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sented at any pension agency any power of attorney or other paper required as a voucher in drawing a pension, which paper bears a date subsequent to that upon which it was actually signed or acknowledged by the pensioner, and every person before whom any declaration, affidavit, voucher, or other paper or writing to be used in aid of the prosecution of any claim for pension or bounty land or payment thereof purports to have been executed who shall knowingly certify that the declarant, affiant, or witness named in such declaration, affidavit, voucher, or other paper or writing personally appeared before him and was sworn thereto, or acknowledged the execution thereof, when, in fact, such declarant, affiant, or witness did not personally appear before him or was not sworn thereto, or did not acknowledge the execution thereof, shall be punished by a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars, or by imprisonment for a term of not more than five years."

Penalty for false certificate to vouchers, etc.

Approved, July 7, 1898.

CHAP. 579.—An Act To require the Brightwood Railway Company to abandon its overhead trolley on Kenyon street, between Seventh and Fourteenth streets.

July 7, 1898.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Brightwood Railway Company of the District of Columbia be, and it is hereby, required, within one month from the passage of this Act, to vacate that part of its road lying on Kenyon and Marshall streets, between Seventh and Fourteenth streets, in said District, and remove its tracks and poles therefrom: *Provided, however*, That said company shall have the right at any time within one year from the passage of this Act to equip and operate said road with underground electric power, such as is now used by the Metropolitan Railroad Company. In case said company shall neglect or refuse to equip said road as aforesaid within said period of one year, then their right to do so shall stand as forfeited and their charter repealed as to said part of said road: *And provided further*, That in case said railroad company shall refuse to remove its tracks and poles from said street within thirty days as aforesaid, then its charter to that part of said road shall stand forfeited and repealed from said date, and after the expiration of said thirty days said Brightwood Railway Company shall be liable to a fine of twenty-five dollars a day for each day its tracks, or any part thereof, or its poles, or any one of them, shall remain in said Kenyon or Marshall streets, said fine to be collected in any court of competent jurisdiction at the suit of the Commissioners of the District of Columbia.

District of Columbia.

Brightwood railway to abandon overhead trolley on Kenyon street.

Provisos.
—may substitute underground electric power.

Failure to remove tracks, etc.
—forfeiture.
—fine.

SEC. 2. That said railway company, for the purpose only of equipping said branch with underground electric power, shall have the right to issue its bonds bearing interest not to exceed six per centum per annum, payable at such time as the officers of the company may deem expedient: *Provided*, That the issue of said bonds shall not in the aggregate exceed the amount necessary for the equipment aforesaid, and the total outstanding bonds and stock shall in no event exceed the sum of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars per mile of single track.

Bonds to aid underground electric equipment.
—limit of issue.

SEC. 3. That the Brightwood Railway Company is hereby directed to sell four coupon tickets for twenty-five cents for use over the lines of said company and the Capital Traction Company and to redeem the coupons when presented by said Capital Traction Company; and the provisions of section five of the Act approved February twenty-sixth, eighteen hundred and ninety-five, entitled "An Act to amend the charter of the Metropolitan Railroad Company of the District of Columbia," which relate to the issue, use, and redemption of said tickets and coupons in the case of the Brightwood Railway and the Metropolitan Railroad companies, and the penalty for violation of the provisions of said section of said Act, and the recovery of said penalty, and the

Issue of coupon tickets.
—use on Capital Traction road, etc.
Penalty, etc., for refusal to accept or sell tickets.
Vol. 28, p. 683.

authority and jurisdiction of certain courts to enforce the requirements and provisions of said section, shall apply to the issue, use, and redemption of coupon tickets on the lines of said Brightwood Railway and Capital Traction companies; and the aforesaid provisions of said section are hereby made a part of this Act.

Approved, July 7, 1898.

July 7, 1898.

CHAP. 580.—An Act To provide for a temporary increase in the Inspector-General's Department of the Army.

Army.
Inspector-General's Department.
Temporary increase of officers.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President is authorized, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, to appoint one inspector-general with the rank of colonel, one inspector-general with the rank of lieutenant-colonel, and one inspector-general with the rank of major: *Provided*, That the vacancies created in the grade of colonel and lieutenant-colonel by this Act shall be filled by the promotion of officers now in the Inspector-General's Department according to seniority, and that upon the mustering out of the volunteer forces and the reduction of the Regular Army to a peace basis, no appointments shall be made in the Inspector-General's Department until the number of officers in each grade in that Department shall be reduced to the number now authorized by law.

Proviso.
Vacancies, how filled, etc.

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July 7, 1898.

CHAP. 581.—An Act To amend an Act entitled "An Act to authorize the county of Saint Louis, in the State of Minnesota, to build, or authorize the building of, a foot and wagon bridge across the Saint Louis River between Minnesota and Wisconsin, at a point near Fond du Lac, in said State of Minnesota," approved June eleventh, eighteen hundred and ninety-six.

Time extended to St. Louis County to bridge St. Louis River.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section six of an Act entitled "An Act to authorize the county of Saint Louis, in the State of Minnesota, to build, or authorize the building of, a foot and wagon bridge across the Saint Louis River between Minnesota and Wisconsin, at a point near Fond du Lac, in said State of Minnesota," approved June eleventh, eighteen hundred and ninety-six, be amended to read as follows:

Vol. 29, p. 456, amended.

"SEC. 6. That this Act shall be null and void if actual construction of the bridge herein authorized be not commenced within three years and completed within five years from the date hereof."

Approved, July 7, 1898.

July 7, 1898.

CHAP. 582.—An Act To increase the force of the Ordnance Department.

Army.
Ordnance Department.
Increase of officers.
Vol. 18, p. 245, amended.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section five of an Act entitled "An Act reorganizing the several staff corps of the Army," approved June twenty-third, eighteen hundred and seventy-four, be, and the same is hereby, amended so as to read as follows:

"SEC. 5. The Ordnance Department shall consist of one Chief of Ordnance, with the rank, pay, and emoluments of a brigadier-general; four colonels, five lieutenant-colonels, twelve majors, twenty-four captains, twenty first lieutenants.

Assignments to staff of corps and division commanders.

"A chief ordnance officer may be assigned to the staff of an army or a corps commander, and while so assigned shall have the rank, pay, and allowances of a lieutenant-colonel. A chief ordnance officer may be assigned to the staff of a division commander, and while so assigned shall have the rank, pay, and allowances of a major."

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