

and the facts learned entered in permanent records, in which shall also be noted the subsequent history of each child, so far as it can be ascertained.

Records. SEC. 7. That the Commissioners of the District shall have authority to prescribe the form of records to be kept by the board of guardians, and the methods to be employed by them in paying bills and auditing accounts; and an annual report of its operations hereunder shall be made by the board to the superintendent of charities. The superintendent of charities shall have full powers of investigation and report regarding all branches of the work of the board, as well as over all institutions in which children are placed by the board; and it shall be his duty to recommend annually the appropriations which in his judgment are necessary to the carrying on of its work.

Approved, July 26, 1892.

July 26, 1892.

CHAP. 251.—An act to amend Section two of an act approved May fourteenth, eighteen hundred and eighty, being "An act for the relief of settlers on public lands."

Public lands.
Vol. 21, p. 141.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section two of an act approved May fourteenth, eighteen hundred and eighty, entitled "An act for the relief of settlers on public lands," be, and the same is hereby, amended so as to read as follows:

Notice to contestant of relinquishment of contestee's claim.

"SEC. 2. In all cases where any person has contested, paid the land-office fees, and procured the cancellation of any pre-emption, homestead, or timber-culture entry, he shall be notified by the register of the land office of the district in which such land is situated of such cancellation, and shall be allowed thirty days from date of such notice to enter said lands: *Provided,* That said register shall be entitled to a fee of one dollar for the giving of such notice, to be paid by the contestant and not to be reported: *Provided further,* That should any such person who has initiated a contest die before the final termination of the same, said contest shall not abate by reason thereof, but his heirs who are citizens of the United States, may continue the prosecution under such rules and regulations as the Secretary of the Interior may prescribe, and said heirs shall be entitled to the same rights under this act that contestant would have been if his death had not occurred.

Provisos.

Fee.

Death of contestant not to abate rights.

Approved, July 26, 1892.

July 26, 1892.

CHAP. 252.—An act to amend an act entitled "An act to incorporate the Brightwood Railway Company of the District of Columbia."

Brightwood Railway Company.
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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the charter granted to the Brightwood Railway Company by an act of Congress approved October eighteenth, eighteen hundred and eighty-eight, be, and the same is, amended as follows:

To use overhead electric power.

"That within six months from the date of the approval of this act, the said Brightwood Railway Company shall equip and operate its existing line with the overhead trolley system of electric motive power, and shall thereafter maintain the road in first-class condition. That the road shall be supplied entirely with new cars of the most approved pattern, which shall be run as the public convenience shall require, but not less frequently than one car every fifteen minutes from each end of the line, between five o'clock ante meridian and twelve o'clock midnight.

Equipment.

Extension of tracks.

"SEC. 2. That within twelve months from the date of the approval of this act the said Brightwood Railway Company shall extend its tracks to the District line, as provided in the original charter of said company, and shall operate the new portion of the line in the same manner and under the same conditions as hereinbefore provided for the