

of the District of Columbia are paid: *Provided*, That the persons named in the first section shall not deliver the body of the deceased, as provided in this Act, until at least thirty-six hours shall have elapsed since the death of said deceased and giving of said notice or the publication of the same.

*Proviso.*  
Body to be kept thirty-six hours.

SEC. 3. That every person who shall have been duly authorized by the faculty of any medical college in the District of Columbia to receive such dead bodies shall, before so receiving them, give to the health officer of said District a bond in the sum of two hundred dollars, with surety satisfactory to said health officer, and conditioned that each dead body shall be used only for the promotion of anatomical and surgical knowledge within the said District of Columbia, and that after having been so used the remains thereof shall be decently buried; and whosoever shall use such body or bodies for any purpose other than that aforesaid, or shall remove the same beyond the limits of the District of Columbia, and whosoever shall sell or buy such body or bodies, or in any way traffic in the same, or who shall disturb or remove bodies from graves in which they have been buried, or who shall disregard the expressed wishes of the deceased, or of his or her friends, where such wishes may be disclosed, as provided for in section one of this Act, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall, on conviction, be imprisoned for a term not less than two nor more than three years, at hard labor, in the jail of said District.

College to give bond for use, etc., of body.

Punishment for removing bodies from graves, etc.

Approved, February 26, 1895.

CHAP. 133.—An Act To amend section twenty-four hundred and fifty-five of the Revised Statutes of the United States.

February 26, 1895.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That section twenty-four hundred and fifty-five of the Revised Statutes of the United States be, and the same is hereby, amended so as to read as follows:

Public lands. R. S., sec. 2455, p. 449, amended.

“SEC. 2455. It shall be lawful for the Commissioner of the General Land Office to order into market and sell for not less than one dollar and twenty-five cents per acre any isolated or disconnected tract or parcel of the public domain less than one quarter section which in his judgment it would be proper to expose to sale after at least thirty days' notice by the land officers of the district in which such lands may be situated: *Provided*, That lands shall not become so isolated or disconnected until the same have been subject to homestead entry for a period of three years after the surrounding land has been entered, filed upon, or sold by the Government: *Provided*, That not more than one hundred and sixty acres shall be sold to any one person.”

Sales of isolated tracts.

*Provisos.*  
To be open to homestead entry three years.

Limit.

Approved, February 26, 1895.

CHAP. 134.—An Act To authorize the adoption of children in the District of Columbia.

February 26, 1895.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That jurisdiction is hereby conferred on any judge of the supreme court of the District of Columbia to hear and determine any petition that may be presented by a person or a husband and wife residing in the District of Columbia, praying the privilege of adopting any minor child as his or her or their own child, and make such minor child an heir at law. If the judge shall find, upon the hearing of such petitioner, that the petitioner is a proper person to have custody of such child, and that the parent or parents or guardian of such child have given their permission for such adoption,

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Proceedings.

Guardian.

he shall enter an order upon the records of the court, legalizing such adoption and making such child an heir at law of such petitioner the same as if such child was born to such petitioner. If the child has no parent or guardian the judge shall appoint a guardian ad litem.

Approved, February 26, 1895.

February 26, 1895.

**CHAP. 135.**—An Act To authorize the construction of a bridge across the Yellowstone River, in the county of Dawson, State of Montana.

Dawson County may  
bridge Yellowstone  
River, Glendive, Mont.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the county of Dawson, in the State of Montana, is hereby authorized and empowered to erect, establish, and maintain, or authorize the erection, establishment, and maintenance of a wagon bridge across the Yellowstone River at a point suitable to the interests of navigation, from a point on the easterly bank of said river in the town of Glendive, in said county, so as to connect with the opposite shore of said river; that said bridge shall not interfere with the free navigation of said river beyond what is necessary in order to carry into effect the rights and privileges hereby granted.

Drawbridge.

**SEC. 2.** That the bridge under this Act shall be constructed as a pivot drawbridge, with the draw over the main channel of the river at an accessible and navigable point, and with a span of not less than one hundred feet in length in the clear on each side of the central or pivot pier of the draw, measured at right angles to the axis of the channel: *Provided,* That the said draw shall be opened promptly on reasonable signal for the passage of boats, vessels, and other water craft whose construction shall be such as not to admit of their passage under said bridge.

*Proviso.*  
Opening draw.

Lawful structure  
and post route.

**SEC. 3.** That any bridge constructed under this Act and according to its provisions and conditions shall be a lawful structure, over which may be transmitted the mails, troops, and munitions of war of the United States free of charge; and the United States shall have the right of way for postal-telegraph purposes across said bridge.

Secretary of War to  
approve plans, etc.

**SEC. 4.** That the structure herein authorized shall be built and located under and subject to such regulations for the security of the navigation of said river as the Secretary of War shall prescribe, and to secure that object the corporation named shall submit to the Secretary of War, for his examination and approval, a design and drawing of the bridge and a map of the location giving, for the space of one mile above and one mile below the proposed location, the topography of the banks of the river, the shore lines at high and low water, the direction and strength of the current, and the soundings, accurately showing the bed of the stream, and shall furnish such other information as shall be required for a full and satisfactory understanding of the subject; and until the said plans and location of the bridge are decided by the Secretary of War to be such as will not materially affect the interest of navigation the bridge shall not be commenced or built; and should any change be made in the plan of said bridge during the progress of construction such change shall be subject to the approval of the Secretary of War; and in case the approach and passage of the drawspan openings be found at any time dangerous or difficult of access by the river traffic, the persons owning said bridge shall construct, at their own expense, such works of channel regulation and such aids to navigation as the Secretary of War shall order, to render the approach and passage reasonably safe and easy; and the said structure shall at all times be so kept and managed as to offer reasonable and proper means for the passage of vessels through or under said structure; and for the safety of vessels passing at night there shall be displayed on said bridge, from the hours of sunset to sunrise, such lights as may be prescribed by the Light-House Board; and the said

Changes.

Lights, etc.