

any change be made in the plan of said bridges, or either of them, during the progress of construction, such change shall be subject to approval of the Secretary of War. And the said structure shall be changed at the cost and expense of the owners thereof, from time to time, as the Secretary of War may direct, so as to preserve the free and convenient navigation of said streams, and the authority to erect and continue any and all of said bridges shall be subject to revocation by the Secretary of War whenever the public good, in his judgment, so requires.

Changes.

SEC. 6. That the right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

Amendment, etc.

SEC. 7. That this Act shall be null and void if actual construction of the bridge or bridges herein authorized be not commenced within one year and completed within three years from the approval of this Act.

Commencement and completion.

Approved, August 23, 1894.

CHAP. 328.—An Act To open, widen, and extend alleys* in the District of Columbia.

August 24, 1894.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Act of Congress approved July twenty-second, eighteen hundred and ninety-two, entitled "An Act to provide for the opening of alleys in the District of Columbia," be, and the same is hereby, amended so as to authorize the Commissioners of the District of Columbia, under the terms and conditions of said Act in regard to the opening, extending, widening, or straightening of alleys, to open minor streets in said District of a width not less than forty feet, nor more than sixty feet, to run through a square from one street to another, whenever in the judgment of said Commissioners the public interests require it.

District of Columbia.
Opening streets through squares.
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SEC. 2. That the words, "one copy of which (plat) shall be filed with the recorder of deeds and the other in the office of the Commissioners of the District of Columbia," in section three of said Act be, and the same are hereby, amended so as to read "one copy of said plat shall be filed and recorded in the office of the surveyor of the District of Columbia, one in the office of the recorder of deeds of the District of Columbia, and one in the office of the Commissioners of said District."

Filing plats.
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SEC. 3. That the words "six dollars for the services of said marshal," in section five of said Act, be, and the same are hereby, amended so as to read, "five dollars per diem for the services of said marshal when actually employed."

Marshal's fee.
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Approved, August 24, 1894.

CHAP. 329.—An Act To prevent the recording of subdivisions of land in the District of Columbia in the office of the recorder of deeds.

August 24, 1894.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That hereafter it shall not be lawful for any person or persons to record any map or plat of the subdivision of land in the District of Columbia in the office of the recorder of deeds for said District, whether such map or plat be attached to a deed or other document or is offered separately for record.

District of Columbia.
Filing plats in recorder of deeds' office unlawful.

Approved, August 24, 1894.

August 24, 1894.

CHAP. 330.—An Act To authorize purchasers of the property and franchises of the Choctaw Coal and Railway Company to organize a corporation and to confer upon the same all the powers, privileges, and franchises vested in that company.

Preamble.

Whereas the Choctaw Coal and Railway Company, a corporation created under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Minnesota, and now doing business in the Indian Territory and Oklahoma Territory under and by virtue of certain Acts of Congress empowering it so to do, is insolvent, and in order to enable the creditors and stockholders of the same to reorganize said company in such a way as to secure the completion of the railroad authorized to be constructed by said company, a sale of its property and franchises is necessary: Therefore,

Choctaw Coal and Railway Company.

Rights, etc., vested in purchaser.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the purchasers of the rights of way, railroads, mines, coal leasehold estates, and other property, and the franchises of the said Choctaw Coal and Railway Company at any sale made under or by virtue of any process or decree of any court having jurisdiction thereof, shall be, and are hereby, constituted a corporation and shall be vested with all the right, title, interest, property, possession, claim, and demand in law and equity, of, in, and to such rights of way, railroads, mines, coal leasehold estates, and property of the said Choctaw Coal and Railway Company, and with all the rights, powers, immunities, privileges, and franchises which have been heretofore granted to or conferred upon said company by any Act or Acts of Congress, or which it possesses by virtue of its charter under the laws of Minnesota: *Provided,* That such new corporation shall not have the right to acquire and hold any houses or buildings at South McAlester situate off the right of way and depot grounds of said Choctaw Coal and Railway Company.

Vol. 25, pp. 35, 668.
Vol. 26, pp. 640, 765.
Ante, p. 27.

Proviso.
Land at South Mc-
Alester.

Organization of new
corporation.

SEC. 2. That the said purchasers of the hereinbefore-mentioned property of the said Choctaw Coal and Railway Company shall meet within thirty days after the conveyance thereof shall have been delivered to them, and organize such new corporation by electing a president and board of nine directors (to continue in office until the second Monday of January succeeding such meeting, when, and annually thereafter, on the said day, a like election for a president and nine directors shall be held to serve for one year), and shall adopt a corporate name and common seal, determine the amount of capital stock and bonds to be issued to the persons for or on whose account said property may have been purchased, and shall have power and authority to make and issue certificates for the said capital stock in shares of fifty dollars each and bonds, and may then, or at any time thereafter, create and issue preferred stock to such an amount and on such terms as they may deem necessary, and from time to time may issue bonds, and may secure all bonds by one or more mortgages upon the real and personal property and corporate rights and franchises, or either or any part or parts thereof: *Provided,* That the capital stock shall not be fixed at an amount in excess of the capital of the said Choctaw Coal and Railway Company, and that no bonds shall be issued except for value received in cash or property.

Capital, etc.

Proviso.
Stock limit.

Certificate of organization, etc., to be filed.

SEC. 3. That it shall be the duty of such new corporation, within one calendar month after its organization, to make a certificate thereof under its common seal, attested by the signature of its president, specifying the date of such organization, the name so adopted, the amount of capital stock, and the names of its president and directors, and transmit the said certificate to the Secretary of the Interior, to be filed in his office, and there remain of record; and a certified copy of such certificate so filed shall be evidence of the corporate existence of said new corporation. And such new corporation shall also, within the said calendar month, cause to be filed in the office of the Secretary of the Interior a copy certified to as correct by the clerk of the court under whose orders or decrees said sale shall have been made, of any conveyance made to it under or by virtue of said sale of the rights of way,