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ors shall have power to make and prescribe such by-laws, rules, and regulations 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. There shall be an annual meeting of the stockholders for choice of directors, to be held at such time and place, under such conditions, and upon such notice as the said company in their by-laws may prescribe; and said directors shall annually make a report in writing of their doings to the stockholders and to the Commissioners of the District of Columbia. Said company shall have at all times the free and uninterrupted use of the railway; and if any person or persons shall willfully or mischievously, unnecessarily obstruct or impede the passage of the cars of said railway with a vehicle or vehicles, or otherwise, or in any manner molest or interfere with passengers or operatives while in transit, or destroy or injure the cars of said railway, or depots, stations, or other property belonging to said railway, the person or persons so offending shall forfeit and pay for each offense not less than twenty-five nor more than one hundred dollars to said company, to be recovered as other fines and penalties of said District, and shall remain liable, in addition to said penalty, for any loss or damage occasioned by his or her or their acts as aforesaid. No person shall be prohibited the right to travel on the cars of said road, or ejected therefrom by the company's employees for any other cause than of being drunk, disorderly, or contagiously diseased, or for the use of obscene or profane language, refusing to pay the legal fare exacted, or to comply with the lawful general regulations of the company. The said Georgetown and Tennallytown Railway Company shall have the right of way across such other railways as are now in operation within the limits of the lines granted by this act, and is hereby authorized to construct its said road across such other railways: *Provided*, That it shall not interrupt the travel of such other railways in such construction. The principal office of said company shall always be situated in the city of Washington, and all books and papers relating to the business of said company shall be kept thereat, and open at all times to the inspection of the stockholders. The meeting of the stockholders and directors shall be held at said office. The book in which transfers of stock shall be recorded shall be closed for the purpose of such transfer thirty days before the annual election.

By-laws, etc.

Annual meeting.

Punishment for injuries to franchise, etc.

Right of way across other roads.

SEC. 4. That the said work shall commence within one year from the passage of this act, and be completed its entire distance, with switches and turn-outs, and with cars running thereon for the accommodation of passengers, within two years from the date of the passage of this act; otherwise this charter shall be null and void.

Commencement and completion.

SEC. 5. That Congress hereby reserves to itself the right to at any time alter, amend, or repeal this act.

Amendment.

Received by the President August 10, 1888.

[NOTE BY THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE.—The foregoing act having been presented to the President of the United States for his approval, and not having been returned by him to the house of Congress in which it originated within the time prescribed by the Constitution of the United States, has become a law without his approval.]

CHAP. 913.—An act authorizing an increase in pensions in cases of deafness.

August 27, 1888.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That from and after the passage of this act all persons on the pension-rolls of the United States, or who may hereafter be thereon, drawing pensions on account of loss of hearing, shall be entitled to receive, in lieu of the amount

Pensions.
Rate for deafness increased.

R.S., sec. 4698, p. 915.

now paid in case of such disability, the sum of thirty dollars, in cases of total deafness, and such proportion thereof in cases of partial deafness as the Secretary of the Interior may deem equitable; the amount paid to be determined by the degree of disability existing in each case.

Approved, August 27, 1888.

August 27, 1888.

CHAP. 914.—An act to provide aid to State or Territorial homes for the support of disabled soldiers and sailors of the United States.

Disabled soldiers and sailors. Aid to State homes for.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That all States or Territories which have established, or which shall hereafter establish, State homes for disabled soldiers and sailors of the United States who served in the war of the rebellion, or in any previous war, who are disabled by age, disease, or otherwise, and by reason of such disability are incapable of earning a living, provided such disability was not incurred in service against the United States, shall be paid for every such disabled soldier or sailor who may be admitted and cared for in such home at the rate of one hundred dollars per annum. The number of such persons for whose care any State or Territory shall receive the said payment under this act shall be ascertained by the Board of Managers of the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers, under such regulations as it may prescribe, but the said State or Territorial homes shall be exclusively under the control of the respective State or Territorial authorities, and the Board of Managers shall not have nor assume any management or control of said State or Territorial homes. The Board of Managers of the National Home shall, however, have power to have the said State or Territorial homes inspected at such times as it may consider necessary, and shall report the result of such inspections to Congress in its annual report.

Board of Managers of National Home to make rules, etc.

R. S., sec. 4825, p. 936.

Inspection.

Appropriation.

SEC. 2. That the sum of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to carry out the provisions of this act, and payments to the States or Territories under it shall be made quarterly by the said Board of Managers for the National Home for Disabled Volunteers to the officers of the respective States or Territories entitled, duly authorized to receive such payments, and shall be accounted for as are the appropriations for the support of the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers.

Payments.

Approved, August 27, 1888.

August 27, 1888.

CHAP. 915.—An act for the erection of a marine hospital at Evansville, Indiana.

Evansville, Ind. Marine hospital.

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 be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to purchase a site for, and cause to be erected thereon, a suitable building for a marine hospital at the city of Evansville, Indiana. The plans, specifications, and full estimates for said building shall be previously made and approved according to law, and shall not exceed, for the site and building complete, the sum of one hundred thousand dollars; nor shall any site be purchased until estimates for the erection of the building which will furnish sufficient accommodations for such hospital, and which shall not exceed in cost the balance of the sum herein limited, after the site shall have been purchased and paid for and approved by the Secretary of the Treasury: *Provided*, That no money appropriated for this purpose shall be available until a valid title to

Site, plans, etc.

Estimates.

Proviso. Title, etc.