

- to the protection of navigation of rivers, or to exempt this bridge from the operation of the same. That all railroad companies desiring the use of any bridge constructed under this Act shall have and be entitled to equal rights and privileges relative to the passage of railway trains or cars over the same, and over the approaches thereto, upon payment of a reasonable compensation for such use; and in case the owner or owners of said bridge, and the several railroad companies, or any one of them desiring such use, shall fail to agree upon the sum or sums to be paid, and upon rules and conditions to which each shall conform in using said bridge, all matters at issue between them shall be decided by the Secretary of War upon a hearing of the allegations and proofs of the parties.
- SEC. 3.** That any bridge authorized to be constructed under this Act shall be located and built under and subject to such regulations for the security of said channel as the Secretary of War shall prescribe; and to secure that object the said corporation shall, at least thirty days previous to the commencement of the construction of said bridge, submit to the Secretary of War, for his examination and approval, a design and drawing of the bridge and a map of the location, giving such information as may be necessary to enable the Secretary of War to judge of the proper location of said bridge, and shall furnish such information as may be required for a full and satisfactory understanding of the subject; and until such plan and location of the bridge are approved by the Secretary of War, the bridge shall not be built, and should any change be made in the plan of said bridge during the progress of construction, or after completion, such change shall be subject to the approval of the Secretary of War.
- SEC. 4.** That the right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved; and the right to require any changes in said structure or its entire removal at the expense of the owners thereof, whenever Congress or the Secretary of War shall decide that the public interest requires it, is also expressly reserved.
- SEC. 5.** That this Act shall be null and void if actual construction of the bridge herein authorized be not commenced within one year and completed within three years from the passage of this Act.
- Approved, May 4, 1896.

May 4, 1896. **CHAP. 153.**—An Act To amend an Act entitled "An Act to authorize the Union Railroad Company to construct and maintain a bridge across the Monongahela River," approved February eighteenth, eighteen hundred and ninety-three.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That an Act entitled "An Act to authorize the Union Railroad Company to construct and maintain a bridge across the Monongahela River," approved February eighteenth, eighteen hundred and ninety-three, be, and the same is hereby, amended so as to extend the time for the commencement of the bridge in said Act named to one year and the time for its completion to three years from and after February eighteenth, eighteen hundred and ninety-six.

Approved, May 4, 1896.

May 4, 1896. **CHAP. 154.**—An Act To provide for the incorporation and regulation of medical and dental colleges in the District of Columbia.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That it shall be unlawful for any medical or dental college claiming the authority to confer, or actually conferring, the degree of doctor of medicine, or doctor of dental surgery, not incorporated by a special Act of Congress, to conduct its business in the District of Columbia, unless such college shall be registered

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by the Commissioners of the District of Columbia and granted by them a written permit to commence or continue business in said District in compliance with the requirements of this Act.

SEC. 2. That it shall be the duty of the proper officers of any such college, before commencing or continuing business, to apply to the said Commissioners for registration and a permit to commence or continue business; and said Commissioners are hereby authorized and required to make such regulations concerning the form of such application, the evidence to be adduced in support thereof, and the method of taking such evidence as they may deem best, and shall have power, and it shall be their duty, to give public notice of all hearings upon such applications; and no registration and permit shall be granted until after the Commissioners shall have, by the inquiry and hearing hereinbefore provided for and such other inquiry as they may see fit to make, satisfied themselves that all such medical or dental colleges are fully equipped, both by the character and fitness of the faculty and the sufficiency of their appliances, to give suitable and sufficient instruction in the theory and practice of medicine or dental surgery.

SEC. 3. That it shall be the duty of the proper officers of every medical or dental college not incorporated by a special Act of Congress which is now doing business in said District to apply for such certificate and registration within thirty days of the passage of this Act; and no such college hereafter sought to be opened in said District shall commence business without first obtaining such registration and permit.

SEC. 4. That such of the officers and of the faculty of any such medical or dental college now in existence, and of every such college hereafter sought to be opened in said District, which shall continue or commence to offer instruction in such capacity without first obtaining registration and permit, as hereinbefore provided, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof in the police court of said District, upon an information similar to that filed in the case of violations of the police regulations made by the said Commissioners, shall be fined not less than twenty-five nor more than two hundred and fifty dollars, and in default of payment thereof shall be imprisoned in the common jail of said District not less than thirty nor more than ninety days; said fines when collected to be paid into the Treasury of the United States to the credit of the District of Columbia.

SEC. 5. That in any case when such action shall be necessary in the opinion of the said Commissioners to give full effect to the intent of this Act they shall have power, and it shall be their duty, to file in the supreme court of the District of Columbia, in the name of the said District, a bill in equity against the proper parties praying an injunction against the opening or continuance of any such college not registered and granted a permit as aforesaid; and jurisdiction is hereby conferred upon such court to hear and determine such causes.

SEC. 6. That all acts and parts of acts and all charters heretofore obtained by any medical or dental college under the general incorporation laws in force in said District, so far as inconsistent with this Act, are hereby repealed.

Approved, May 4, 1896.

Application for permit.

Regulations.

Inquiry as to fitness, etc.

Registration.

Penalty for failure to register.

Injunction proceedings.

Jurisdiction.

Repeal provisions.

CHAP. 155.—An Act To establish and provide for the government of Greer County, Oklahoma, and for other purposes.

May 4, 1896.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the portion of the Territory of Oklahoma bounded by the North Fork of the Red River and the State of Texas, heretofore known as Greer County, Texas, be, and the same is hereby, established as Greer County of Oklahoma, with Mangum as the county seat. The present county officers of said county shall be continued in office until the first Tuesday of November, eighteen hundred and ninety-six, or until their successors are elected and qualified,

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County officers.