

tober next, shall be, and are hereby declared to be, respectively, transferred, returnable, and continued to the several circuit courts constituted by this act, to be holden within the said districts, respectively, and shall be heard, tried, and determined therein, in the same manner as if originally brought, entered, prosecuted, or had in such circuit courts. And the said circuit courts shall be governed by the same laws and regulations as apply to the other circuit courts of the United States; and the clerks of the said courts respectively shall perform the same duties, and shall be entitled to receive the same fees and emoluments which are by law established for the clerks of the other circuit courts of the United States.

Clerks and  
their fees.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That all acts and provisions inconsistent with this act be, and the same are hereby, repealed.

Repeal of in-  
consistent pro-  
visions.

APPROVED, July 15, 1862.

CHAP. CLXXIX. — *An Act to extend the Provisions of the Act of August four, eighteen hundred and fifty-two, entitled "An Act to grant the Right of Way to all Rail and Plank Roads, &c.," for the Term of five Years, and to amend the same.*

July 15, 1862.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the provisions of the act entitled "An act to grant the right of way to all rail and plank roads, and macadamized turnpikes passing through the public lands belonging to the United States," approved August four, eighteen hundred and fifty-two, and of the act extending the same to all of the public lands of the United States, approved March three, eighteen hundred and fifty-five, be, and the same are hereby, extended for the term of five years from the fourth day of August, eighteen hundred and sixty-two.

Provisions of  
acts.  
1852, ch. 80.  
Vol. x. p. 28, and  
1855, ch. 200.  
Vol. x. p. 683.  
Extended for  
five years.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the right of way for a railroad through the public lands of the United States lying in Wasco County in the State of Oregon, be, and the same is hereby, granted to the Oregon Steam Navigation Company.

Right of way  
granted to Ore-  
gon Steam Navi-  
gation Company.

APPROVED, July 15, 1862.

CHAP. CLXXX. — *An Act to prevent Members of Congress and Officers of the Government of the United States from taking Consideration for procuring Contracts, Office, or Place, from the United States, and for other Purposes.*

July 16, 1862.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That any member of Congress or any officer of the government of the United States who shall, directly or indirectly, take, receive, or agree to receive, any money, property, or other valuable consideration whatsoever, from any person or persons for procuring, or aiding to procure, any contract, office, or place, from the government of the United States or any department thereof, or from any officer of the United States, for any person or persons whatsoever, or for giving any such contract, office, or place to any person whomsoever, and the person or persons who shall directly or indirectly offer or agree to give, or give or bestow any money, property, or other valuable consideration whatsoever, for the procuring or aiding to procure any contract, office, or place as aforesaid, and any member of Congress who shall directly or indirectly take, receive, or agree to receive any money, property, or other valuable consideration whatsoever after his election as such member, for his attention to, services, action, vote, or decision on any question, matter, cause or proceeding which may then be pending, or may by law or under the Constitution of the United States be brought before him in his official capacity, or in his place of trust and profit as such member of Congress, shall, for every such offence, be liable to indictment as for a misdemeanor in any court of the United States having jurisdiction thereof, and on conviction thereof shall pay a fine of not exceeding ten thousand dollars, and suffer imprisonment in the penitentiary not exceeding two years, at the discretion of the court trying the same; and any such contract or agree-

1863, ch. 61.  
Post, p. 696.

Penalty on  
members of Con-  
gress, &c. for tak-  
ing consideration  
for procuring con-  
tracts, &c.

On persons who  
offer money, &c.  
to members  
to procure con-  
tracts.

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