

the homestead price for such reservations, to issue a patent for such reservations to the original entryman.

If the original entryman shall fail or neglect to make application for the reservations within six months from the vacation of such town site, or from the passage of this Act, the reservations shall be subject to disposal under the provisions of section twenty-four hundred and fifty-five of the Revised Statutes of the United States, as amended by the Act approved February twenty-sixth, eighteen hundred and ninety-five.

SEC. 2. That if a patent has already issued, or shall hereafter issue, for any such reservation, to any town or municipality, such town or municipality, upon the vacation of the town site or addition thereto, as aforesaid, may sell the same at public or private sale to the highest bidder after thirty days' public notice of such sale, and convey said lands to the purchaser by proper deed of conveyance, and cover the proceeds of such sale into the school fund of such town or municipality: *Provided*, That where, by reason of the vacation of an entire town site and all its additions, the municipal organization has ceased to exist, the reservations in such vacated town site which may have been patented to the town may be disposed of as isolated tracts under the provisions of section twenty-four hundred and fifty-five of the Revised Statutes of the United States, as amended by the Act approved February twenty-sixth, eighteen hundred and ninety-five.

SEC. 3. That all laws and parts of laws, in so far as they conflict with this Act, are hereby repealed.

Approved, May 11, 1896.

Sales in open market.

R. S., sec. 2455, p. 449.
Vol. 28, p. 687.

Public sales of vacated lands.

Proviso.
Sales of isolated tracts.

R. S., sec. 2455, p. 449.
Vol. 28, p. 687.

Repeal.

CHAP. 169.—An Act To authorize and direct the Secretary of the Navy to donate one condemned cannon and four pyramids of condemned cannon balls to the cemetery association in the city of Saint Paul, Minnesota, to be used at or near the foot of the soldiers' monument in said cemetery.

May 11, 1896.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Navy be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to donate one condemned cannon and four pyramids of condemned cannon balls to the cemetery association in the city of Saint Paul, Minnesota, for the purpose of placing the same at or near the monument erected to the memory of Union soldiers who are buried in the said cemetery: *Provided*, That in the judgment of the Secretary of the Navy such articles can be spared without detriment to the public interests: *And provided further*, That the United States shall not be subjected to any expense on account of such donation.

Condemned cannon. Donated to cemetery, St. Paul, Minn.

Provisos.
Condition.
Expense.

Approved, May 11, 1896.

CHAP. 175.—An Act Making provision for the deportation of refugee Canadian Cree Indians from the State of Montana and their delivery to the Canadian authorities.

May 13, 1896.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there be, and is hereby, appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of five thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, the same to be immediately available, to enable the President, by employment of the Army or otherwise, to deport from the State of Montana and deliver at the international boundary line to the Canadian authorities, all refugee Canadian Cree Indians in said State.

Cree Indians. Appropriation for delivery to Canadian authorities.

Approved, May 13, 1896.

May 13, 1896.

CHAP. 176.—An Act To revive and reenact an Act to authorize the construction of a free bridge across Arkansas River, connecting Little Rock and Argenta.

Arkansas River.
Time extended for
bridging, at Little
Rock, Ark.
Vol. 27, p. 494.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Act approved February twenty-eighth, eighteen hundred and ninety-three, entitled "An Act authorizing the construction of a free bridge across the Arkansas River, connecting Little Rock and Argenta," which Act has expired by limitation, be, and is hereby, revived and reenacted.

SEC. 2. That section seven of the said Act be amended so as to read as follows:

Commencement and
completion.

"**SEC. 7.** That this Act shall be null and void if actual construction of the bridge herein authorized be not commenced within one year from February twenty-eighth, eighteen hundred and ninety-six, and completed within three years from that date."

Approved, May 13, 1896.

May 13, 1896.

CHAP. 177.—An Act To regulate marriages in the District of Columbia.

District of Colum-
bia.
Marriages.
Minors to obtain con-
sent of parent or guar-
dian.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That if any male person intending to marry in the District of Columbia be under twenty-one years of age, and if a female under eighteen years of age, and has not been previously married, the consent of the father or guardian, or, if there be none, of the mother of such person, shall be given either personally to the clerk of the supreme court of the District of Columbia or his deputy, or in writing subscribed by a witness, who shall make oath before the clerk of said court that said writing was signed or acknowledged in the presence of said witness, by such father, guardian, or mother, as the case may be.

Persons authorized
to celebrate marriages.
R. S. D. C., sec. 718,
p. 86, amended.

SEC. 2. That marriages in the District of Columbia may be celebrated by the judge of any court of record or any justice of the peace. When any minister or other person, appointed or ordained according to the rites and ceremonies of his church, shall, before the supreme court of the District of Columbia, produce proof that he is duly appointed or ordained as such, and that he is in regular communion with the religious society of which he is a member, such court may make an order authorizing him to celebrate the rites of marriage in the District of Columbia. Marriages between persons belonging to any religious society which has no ordained minister may be solemnized by the person appointed and in the manner prescribed by and practiced in any such society.

Persons forbidden.

SEC. 3. That no one but a minister or other person authorized by this Act shall hereafter celebrate the rites of marriage in this District, anything in any law now in force in said District to the contrary notwithstanding.

Previous marriages
valid.

SEC. 4. That no marriage heretofore solemnized shall be deemed or adjudged to be invalid, nor shall the validity thereof be in any way affected, on account of any want of authority in any person solemnizing the same, if consummated with a full belief on the part of the persons so married, or either of them, that they were lawfully joined in marriage.

License to foreign-
ers.

SEC. 5. That no license for any marriage shall hereafter be issued to which any citizen of a foreign country shall be a party until a minister or consul representing such foreign country in the United States shall certify that the conditions to the validity of the marriage of the laws of such country shall have been complied with.

Fee.

SEC. 6. That any person authorized to celebrate the rites of marriage shall be paid by the husband a fee of at least one dollar in each case.

Penalty for noncom-
pliance with law.

SEC. 7. That if any minister, justice of the peace, or other person who is authorized to celebrate marriages in the District of Columbia shall fail to comply with the provisions of section eight of this Act, he shall upon conviction be fined for each and every offense, in the discretion