mails in the city of St. Louis, now under contract with John E. Hagerty, and release him from his bond: *Provided*, That new service under said advertisement can be secured at a reasonable rate.

APPROVED, February 24, 1871.

[No. 45.] *Joint Resolution to extend the Benefit of the Act establishing the National Asylum for disabled Volunteer Soldiers to the disabled Soldiers and Sailors of the War of eighteen hundred and twelve, and the Mexican War.* Feb. 28, 1871.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the board of managers of the National Asylum for disabled volunteer soldiers be, and they are hereby, authorized and directed to extend the benefits and provisions of the act approved March twenty-first, eighteen hundred and sixty-six, establishing the said National Asylum, to the disabled volunteer soldiers and sailors of the war of eighteen hundred and twelve and of the Mexican war.

Benefits of act of 1866, ch. 21, Vol. xiv. p. 10, extended to disabled volunteer soldiers, &c. of war of 1812 and the Mexican war.

APPROVED, February 28, 1871.

[No. 47.] *Joint Resolution extending the Time for the Completion of the Portage Lake and Lake Superior Ship Canal.* March 2, 1871.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the time for the completion of the Portage Lake and Lake Superior ship canal be, and the same is hereby, extended to the third day of March, A. D. eighteen hundred and seventy-two.

Time for completion of Portage Lake and Lake Superior ship canal extended. Vol. xiii. p. 520. Vol. xiv. p. 81.

APPROVED, March 2, 1871.

[No. 48.] *Joint Resolution granting the Chicago and Illinois Southern Railroad Company the Right to build a Bridge across the Wabash River, and declaring the same a Post-Road.* March 3, 1871.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Chicago and Illinois Southern Railroad Company, a consolidated corporation, formed by the consolidation of the Mount Vernon and Grayville Railroad Company, a corporation organized under the general law of the State of Indiana, and the Grayville and Mattoon Railroad Company, a corporation organized under an act of the legislature of the State of Illinois, is hereby granted the right to construct and maintain an iron or wooden bridge for railroad purposes and as a public highway, either with a draw or a continuous span, as it may determine, across the Wabash river, at any point said corporation may select, either at or opposite the town of Grayville, in Edwards and White counties, in the State of Illinois, or Webb's ferry, in or opposite White county, in the State of Illinois, and Posey county, in the State of Indiana, or at any point on said river in the neighborhood of said town of Grayville or Webb's ferry, within five miles of either place: *Provided*, That the bridge to be constructed under the authority hereby granted shall not interfere with the free navigation of said river beyond what is necessary in order to carry into full effect the rights and privileges hereby granted, and shall be built at right angles with the current of the stream where said bridge may be erected; and that a space of at least one hundred and seventy feet over the main channel of said stream shall be left between the piers of said structure: *And provided further*, That if said bridge shall be built with a draw, of not less than one hundred feet in width, and said draw is kept in repair for the passage of boats at all times, the detention of passing said bridge shall not be construed as interfering with the navigation of said river: *And it is further provided*, That said bridge shall be considered as a lawful structure, and a post-road for the transmission of the United States mails, and is hereby declared as such: *And provided further*, That in case said bridge shall be

Chicago and Illinois Southern Railroad Company may build a bridge across the Wabash river.

Location.

Construction.

Draw.

Bridge to be a post-road.

Piers.

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