ment of premiums in trust for the benefit of the person paying the same, or some other person designated by him, upon the endowment plan. At any meeting of the corporators, or a majority of them, they may prescribe

By-laws, &c; such rules and by-laws for the government of their association, and the transaction of its business, fix such rates of insurance and premiums, and provide for the payment of losses, in such manner as may be necessary to

Proviso; carry into effect the objects of the incorporation: *Provided*, That such rules and by-laws shall not conflict with the Constitution of the United States, nor with any laws in force within the District of Columbia; which

how may be changed. rules and by-laws may be changed at any regular meeting of the board of trustees of the association by a majority vote of the members of such board present.

Real estate. SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That it shall be lawful for the said association to purchase, hold, and convey real estate, as follows: First, such as shall be requisite for the immediate accommodation of its business; or, second, such as shall have been mortgaged to it in good faith by way of security for loans previously contracted, for money due; or, third, such as shall have been conveyed to it in satisfaction of debts previously contracted in the course of its dealings; or, fourth, such as shall have been purchased at sales upon judgments, decrees, or mortgages obtained or made for such debts.

Number of trustees and their residence. SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That the number of trustees to manage the business of said corporation shall be twenty, a majority of whom shall be residents of the District of Columbia; and the first board

Vacancies. shall be elected from among the corporators herein named, and any vacancy existing or occurring by death, resignation, or otherwise, in said office of trustees, shall be filled by ballot at such time as the by-laws shall

Officers of the association; prescribe; and that said trustees shall elect one of their number to be the president of the said board, who shall also be the president of said association, and shall elect two of their number as vice-presidents, one of their number as secretary, and one of their number as treasurer of the same.

to give security for good conduct. SEC. 6. *And be it further enacted*, That the president, vice-presidents, secretary, treasurer, and the subordinate officers and agents of the association shall respectively give such security for their fidelity and good conduct as the board of trustees may from time to time require, and the board shall fix the salaries of such officers and agents.

Salaries of officers and agents.

APPROVED, June 23, 1870.

June 23, 1870. CHAP. CLIII.—*An Act to authorize the Settlement of the Accounts of Officers of the Army and Navy.*

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the proper accounting officers of the treasury be, and they are hereby, authorized, in the settlement of the accounts of disbursing officers of the War and Navy Departments arising since the commencement of the rebellion, and prior to the twentieth day of August, eighteen hundred and sixty-six, to allow such credits for over payments, and for losses of funds, vouchers, and property, as they may deem just and reasonable, when recommended under authority of the Secretaries of War and Navy, by the heads of the military and naval bureaus to which such accounts respectively pertain.

In settling accounts of disbursing officers of War and Navy Departments, certain credits to be allowed when, &c.

Accounts of military and naval officers for government property charged to them may be closed when, &c. SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the accounts of military and naval officers, whether of the line or staff, for government property charged to them, may be closed by the proper accounting officers whenever, in their judgment, it will be for the interest of the United States so to do:

Provisos. *Provided*, That such accounts originated prior to the twentieth day of August, eighteen hundred and sixty-six: *Provided*, That no settlement shall be made by the officers of the treasury under this act which shall

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exceed the sum of five thousand dollars, and only of such officers of the army and navy and of the pay department in whose accounts there is no apparent fraud against the United States: *And provided further*, That this act shall remain in force for two years from and after its passage and no longer.

Act to be in force two years.

APPROVED, June 23, 1870.

CHAP. CLXIV. — *An Act to pay loyal Citizens in the States lately in Rebellion for Services in taking the United States Census of eighteen hundred and sixty.*

June 24, 1870.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the claims of loyal citizens in the States of Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Texas, and Virginia, for services rendered as United States marshals and their assistants in taking the eighth census in the year eighteen hundred and sixty, may be paid out of any unexpended balance of any moneys hitherto appropriated for the payment of United States marshals and their assistants for services rendered in taking the eighth census in the year eighteen hundred and sixty: *Provided*, That no money shall be paid on account of any such claim until proof, satisfactory to the Secretary of the Interior, of the loyalty to the United States throughout the late rebellion of the person by whom said service is alleged to have been performed, shall have been furnished, among which proofs shall be the oath of the person alleged to have performed the said service, if such person be living: *Provided*, That satisfactory evidence shall be submitted to the proper accounting officers that the claimants under this act have never received compensation for their services from any source whatever.

Claims of loyal citizens in the States lately in rebellion for services in taking the census of 1860, to be paid.

See *Post*, p. 314.

Provisos.

APPROVED, June 24, 1870.

CHAP. CLXV. — *An Act to amend an Act incorporating the National Junction Railway Company.*

June 28, 1870.

1869, ch. 5. *Ante*, p. 3.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the second section of "An act to incorporate the National Junction Railroad Company," approved March twenty-ninth, eighteen hundred and sixty-nine, be so amended that the said corporation be, and is hereby, authorized and empowered to survey, locate, lay out, construct, collect tolls upon, maintain, and enjoy a railroad line, with appurtenances and machinery necessary for one or more tracks, within the District of Columbia, either upon the route specified in said section, or in the following manner, to wit: Commencing at the northern terminus of the Aqueduct bridge, in the city of Georgetown; thence in an easterly or northeasterly direction, by the most feasible route, to Rock Creek; thence along said creek, or parallel thereto, to its junction with the Potomac river; thence along said river bank, or parallel thereto, to the foot of Twenty-sixth Street of Washington city; thence on the south side of the Chesapeake and Ohio canal, to its terminus; thence by the most direct and eligible route, southerly of and avoiding the public grounds, to the intersection of Virginia Avenue and South Capitol Street, conforming to the grade of such streets and avenues as the road may pass over; thence to the eastern branch of the Potomac river, at or near the navy yard, at a point to be indicated by the Secretary of the Navy. Together with a branch road from the main line, commencing at the intersection of Virginia and Delaware avenues; thence to a point on First Street east, on city grade; thence under said street, by an underground excavation or tunnel, to a junction of the Metropolitan and Washington branch of the Baltimore and Ohio railroads. Also the privilege of location and construction of an union depot on the main line of said road; the power to condemn ground for the location of the same, granted in the

Location of road of National Junction Railway Company changed.

Union depot.