

—penalty for dealing without license.

Register of sales, etc., to be kept.

—penalty for failure.

Half of fine to informer.

Any person engaging in said business without having previously obtained said special license shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be sentenced to pay a fine of not less than one hundred dollars nor more than five hundred dollars, and in default of the payment of said fine the person convicted shall be imprisoned in the workhouse of the District of Columbia for a period of not more than six months. All persons whose business it is to sell, barter, hire, lend, or give any such weapon or weapons, shall be, and they are hereby, required to keep a written register of the name and residence of every purchaser, barterer, hirer, borrower, or donee of any such weapon or weapons, together with a full description of said weapon or weapons; which register shall be subject to the inspection of the major and superintendent of Metropolitan police of the District of Columbia, or other person by him authorized in that behalf, and further, to make report on or before the first Tuesday in each and every month, under oath, to said major and superintendent, of all such sales, barterings, hirings, lendings, or gifts made during the preceding month, together with a full description of said weapon or weapons and the name and residence of every purchaser, barterer, hirer, borrower, or donee of any such weapon or weapons. Any person or persons who shall refuse, neglect, or fail to keep said register as hereinbefore provided, or shall refuse, neglect, or fail to make said report at the time and in the manner provided for in this section, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall, upon conviction thereof, pay a fine of not more than one hundred dollars, and in default of the payment of said fine the person convicted shall be imprisoned in the workhouse of the District of Columbia for a period of not more than sixty days, and the Commissioners of said District may revoke said license. And one-half of every fine imposed under this section shall be paid to the informer, if any, whose information shall have led to the conviction of the person paying said fine."

Approved, May 11, 1898.

May 12, 1898.

CHAP. 296.—An Act To increase the number of surgeons in the United States Army.

Army.
Assistant surgeons,
number increased.
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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 number of medical officers of the Army be increased by the addition of fifteen assistant surgeons with the rank of first lieutenant, to be appointed after examination by an army medical examining board, in accordance with existing regulations.

Contract surgeons.

SEC. 2. That in emergencies the Surgeon-General of the Army, with the approval of the Secretary of War, may appoint as many contract surgeons as may be necessary, at a compensation not to exceed one hundred and fifty dollars per month.

Approved, May 12, 1898.

May 14, 1898.

CHAP. 297.—An Act To provide a life-saving station on the westerly side of the harbor of Gloucester, Massachusetts.

Gloucester, Mass.
Life-saving station
established at.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, authorized to establish a life-saving station on the westerly side of the harbor of Gloucester, Massachusetts, at such point as the General Superintendent of the Life-Saving Service may recommend.

Approved, May 14, 1898.

CHAP. 298.—An Act Authorizing the Campbell-Lynch Bridge Company to construct a bridge across the Arkansas River at or near Webbers Falls, Indian Territory.

May 14, 1898.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That it shall be lawful for the Campbell-Lynch Bridge Company, a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Arkansas, its successors or assigns, to build, construct, and maintain a bridge and approaches thereto for the passage of wagons, cars, and vehicles of all kinds, for animals, horseback and foot passengers, across the Arkansas River at or near Webbers Falls, in said Cherokee Nation, Indian Territory, upon and from the land owned, claimed, and occupied by William W. Campbell and Susan F. Lynch, members and citizens of the Cherokee tribe of Indians, and the owners, claimants, and occupants of the land on both sides of the Arkansas River at the point where said bridge is to be built.

Campbell-Lynch Bridge Company may bridge Arkansas River, Indian Territory.

SEC. 2. That said bridge shall be built with such length of spans and at such elevation as the Secretary of War may require, and the said company shall, at its own expense, build and maintain such dikes, wing dams, booms, and other work as may, in the opinion of the Secretary of War, be necessary to maintain the channel of the river within the draw or main span of the bridge: *Provided*, That if said bridge be built as a drawbridge it shall be opened promptly upon reasonable signal for the passage of boats and other water craft; and whatever kind of bridge is constructed the company shall maintain thereon, at its own expense, such lights and other signals as the Light-House Board may prescribe: *Provided also*, That said bridge shall be recognized and known as a post route, upon which no higher charge shall be made for the transmission over the same of the mails, troops, and munitions of war of the United States than the rate per mile paid for their transportation over the railroads or highways leading to said bridge, and the United States shall have the right of way for a postal telegraph across said bridge: *And provided further*, That the company availing itself of the privilege of this Act shall submit to the Secretary of War for his approval drawings showing the plan and location of the said bridge, and until he has approved the said plan and location the bridge shall not be commenced or built; and no change in the said plans, either before or after completion, shall be made without the consent of the Secretary of War; but any change whatever in said bridge that he may order in the interests of navigation, either during construction or after construction, shall be made by the owners thereof at their own cost and expense.

Maintenance, etc., of channel.

Provisos. Drawbridge.

Lights.

Post route.

Secretary of War to approve plans.

—changes.

SEC. 3. That said Campbell-Lynch Bridge Company, its successors and assigns, is hereby authorized to take and use for all purposes of a highway or approaches to said bridge a right of way not exceeding one hundred feet in width on each side of the Arkansas River over the lands owned, claimed, and occupied by individuals under the laws and usages of the Cherokee Indians, or under the laws of the United States, and may contract for and obtain the same from such Indian or Indians by purchase: *Provided*, That no part of the lands herein authorized to be taken be leased or sold by the said Campbell-Lynch Bridge Company, and they shall not be used except in such manner and for such purposes only as shall be necessary for the construction and convenient operation of said highway; and when any portion thereof shall cease to be used such portion shall revert to the individual Indian or Indians from which the same shall have been taken.

Right of way for highway.

Proviso.—limitations

—reversion.

SEC. 4. That before said highway shall be constructed through any lands held by individual occupants according to the laws, customs, and usages of the Cherokee Nation, full compensation shall be made to such occupants for all property to be taken or damage done by reason of the construction of such highway. In case of failure to make amicable settlements with any occupant, such compensation shall be determined by the appraisement of three disinterested referees, to be appointed, one, who shall act as chairman, by the President of the United States, one by the chief of the nation to which said occupant belongs, and one by the said Campbell-Lynch Bridge Company, who, before entering

Compensation for land taken.

Referees.

—appointment.