of Columbia.
Time for assessment of county real-estate tax extended.

Vol. 22, p. 569.

Meeting of equalization board.

Vol. 22, p. 569.

Tax on county real estate payable May 1, 1893.

Vol. 19, p. 396.

Proviso.
Limited to 1893.

Reduction of aggregate valuation permitted.

Vol. 22, p. 569.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the time fixed for the return of assessment by section seven of the act to levy an assessment of real estate in the District of Columbia in the year eighteen hundred and eighty-three, and every third year thereafter, approved March third, eighteen hundred and eighty-three, be, and the same is hereby, extended to the first day of December, eighteen hundred and ninety-two, as to all the real estate in the District of Columbia outside the cities of Washington and Georgetown.

SEC. 2. That the time fixed by section nine of said act, for the meeting of the board of equalization and review be, and the same is hereby, postponed until the first day of December, eighteen hundred and ninety-two, so far as it refers to that part of the District of Columbia outside of Washington and Georgetown, and the said equalization and review shall be finally completed on or before December thirty-first, eighteen hundred and ninety-two.

SEC. 3. That section four of the act entitled "An act for the support of the government of the District of Columbia for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and seventy-eight, and for other purposes," approved March third, eighteen hundred and seventy-seven, be, and the same is hereby, amended so as to make the whole tax levied under the assessment of that portion of the District of Columbia outside of Washington and Georgetown herein provided for, due and payable on the first day of May, eighteen hundred and ninety-three, instead of one half on the first day of November, eighteen hundred and ninety-two, and one half on the first day of May, eighteen hundred and ninety-three, as by existing law: *Provided,* That these amendments shall not extend beyond the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and ninety-three.

SEC. 4. That the provision that the assessors shall not reduce the aggregate value of the real property below the aggregate value thereof as made and returned by them, contained in section nine of the act of March third, eighteen hundred and eighty-three, aforesaid, be, and the same is hereby repealed.

Approved, April 28, 1892.

April 28, 1892.

CHAP. 55.—An act to empower the Commissioners of the District of Columbia to grant respites and pardons in certain cases.

District of Columbia.
Commissioners may grant pardons in District cases.

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 may grant pardons and respites for offenses against the late corporation of Washington, the ordinances of Georgetown and the levy court, the laws enacted by the legislative assembly, and the police and building regulations of the District.

Approved, April 28, 1892.

April 30, 1892.

CHAP. 56.—An act to amend the act giving the approval and sanction of Congress to the route and termini of the Anacostia and Potomac River Railroad in the District of Columbia.

Anacostia and Potomac River Railroad, D. C.
Route and termini changed.

Vol. 18, p. 328; Vol. 19, p. 26; Vol. 25, p. 353; Vol. 26, p. 28.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the act giving the sanction and approval of Congress to the route and termini of the Anacostia and Potomac River Railroad, approved February eighteenth, eighteen hundred and seventy-five, subsequently amended, be, and the same is hereby, amended so as to authorize the said company to lay tracks and