

CHAP. 181.—An Act To provide a register for the schooner barge Astoria.

August 1, 1894.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Commissioner of Navigation is hereby authorized and directed to cause the ship Astoria, purchased and owned by George Grall and repaired in American ports and converted into a schooner barge, to be registered as a vessel of the United States.

Approved, August 1, 1894.

"Astoria."
American register to
foreign-built schooner
barge.

CHAP. 189.—An Act To authorize the Metropolitan Railroad Company to change its motive power for the propulsion of the cars of said company.

August 2, 1894.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Metropolitan Railroad Company, incorporated under the Act of Congress approved the first day of July, anno Domini eighteen hundred and sixty-four, be, and the same is hereby, required to cease to use on its lines running east and west each and every closed car that has been in use on any of its lines for three years or more, and shall substitute therefor new cars of the most approved pattern. Failure to comply with the provisions of this section within ninety days from the approval of this Act shall subject the said company to a fine of twenty-five dollars for each and every day during which the company neglects or refuses to make the substitution of new cars as herein specified, which fine may be recovered by the Commissioners of the District of Columbia in any court of competent jurisdiction.

District of Colum-
bia.
Metropolitan Rail-
road Company to use
new cars.
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Penalty for refusal.

SEC. 2. That the said Metropolitan Railroad Company, be, and the same is hereby, authorized, empowered, and required to equip and operate the lines of its cars upon and along all the streets and avenues of the cities of Washington and Georgetown, within the District of Columbia, where the lines of its road or any part thereof are now laid and operated, and as hereinafter provided, with an underground electric system for propulsion of such cars: *Provided*, That the change to an underground system shall be completed upon its north and south line within one year and upon its east and west line within two years after the approval of this Act: *Provided* there shall be completed an extension thereof on East Capitol street from Ninth street east to Fifteenth street east, around both sides of Lincoln Square, and also an extension from Ninth street west northwesterly on Florida avenue to Tenth street west. And in default of such completions all Acts or parts of Acts chartering or extending the said road are hereby repealed.

Underground elec-
tric motive power to
be used.

Provisos.
Completion of
change.

Extension of tracks.

SEC. 3. That the said company is hereby authorized and empowered to issue its bonds, secured by a mortgage on its franchises and other property, to such amount as may be necessary to pay the cost of the work to be done and of the materials required and the expenses incident to the change to be made as provided in this Act, but not in excess of such cost. And said bonds shall not be sold or disposed of at less than their face or par value.

Bonds may be is-
sued.

SEC. 4. That a transcript of the record of the case of the District of Columbia against the Metropolitan Railroad Company of the District of Columbia, at law Numbered Twenty-two thousand four hundred and fifty-eight, in the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia, together with the original papers and record entries therein, duly certified, shall, by appropriate orders duly entered of record, be transferred and delivered to the Court of Appeals of the District of Columbia, which said Court of Appeals is hereby vested with original authority and jurisdiction to hear and determine said case without a jury upon the pleas and issues and proofs therein other than the pleas and issues relating to the statute of limitation or plea of failure of notice to said company of any act required of it, and to determine from and upon said record and

Court of appeals,
District of Columbia,
to hear suit against
company.

Statute of limitations,
etc., to be waived.