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Torpedoes for harbor defenses.

For torpedoes for harbor defenses, and preservation of the same, and for torpedo experiments in their application to harbor and land defense, and for instruction of engineer battalion in their preparation and application, fifty thousand dollars: *Provided*, That the money herein appropriated for torpedoes shall only be used in the establishment and maintenance of torpedoes to be operated from shore-stations for the destruction of an enemy's vessel approaching the shore or entering the channel and fairways of harbors.

Proviso limiting use.

Approved, March 23, 1878.

March 26, 1878.

CHAP. 44.—An act to extend the charter of the Franklin Insurance Company of the city of Washington.

Franklin Insurance Company. Charter extended for 20 years. 1865, ch. 26, 13 Stat., 426.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the act to amend and extend the charter of the Franklin Insurance Company, approved January thirtieth, eighteen hundred and sixty-five, be, and the same is hereby, extended and continued in force for the period of twenty years from the ninth day of April, eighteen hundred and seventy-eight, the time at which the said act of January thirtieth, eighteen hundred and sixty-five, will expire; and that all legal rights and privileges conferred upon the Franklin Insurance Company by the original act of incorporation, or by any of the acts amending and extending the same and all legal obligations and responsibilities imposed upon the said company by the acts aforesaid, shall be, and the same are, extended and continued in force for the period of twenty years, commencing on the ninth day of April, eighteen hundred and seventy-eight.

Rights and obligations extended.

Personal liability of shareholders.

SEC. 2. The shareholders in said company shall be personally liable for all the debts of the company to an amount equal to the par of their shares, and in addition to the amount thereof; and no part of the capital stock of said company shall be withdrawn and any director or stockholder assenting thereto shall be personally liable for all debts of said company existing at the time of such withdrawal. And Congress may at any time alter amend or repeal this act.

Right to amend.

Approved, March 26, 1878.

April 2, 1878.

CHAP. 46.—An act to authorize the Worthington and Sioux Falls Railroad Company to extend its road into the Territory of Dakota to the village of Sioux Falls.

Worthington and Sioux Falls Railroad.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That said Worthington and Sioux Falls Railroad Company is hereby authorized and empowered to survey, locate, construct, furnish, maintain, and operate a railroad from the west line of the State of Minnesota to and into the village of Sioux Falls, in Dakota Territory, so as to form and constitute a continuous line of railroad from said Nobles County to and into the village of Sioux Falls; and said corporation is hereby vested with all the franchises, powers, privileges, and immunities necessary to carry into effect the purposes of this act, as herein set forth, and may have and exercise the same fully and effectually within the Territory of Dakota.

Purchase of necessary lands.

SEC. 2. That the said Worthington and Sioux Falls Railroad Company be, and is hereby empowered to enter upon, purchase, take and hold any lands or premises that may be necessary or proper for the construction and working of said road within said Territory of Dakota, not exceeding in width one hundred feet on each side of the line of its railroad, unless a greater width be required for the purpose of excavation or embankment or protection from snow, and in such cases not exceeding two hundred feet; and also any lands or premises that may be necessary and proper for turnouts, standing-places for cars, depots, station-houses, shops or other structures or inclosures required or convenient