

any vessel, or any person or persons to cast, throw, drop, or deposit any ballast, dirt, oyster shells, or ashes in the water in any part of the Potomac River or its tributaries in the District of Columbia, or on the shores of said river below high-water mark, unless for the purpose of making a wharf, after permission has been obtained from the Commissioners of the District of Columbia for that purpose, which wharf shall be sufficiently inclosed and secured so as to prevent injury to navigation.

Deposit of ballast, etc., in navigable waters forbidden.

SEC. 2. That it shall be unlawful for any owner or occupant of any wharf or dock, any captain or master of any vessel, or any other person or persons to cast, throw, deposit, or drop in any dock or in the waters of the Potomac River or its tributaries in the District of Columbia any dead fish, fish offal, dead animals of any kind, condemned oysters in the shell, watermelons, cantaloupes, vegetables, fruits, shavings, hay, straw, ice, snow, filth, or trash of any kind whatsoever.

Deposit of offal forbidden.

SEC. 3. That any person or persons violating any of the provisions of this Act shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction thereof in the police court of the District of Columbia shall be punished by a fine not exceeding one hundred dollars or by imprisonment not exceeding six months, or by both such punishments, in the discretion of the court.

Penalty.

SEC. 4. That nothing in this Act contained shall be construed to interfere with the work of improvement in or along the said river and harbor, under the supervision of the United States Government.

Improvement not affected.

SEC. 5. That all acts or parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

Repeal.

Approved, May 19, 1896.

**CHAP. 212.**—An Act To grant right of way over the public domain for pipe lines in the States of Colorado and Wyoming.

May 21, 1896.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the right of way through the public lands of the United States situate in the State of Colorado and in the State of Wyoming outside of the boundary lines of the Yellowstone National Park is hereby granted to any pipe line company or corporation formed for the purpose of transporting oils, crude or refined, which shall have filed or may hereafter file with the Secretary of the Interior a copy of its articles of incorporation, and due proofs of its organization under the same, to the extent of the ground occupied by said pipe line and twenty-five feet on each side of the center line of the same; also the right to take from the public lands adjacent to the line of said pipe line material, earth, and stone necessary for the construction of said pipe line.

Public lands. Right of way for pipe lines in Colorado and Wyoming.

SEC. 2. That any company or corporation desiring to secure the benefits of this Act shall, within twelve months after the location of ten miles of the pipe line, if the same be upon surveyed lands and if the same be upon unsurveyed lands, within twelve months after the survey thereof by the United States, file with the register of the land office for the district where such land is located a map of its line, and upon the approval thereof by the Secretary of the Interior the same shall be noted upon the plats in said office, and thereafter all such lands over which such right of way shall pass shall be subject to such right of way.

Width.

Applications.

SEC. 3. That if any section of said pipe line shall not be completed within five years after the location of said section the right herein granted shall be forfeited, as to any incomplete section of said pipe line, to the extent that the same is not completed at the date of the forfeiture.

Approval.

Completion.

SEC. 4. That nothing in this Act shall authorize the use of such right of way except for the pipe line, and then only so far as may be necessary for its construction, maintenance, and care.

Restriction.

Approved, May 21, 1896.

May 21, 1896.

**CHAP. 213.**—An Act To amend an Act entitled "An Act to authorize the Denison and Northern Railway Company to construct and operate a railway through the Indian Territory, and for other purposes."

Indian Territory.  
Right of way, Denison and Northern Railway.

Time extended.  
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Width.

Additional for stations, etc.

Provisos.  
Limit.  
Lands not to be sold, etc.

Approval of location.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the provisions of section eight of the Act entitled "An Act to authorize the Denison and Northern Railway Company to construct and operate a railway through the Indian Territory, and for other purposes," approved July thirtieth, eighteen hundred and ninety-two, be, and the same hereby are, extended for a further period of two years from the passage of this Act.

**SEC. 2.** That section two of said Act be amended to read as follows: "SEC. 2. That a right of way of one hundred feet in width through said Indian Territory is hereby granted to the Denison and Northern Railway Company and a strip of land one hundred feet in width, with a length of two thousand feet in addition to the right of way, is granted for such stations as may be established, but such grant shall be allowed but once for every ten miles of the road, no portion of which shall be sold or leased by the company, with the right to use such additional grounds where there are heavy cuts or fills as may be necessary for the construction and maintenance of the roadbed, not exceeding fifty feet in width on each side of said right of way, or as much thereof as may be included in said cut or fill: *Provided,* That no more than said addition of land shall be taken for any one station: *Provided further,* That no part of the lands herein granted shall be used except in such manner and for such purposes only as shall be necessary for the construction and convenient operation of said railroad, telegraph, and telephone line, and when any portion thereof shall cease to be used such portion shall revert to the nation or tribe of Indians from which the same shall have been taken."

**SEC. 3.** That section six of said Act be amended by striking out all after the word "Provided," and inserting the following: "That a map of definite location showing the entire route of said road through the Indian Territory shall be filed and approved by the Secretary of the Interior before any part of the said road shall be constructed."

Approved, May 21, 1896.

May 21, 1896.

**CHAP. 214.**—An Act Requiring bills of sale, conditional sales, mortgages, or deeds of trust of chattels in the District of Columbia to be recorded.

District of Columbia.  
Bills of sale, etc., personal property to be recorded.

To take effect from time of record.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That in the District of Columbia no bill of sale, conditional sale, mortgage, deed of trust, or any conveyance, in whole or in part, of personal property or chattels, where the property has not been delivered, through or by which title is claimed to, or a lien or claim is retained or created in such personal property or chattels, shall be good or valid against a subsequent innocent purchaser for value and without notice, unless such bill of sale, conditional sale, mortgage, deed of trust, or other writing has been duly delivered for record in the office of the recorder of deeds in said District prior to the sale to such innocent purchaser; and all such instruments shall take effect and be valid from the time when such instrument shall have been delivered to the recorder for record, and the recorder shall indorse on each instrument aforesaid the day and hour of delivery of the same to him to be recorded.

Approved, May 21, 1896.

May 21, 1896.

**CHAP. 215.**—An Act Authorizing the sale of the title of the United States in lot five, square eleven hundred and thirteen, in the city of Washington.

District of Columbia.  
Sale of lot to Frank D. Orme.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to grant and convey unto Frank D. Orme, of the city of Washington, and his heirs and