

February 20, 1896.

CHAP. 25.—An Act To amend an Act entitled “An Act to punish false swearing before trial boards of the Metropolitan police force and fire department of the District of Columbia, and for other purposes,” approved May eleventh, eighteen hundred and ninety-two.

District of Columbia.
False swearing etc.,
before trial boards.
Penalties extended
to fire department
trials.
Vol. 27, p. 29.

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 punish false swearing before trial boards of the Metropolitan police force and fire department of the District of Columbia, and for other purposes, approved May eleventh, eighteen hundred and ninety-two, be, and the same is hereby, amended so as to read as follows:

Attendance of witnesses.

“That hereafter any trial board of the Metropolitan police force and of the fire department of the District of Columbia shall have power to issue subpoenas, attested in the name of the president of the Board of Commissioners of the District of Columbia, to compel before it the attendance of witnesses upon any trial or proceedings authorized by the rules and regulations of the police force or of the fire department.

Punishment for false swearing.

“SEC. 2. That any willful and corrupt false swearing on the part of any witness or person giving evidence before any trial board mentioned in the preceding section as to any material fact in any proceedings under the rules and regulations governing said police force and fire department shall be deemed perjury, and shall be punished in the manner prescribed by law for such offense.

Process to secure attendance.

SEC. 3. That if any witness, having been first personally summoned, shall neglect or refuse to appear before any trial board mentioned in the first section of this Act, then, on the fact being reported by the major and superintendent of police, or chief of the fire department, to one of the justices of the police court, it shall be the duty of that court to compel the attendance of such witness before such trial board in the same manner as witnesses are now compellable to appear before said court: *Provided*, That witnesses subpoenaed to appear before said trial boards, other than those employed by the District of Columbia, shall be entitled to the same fees as are now paid witnesses for attendance before the supreme court of the District of Columbia.”

Proviso.
Fees,

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CHAP. 26.—An Act To amend section twenty-one of an Act entitled “An Act to divide a portion of the reservation of the Sioux Nation of Indians in Dakota into separate reservations, and to secure the relinquishment of the Indian title to the remainder, and for other purposes,” approved March second, eighteen hundred and eighty-nine.

Chamberlain, S. Dak.
Donation of American Island to.
Vol. 25, p. 397.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section twenty-one of an Act entitled “An Act to divide a portion of the reservation of the Sioux Nation of Indians in Dakota into separate reservations, and to secure the relinquishment of the Indian title to the remainder, and for other purposes,” approved March second, eighteen hundred and eighty-nine, be, and the same is hereby, amended by adding to said section the following:

Leases, etc., of island authorized.

“That the said city of Chamberlain, by and through its regular city council, shall have authority to either by itself or under a system of leases, securing a revenue to the city, to use or lease said island for public assemblies of a religious, literary, political, or scientific character; to use or lease the same for fair grounds or driving park purposes; the right to improve, use, or lease to improve and use, the springs on said island for sanitarium and bathing purposes, together with the right to erect such buildings and make such improvements as may be necessary to provide for the comfort and convenience of those connected therewith or visiting said island for any of the purposes named, the said city council at all times having authority to control and regulate all the fees or charges made by any person or association thereon for any of the

purposes herein enumerated, and full authority to construct roadways, and lay out said island into grounds, parks, or lots suitable for the uses herein allowed and provided for, said island always remaining free to the public for the ordinary uses of a public park: *Provided*, That such leases shall not be for a longer period than ten years, and shall not in the aggregate embrace or cover more than one-third the area of said island."

Proviso.
Limit.

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CHAP. 27.—An Act Extending the time within which the Maryland and Washington Railway Company shall be required to complete the building of the road of said company, under the provisions of an Act of Congress approved August first, eighteen hundred and ninety-two, as amended by an Act of Congress approved March second, eighteen hundred and ninety-five.

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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 time within which the Maryland and Washington Railway Company is required to complete and put in operation its railway in the District of Columbia, under the provisions of an Act of Congress approved August first, eighteen hundred and ninety-two, as amended by an Act approved March second, eighteen hundred and ninety-five, be, and the same is hereby, extended for the term of one year from the second day of March, eighteen hundred and ninety-six; and that all the franchises, rights, and powers conferred by said Acts, or either of them, upon said railway company may be enjoyed and exercised as fully and completely as if said railway had been completed and put in operation prior to March second, eighteen hundred and ninety-six.

District of Columbia.
Maryland and Washington Railway Company.
Time for completion extended.
Vol. 27, p. 343.
Vol. 28, p. 716.

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CHAP. 28.—An Act To open forest reservations in the State of Colorado for the location of mining claims.

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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 forest reservations in the State of Colorado, known as the Pikes Peak Forest Reserve, the Plum Creek Forest Reserve, and the South Platte Forest Reserve, established by Executive proclamations dated, respectively, March eighteenth, eighteen hundred and ninety-two, June twenty-third, eighteen hundred and ninety-two, and December ninth, eighteen hundred and ninety-two, in the State of Colorado in accordance with section twenty-four of the act of March third, eighteen hundred and ninety-one, from and after the passage of this Act, shall be open to the location of mining claims thereon for gold, silver, and cinnabar, and that title to such mining claims may be acquired in the same manner as it may be acquired to mining claims upon the other mineral lands of the United States for such purposes: *Provided*, That all locations of mining claims heretofore made in good faith within said reservations, and which have been held and worked in the same manner as mining claims are held and worked under existing law upon the public domain, are validated by this Act.

Colorado.
Forest reservations opened to mining locations.
Vol. 27, pp. 1006, 1029, 1044.

Vol. 26, p. 1103.

Proviso.
Prior locations.

SEC. 2. That owners of valid mining locations made and held in good faith under the terms of this Act, shall be, and are hereby, authorized and permitted to fell and remove from such mining claims any timber growing thereon, for actual mining purposes in connection with the particular claim from which the timber is felled or removed, but no other timber shall be felled or removed from any other portions of said reservations by private parties for any purpose whatever.

Use of timber permitted.

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