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prevent the Government or other competent authority from at any time altering the grade, or otherwise improving all streets and roads occupied by said railway; and, in such event, it shall be the duty of said company to change said railway so as to conform to such grade and pavement.

Change of grade.

SEC. 4. That each of the stockholders in the said railway company shall be liable individually for all the debts and liabilities of the said company to an amount equal to the value of stock held by such stockholder.

Liability of stockholders.

SEC. 5. That the said railroad company shall, by the fifteenth of January, after the completion of said road, and annually on or before that day thereafter, transmit to Congress a full report of the affairs, business and condition of the said company for the year terminating December thirty-first preceding such report; and such report shall be signed and sworn to by the President and the treasurer of the company, and by a majority of the directors.

Annual report.

SEC. 6. That all articles of value that may be inadvertently left in any of the cars or or other vehicles of said company shall be taken to its principal depot, and entered in a book of record of unclaimed goods, which book shall be open to the inspection of the public at all reasonable hours.

Unclaimed goods left in cars.

SEC. 7. That this act may be altered, amended, or repealed by the Congress of the United States at any time; and the said company is not authorized to issue any note, token, device, or scrip, or other evidence of debt, to be used as a currency.

Amendment and repeal.
Issue of currency, notes, etc., forbidden.

SEC. 8. That the capital stock of said company shall be not less than twenty-five thousand dollars nor more than fifty thousand dollars, and shall be divided into shares of twenty-five dollars each, and shall be deemed personal property, transferable in such manner as the by-laws of said company may direct.

Capital stock.

SEC. 9. That the company shall place first-class cars on said railway for the convenience and comfort of passengers, and shall run cars thereon as often as every thirty minutes during the day; and the company shall procure such ticket-offices, stables, and depot's at such points as the business of the railroad and the convenience of the public may require; and the said company is hereby authorized to purchase or lease such lands or buildings as may be necessary for the ticket-offices, stables, and depots above-mentioned.

Passenger-cars.
Trips.
Offices, stables, &c.
Purchase or lease of lands.

SEC. 10. That the stockholders of the said company shall annually elect seven directors, who shall have full power to make and prescribe such by-laws, rules, and regulations, and create such offices, as they shall deem needful and proper, touching the disposition and management of the stock, property, estate, and effects of the company, not contrary to the charter or to the laws of the United States, and the ordinances of the District of Columbia; and there shall be no regulation excluding any person from any car on account of color.

Board of directors.
By-laws.
No distinction on account of color.

SEC. 11. That the incorporators of said road shall, within thirty days after the passage of this act, meet and organize and open books of subscription, at some place made known by advertisement in at least one daily paper published in the District of Columbia, to the capital stock of said company; and the said company shall organize and complete the line of said road within one year from the passage of this act, otherwise no right shall be acquired under this act.

Organization.
Time for completing road.

Approved, April 10, 1876.

CHAP. 53.—An act donating the military road running from Astoria, Oregon, to Salem, in that State, to the several counties through which it passes.

April 11, 1876.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the military road from Astoria to Salem, in the State of Oregon, constructed under the following acts of Congress, to wit, acts approved February seventeenth, eight-

Military road from Astoria to Salem, Oregon, donated to counties.

1855, ch. 104, 10 Stat., 608.
1857, ch. 61, 11 Stat., 168.
1858, ch. 161, 11 Stat., 337.

een hundred and fifty-five; March second, eighteen hundred and fifty-seven; and June fourteenth, eighteen hundred and fifty-eight, be, and the same is hereby, donated to the several counties in said State through which it runs, to wit, Clatsop, Washington, Yam Hill, and Polk, to each such portion as runs through it; said counties hereafter to own and control the same; and such road is hereby abandoned as a military road.

Approved, April 11, 1876.

April 11, 1876.

CHAP. 54.—An act for the sale of the Arsenal and lot, at Stonington, Connecticut.

Sale of arsenal grounds in Stonington, Connecticut.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of War be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to sell for cash, after such advertisement for at least one month as he may deem necessary, either by public auction or by inviting proposals for the purchase thereof, and in either case to the highest responsible bidder, a certain lot and parcel of land, with the buildings thereon, in the town of Stonington, Connecticut, belonging to the United States and formerly used for arsenal purposes; and the Secretary of War is empowered and required, on receiving the purchase money in full, to execute the necessary deeds of such property to the purchaser or purchasers thereof, conveying all the right, title and interest of the United States therein.

Deed.

Proceeds.

SEC. 2. That the proceeds of said sale, after paying the necessary expenses thereof, shall, upon receipt of the same, be paid by the Secretary of War into the Treasury.

Approved, April 11, 1876.

April 11, 1876.

CHAP. 55.—An act to enable the Secretary of the Treasury to pay judgments provided for in an act approved February fifteenth, eighteen hundred and seventy-six, entitled "An act providing for the payment of judgments rendered under section 11 of chapter 459 of the laws of the First session of the Forty-third Congress."

Judgments of Alabama claims court, sale of bonds for payment of.
1876, ch. 10.
Ante, pp. 1, 3, 6.
Post, p. 96.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Treasury, for the purpose of paying the judgments provided for in an act approved February fifteenth, eighteen hundred and seventy-six, entitled "An act providing for the payment of judgments rendered under section eleven, of chapter four hundred and fifty-nine of the laws of the first session of the Forty-third Congress," is hereby authorized to convert into coupon-bonds, and to sell, after five days' notice, so many as may be necessary for this purpose of the five per centum registered bonds of the United States now held subject to the disposition of Congress under the provisions of the act approved March third, eighteen hundred and seventy-three, chapter two hundred and sixty-one.

1873, ch. 261, 17 Stat., 601.

1874, ch. 459, § 15, 18 Stat., 248, repealed.

SEC. 2. That so much of section fifteen of the act approved June twenty-third, eighteen hundred and seventy-four, chapter four hundred and fifty-nine, as conflicts with this act, is hereby repealed.

Approved, April 11, 1876.

April 13, 1876.

CHAP. 56.—An act to amend section 1044 of the Revised Statutes relating to limitations in criminal cases.

R. S., 1044, p. 193, amended.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section one thousand and forty-four of the Revised Statutes of the United States be amended so as to read as follows:

Limitation in cases of offenses not capital.

No person shall be prosecuted, tried, or punished for any offense, not capital, except as provided in section one thousand and forty-six, unless