Sec. 3. That the Commissioners of the District of Columbia shall, as soon as practicable, cause a survey of said river to be made to determine the length, width, and height of said bridge and the approaches thereto, and shall cause plans and specifications to be prepared for such bridge and such approaches, and when the same are completed said Board shall advertise for sealed proposals for the construction of such bridge and such approaches, which advertisement shall be inserted for at least one week in one or more daily papers in such cities as the said Board of Commissioners shall designate, and shall let such contract to the lowest responsible bidder, as provided by law: Provided, That the aggregate cost for the construction of such bridge and the approaches thereto, including the incidental expenses connected therewith, shall not exceed the amount herein appropriated.

Approved, March 3, 1891.

CHAP. 531.—An act relating to junk dealers, dealers in second-hand personal property, and pawnbrokers in the District of Columbia.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the act of the late legislative assembly of the District of Columbia approved August twenty-third, eighteen hundred and seventy-one, entitled “An act imposing a license on trades, business, and professions practiced or carried on in the District of Columbia,” be, and the same is hereby, amended as follows; that is to say, by striking out all of paragraph thirty-two of section twenty-one of said act and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

“32. Junk dealers and dealers in second-hand personal property of any kind or description whatsoever shall pay to the District of Columbia a license tax of forty dollars annually. Every person whose business it is to buy or sell old iron, rags, paper, second-hand clothing, or any second-hand personal property of any kind or description whatsoever, shall be subject to the provisions of this act and to all the laws and regulations now in force in the District of Columbia and to all the valid regulations which may hereafter be provided relating to junk dealers or dealers in second-hand personal property: Provided, nevertheless, That no sale shall be made by junk dealers and dealers in second-hand personal property in their possession until after the expiration of ten days from and after the time at which report has been made to the major of police of the purchase thereof, as provided by the police regulations of the District of Columbia.”

SEC. 2. That section seven of chapter four hundred and thirteen of the second session of the Fiftieth Congress, entitled “An act to regulate pawnbrokers in the District of Columbia,” approved March second, eighteen hundred and eighty-nine, is hereby repealed, and the following is enacted in lieu thereof:

“7. That no pawnbroker shall ask, demand, or receive a greater rate of interest than three per centum per month on any loan secured by pledge of personal property, under penalty of one hundred dollars for every such offense, to be recovered for the use of the District of Columbia: Provided, however, That where the loan is secured by the pledge of personal property requiring extra care to prevent injury during disuse a pawnbroker may charge such reasonable sum for storing or taking care of the same as the Commissioners for the District of Columbia may from time to time prescribe.”

SEC. 3. That all prosecutions under said chapter four hundred and thirteen of the second session of the Fiftieth Congress, and amendments thereof, shall be upon the information of the attorney for,
Proviso. Dealers in second-hand books excepted.

CHAP. 532.—An act authorizing sale of title of United States in lot three, in square south of square nine hundred and ninety.

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 required to grant and convey unto Henry M. Baker and John Jay Sanborn, of the city of Washington, and their heirs and assigns, as tenants in common, all the right, title, and interest of the United States in and to a certain lot of land in the city of Washington, in the District of Columbia, known upon the plat or plan of said city as lot numbered three, in square south of square numbered nine hundred and ninety, upon the payment by the said Baker and Sanborn into the Treasury of the United States of such sum of money as the said Secretary of the Interior, upon consideration of all the circumstances, shall determine proper to be paid by the said Henry M. Baker and John Jay Sanborn for the said lot.

Approved, March 3, 1891.

CHAP. 533.—An act to regulate the granting of leases at Hot Springs, Arkansas, and for other purposes.

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 is hereby authorized and empowered to execute leases to the bath-houses and bath house sites on the permanent reservation at Hot Springs, Arkansas, for periods not exceeding twenty years, and at an annual rental of not less than thirty dollars per tub for each tub used in any bath-house. Said annual rental shall be payable quarterly in advance, at the office of the Government Superintendent of said property, in Hot Springs, Arkansas: Provided, That the same rate for water rent shall be charged for the water to all parties receiving the same, whether on or off the permanent reservation: Provided, That after the Army and Navy hospital bath-house, the public bath-house, the bath-houses which are now or may hereafter be authorized on the permanent reservation, the Arlington Hotel, and the bath-houses off the permanent reservation now authorized to be supplied with hot water, in the order herein named, if there shall still be a surplus of hot water the Secretary of the Interior may, in his discretion and under such regulations as he may prescribe, cause hot water to be furnished to bath-houses, hotels, and families off the permanent reservation: Provided, That such bath-houses, hotels, and families shall cause all connections for obtaining such hot water to be made at their own expense: Provided, That all water furnished to any hotel or family for other use than bathing shall be paid for at such reasonable price, as shall be fixed by the Secretary of the Interior: Provided further, That the Secretary of the Interior shall at the expiration of each period of five years during the continuance of each lease made hereunder readjust the terms and amounts of payment provided for therein as may be just, but not less than the minimum herein provided.

SEC. 2. That the Secretary of the Interior is hereby authorized to execute a lease of the Arlington Hotel site at Hot Springs, Arkansas, to the present lessees for a period of twenty years, and at an annual