Bidders upon routes where the annual pay exceeds $5000, to send with bid check for not less than five per cent. of annual pay;

SEC. 6. That hereafter all bidders upon every mail route for the transportation of the mails upon the same, where the annual compensation for the service on such route at the time exceeds the sum of five thousand dollars, shall accompany their bids with a certified check or draft, payable to the order of the postmaster-general, upon some solvent national bank, which check or draft shall not be less than five per centum on the amount of the annual pay on said route at the time such bid is made, and in case of new service not less than five per centum of the amount of one year's pay proposed in such bid if the bid exceed five thousand dollars per annum. In case any bidder, on being awarded any such contract, shall fail to execute the same with good and sufficient sureties, according to the terms on which such bid was made and accepted, and enter upon the performance of the service to the satisfaction of the postmaster-general, such bidder shall forfeit the amount so deposited to the United States, and the same shall forthwith be paid into the treasury for the use of the Post-office Department; but if such contract shall be duly executed and the service entered upon as aforesaid, such draft or check so deposited shall be returned to the bidder.

if awarded the contract and failing to perform the same, to forfeit the amount, &c.

Chief clerk of money-order post-office may act as postmaster, if, &c.

Postmaster's bond to cover his acts.

Acting postmaster to be subject to penalties, &c.

SEC. 7. That in case of the sickness, or unavoidable absence from his office, of the postmaster of any money-order post-office, he may, with the approval of the postmaster-general, authorize the chief clerk, or some other clerk employed therein, to act in his place, and to discharge all the duties required by law of such postmaster: *Provided*, That the official bond given by the principal of the office shall be held to cover and apply to the acts of the person appointed to act in his place in such cases: *And provided further*, That such acting officer shall, for the time being, be subject to all the liabilities and penalties prescribed by law for the official misconduct, in like cases, of the postmaster for whom he shall act.

Postmaster-general may accept new sureties upon contracts, &c.;

SEC. 8. That the postmaster-general, whenever he may deem it consistent with the public interest, may accept new surety upon any contract existing, or hereafter made, for carrying the mails, in substitution for and release of any existing surety.

may place to the credit, &c., the net proceeds of the money-order business.

Receipts from this source, how to be entered.

SEC. 9. That the postmaster-general is hereby authorized to cause to be placed to the credit of the treasurer of the United States, for the service of the Post-office Department, the net proceeds of the money-order business; and that the receipts of the Post-office Department, derived from this source, during each quarter, shall be entered by the auditor of the treasury for the Post-office Department, in the accounts of said department, under the head of "Revenue from money-order business."

APPROVED, April 27, 1872.

April 29, 1872.
1871, ch. 68.
Vol. xvi. p. 430.

CHAP. CXXVI. — *An Act to amend the first Section of an Act entitled "An Act to provide for the Disposition of useless military Reservations," approved February twenty-fourth, eighteen hundred and seventy-one.*

Patent to issue to John C. Smith for portion of the military hay reserve of Fort Walla-Walla.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the first section of an act entitled "An act to provide for the disposition of useless military reservations," approved February twenty-fourth, eighteen hundred and seventy-one, be amended by adding thereto the following proviso: "*And provided further*, That upon payment of the appraised value by John C. Smith, or his heirs, a patent shall be issued to said Smith, or his heirs, for so much of the military hay reserve of Fort Walla-Walla, Washington Territory, as is embraced in the north half of section twenty-six, township number eight north, of range number thirty-five east of the Willamette meridian, so soon after such payment as the said Smith shall prove to the satisfaction of the register and the receiver of the proper land-office that he was in the lawful possession of said land under the pre-emption laws of the

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United States at the time said land was taken by the military authorities for a hay reserve as aforesaid.

Approved, April 29, 1872.

April 30, 1872.
1852, ch. 96. Vol. x. p. 37.

CHAP. CXXIX. — *An Act to amend Section second, Act of August thirtieth, eighteen hundred and fifty-two, in Relation to the Transportation and Exportation of imported Goods, Wares, and Merchandise in Bond through certain Ports in the State of Texas.*

Certain imported merchandise withdrawn for exportation to certain places in Mexico, to pass through Indianola, &c.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section second of the act of August thirtieth, eighteen hundred and fifty-two, entitled "An act authorizing imported goods, wares, and merchandise, entered and bonded for warehousing in pursuance of law, to be exported by certain routes to ports and places in Mexico," be so amended that imported merchandise, duly entered and bonded at a port of the United States, and withdrawn from warehouse in accordance with existing law, for exportation for San Fernando, Paso del Norte, and Chihuahua, in Mexico, shall pass through Indianola, the port of entry for the district of Saluria, in the State of Texas, under such regulations as the Secretary of the Treasury shall prescribe, as well as through the port of Lavaca, in said district, as required by said section.

Approved, April 30, 1872.

May 1, 1872.
1872, ch. 28, *Ante*, p. 33

CHAP. CXXX. — *An Act to amend an Act entitled "An Act to authorize the Construction of a Bridge across the Missouri River at or near St. Joseph, Missouri," approved March fifth, eighteen hundred and seventy-two.*

St. Joseph bridge building company or its assigns may build bridge across the Missouri river at or near St. Joseph;

railway tracks;

ways for foot-passengers, wagons, &c.;

all trains of all railroads may use the bridge.

Tolls.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the first section of the act entitled "An act to authorize the construction of a bridge across the Missouri river at or near St. Joseph, Missouri," approved March fifth, eighteen hundred and seventy-two, be, and the same is hereby, amended so as to read as follows: Section 1. That it shall be lawful for the St. Joseph Bridge Building Company, a corporation organized for that purpose under the general corporation laws of the State of Missouri, or its assigns, to construct a bridge across the Missouri river at or near St. Joseph, Missouri, and to lay on and over said bridge railway tracks for the more perfect connection of any and all railways that are now, or which may hereafter be, constructed to the Missouri river at or near St. Joseph, or to the river on the opposite side of the same, near St. Joseph; and build, erect, and lay on and over said bridge ways for wagons, vehicles of all kinds, and for the transit of animals, and to provide ways for foot-passengers, and to keep up, maintain, and operate said bridge for the purposes aforesaid; and that when said bridge is constructed, all trains of all railroads terminating at said river, and on the opposite side thereof, at or near St. Joseph, Missouri, shall be allowed to cross said bridge for reasonable compensation, to be made to the owners of the same, under the limitations and conditions hereafter named. The owners of said bridge may also charge and receive reasonable compensation or tolls for the transit over the said bridge of all wagons, carriages, vehicles, animals, and foot-passengers.

St. Joseph bridge building company not to assign its charter.
1870, ch. 260. Vol. xvi. p. 275.

Sec. 2. That the fifth section of the act of which this is amendatory be, and the same is hereby, amended so as to read as follows: Section 5. That the St. Joseph Bridge Building Company, after the passage of this act, shall not have the right to assign the charter which said company now holds by assignment from the St. Joseph and Denver City Railroad Company, and which was granted to said last-named company by virtue of an act of Congress, approved July fourteenth, eighteen hundred and seventy, to any other company, person, or persons; nor shall said bridge building company be permitted, under the said charter so obtained as aforesaid, from the St. Joseph and Denver City Railroad Company to construct any other bridge than the one now being constructed at St. Joseph, Missouri: *Provided*,