meeting of the stockholders, for choice of directors, to be holden at such time and place, under such conditions, and upon such notice as the said company in their by-laws may prescribe; and said directors shall annually make a report, in writing, of their doings to Congress and to the stockholders.

Report to Congress, &c.

City or county officers not to delay or obstruct the construction, &c. of railway.

SEC. 16. *And be it further enacted*, That the mayor, council of said city, and the levy court of said county, and the several officers of these corporations, and the said corporations, are hereby prohibited from doing any act or thing to hinder, delay, or obstruct the construction or operations of said railway, as herein authorized.

Company to have free use of road-way.

Penalty for obstructing, &c.

SEC. 17. *And be it further enacted*, That the said company shall have at all times the free and uninterrupted use of the road-way. And if any person or persons shall wilfully and unnecessarily obstruct or impede the passage or destroy the cars, depot-stations, or any other property belonging to said railway company, the person or persons so offending shall forfeit and pay for each such offence the sum of ten dollars to said company, to be recovered and disposed of as other fines and penalties in said city or county; and shall remain liable, in addition to said penalty, for any loss or damage occasioned by his, her, or their act, as aforesaid; but no suit shall be brought unless commenced within sixty days after such offence shall have been committed.

Suits to be begun in sixty days.

Railway to be completed within what time;

if not, act to be void.

SEC. 18. *And be it further enacted*, That unless said corporation shall make and complete their said railway or railways between Pennsylvania Avenue and Boundary Street within eight months after the company shall have been organized, then this act shall be null and void, and no rights whatsoever shall be acquired under it; and that the remainder of said road shall be completed within four years to its proposed terminus in the county of Washington.

Color not to exclude from cars.

SEC. 19. *And be it further enacted*, That there shall be no regulations excluding any person from any car on account of color.

Individual liability of stockholders.

SEC. 20. *And be it further enacted*, That each of the stockholders in the "Connecticut Avenue and Park Railway Company" shall be individually liable for all the debt[s] and liabilities of said company to an amount equal to the amount of stock held by such stockholder.

Tickets to be sold by package, and at what rate.

SEC. 21. *And be it further enacted*, That it shall be the duty of said company, when said road is completed between Pennsylvania Avenue and Boundary Street, to have prepared tickets for passengers on their cars, and to keep them at their office for sale by the package, at the rate of ten for fifty cents, and twenty for one dollar.

Provisions of charter of Washington and Georgetown R. R. Co. as to reports to apply to this road.

1862, ch. 73. Vol. xii. p. 388.

SEC. 22. *And be it further enacted*, That all the provisions of the act incorporating the Washington and Georgetown Railroad Company, requiring reports of expenditures, earnings, and otherwise, shall be applicable to the company herein incorporated, which shall make reports as in said act required.

Repealing clause.

SEC. 23. *And be it further enacted*, That all acts and parts of acts heretofore passed, which are inconsistent with any of the provisions of this act, are, for the purposes of this act, hereby repealed, so far as the same are inconsistent herewith.

APPROVED, July 13, 1868.

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CHAP. CXLI. — *An Act to incorporate the National Hotel Company, of Washington City.*

National Hotel Company incorporated in Washington, D. C.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That George H. Calvert, R. C. Weightman, James C. McGuire, Zeph English, George H. Calvert, jr., and Charles B. Calvert, their associates, successors, and assigns, are hereby created a body corporate and politic by the name of the National Hotel Company, in the city of Washington, in the District of Columbia,

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and by that name they are made capable of taking, holding, managing, improving, purchasing, leasing, for the sole purpose of erecting and maintaining a hotel as aforesaid, real and personal estate within said city of Washington, not exceeding five hundred thousand dollars in value; said corporation to have a common seal, and the same may break, alter, and renew at pleasure; may prosecute and defend suits before all proper courts and tribunals; may make and ordain by-laws for the government of said corporation, and may have and enjoy all of those privileges and be subject to all of the liabilities which corporations for the holding, management, and improvement of real estate in the city of Washington, in the United States, usually enjoy or are made subject to.

Officers of corporation; powers, privileges, &c.

By-laws.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, [That] the capital stock of the said company shall not be less than two hundred and twenty-seven thousand dollars, be divided into shares of five hundred dollars each, and shall be deemed personal estate, and be transferable upon the books of the said corporation.

Capital stock.

Shares, and how transferable.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, [That] the officers of the said corporation shall consist of a president and treasurer, with a board of directors, of whom the president and treasurer may be members, but the number of the directors may be fixed by the shareholders in the by-laws of the corporation. The president shall preside at the meetings of the corporation, sign certificates of the stock issued to stockholders, and shall have a general oversight over the business and affairs of the corporation; the treasurer shall safely keep and disburse all of the moneys of the corporation under the direction of the board of directors; the directors shall manage and control the property of the corporation, and make contracts in relation thereto; the treasurer, or other officer appointed by the by-laws, shall keep the records of the transactions of the corporation, and shall countersign the certificates of stock issued to the stockholders.

Officers of corporation.

Directors.

President and treasurer and their duties.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, [That] all the officers of the said corporation shall hold their offices for one year, and until their successors are elected and qualified to act, unless they shall be sooner removed by the directors. The first meeting of the corporation may be called by any person named herein by giving previous notice of not less than five days, to all the other persons herein named, of the time and place of such meeting. The annual meetings hereafter shall be called by the treasurer or other officer designated by the board, and be held in the city of Washington, at the National Hotel building, on the first Wednesday in January in each year, notice of which shall be sent to the post-office address of each stockholder for ten days before the time for the holding of such meeting; and special meetings of the corporation may be called in the manner and time to be prescribed by the stockholders.

Term of office of officers.

First meeting.

Annual meetings.

Special meetings.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That each stockholder shall be individually liable for the debts of the corporation to the amount of stock held by each respectively; and Congress hereby reserves the right to amend, alter, or repeal this charter at pleasure.

Individual liability of stockholders.

Charter may be altered, &c.

APPROVED, July 13, 1868.

CHAP. CXLII. — *An Act to amend the Act of third March, eighteen hundred and sixty-five, providing for the Construction of certain Wagon Roads in Dakota Territory.*

July 13, 1868.

1865, ch. 99. Vol. xiii. p. 516.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That so much of the unexpended balance of an appropriation made March third, eighteen hundred and sixty-five, for the construction of certain wagon roads in the Territory of Dakota, as shall not exceed the sum of six thousand five hundred dollars, be, and the same is hereby, applied to the completion of the bridge over the Dakota river, on the line of the government road leading

Unexpended balance to be used to complete bridge over the Dakota river, &c.