

Companies to obtain consent of States, where road and telegraph line do not pass through public lands. Act may be amended, &c.

SEC. 11. *And be it further enacted*, That the said companies named in this act shall obtain the consent of the legislatures of their respective States, and be governed by the statutory regulations thereof in all matters pertaining to the right of way, wherever the said road and telegraph line shall not pass over or through the public lands of the United States.

SEC. 12. *And be it further enacted*, That Congress may at any time, having due regard for the rights of said California and Oregon railroad companies, add to, alter, amend, or repeal this act.

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July 25, 1866. CHAP. CCXLIII. — *An Act to change the Place of holding Court in the Northern District of Georgia.*

District court for northern district of Georgia to be held at Atlanta.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the district court for the northern district of Georgia shall hereafter be held at Atlanta, instead of Marietta; and the clerk of said northern district is hereby required to remove all the books, papers, and records belonging to his office from Marietta to Atlanta.

Process.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That all process made returnable to the court heretofore held at Marietta shall be taken and considered returnable to the court at Atlanta.

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July 25, 1866. CHAP. CCXLIV. — *An Act granting to A. Sutro the Right of Way, and granting other Privileges to aid in the Construction of a Draining and Exploring Tunnel to the Comstock Lode, in the State of Nevada.*

Right of way granted to A. Sutro, &c. to construct a mining, &c. tunnel, &c.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That, for the purpose of the construction of a deep draining and exploring tunnel to and beyond the "Comstock lode," so called, in the State of Nevada, the right of way is hereby granted to A. Sutro, his heirs and assigns, to run, construct, and excavate a mining, draining, and exploring tunnel; also to sink mining, working, or air shafts along the line or course of said tunnel, and connecting with the same at any point which may hereafter be selected by the grantee herein, his heirs or assigns. The said tunnel shall be at least eight feet high and eight feet wide, and shall commence at some point to be selected by the grantee herein, his heirs or assigns, at the hills near Carson River, and within the boundaries of Lyon County, and extending from said initial point in a westerly direction seven miles, more or less, to and beyond said Comstock lode; and the said right of way shall extend northerly and southerly on the course of said lode, either within the same, or east or west of the same; and also on or along any other lode which may be discovered or developed by the said tunnel.

Dimensions of tunnel, where to commence, &c.

Right of way to extend northerly and southerly &c.

A. Sutro may purchase not over two sections of public land at mouth of tunnel, for use thereof. Not to be mineral lands, &c.

Upon filing plat, land to be withdrawn from sale.

Patent to issue. Certain mineral veins and lodes may be purchased.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the right is hereby granted to the said A. Sutro, his heirs and assigns, to purchase, at one dollar and twenty-five cents per acre, a sufficient amount of public land near the mouth of said tunnel for the use of the same, not exceeding two sections, and such land shall not be mineral land or in the bona fide possession of other persons who claim under any law of Congress at the time of the passage of this act, and all minerals existing or which shall be discovered therein are excepted from this grant; that upon filing a plat of said land the Secretary of the Interior shall withdraw the same from sale, and upon payment for the same a patent shall issue. And the said A. Sutro, his heirs and assigns, are hereby granted the right to purchase, at five dollars per acre, such mineral veins and lodes within two thousand feet on each side of said tunnel as shall be cut, discovered, or developed by running and constructing the same, through its entire extent, with all the dips, spurs, and angles of such lodes, subject, however, to the

provisions of this act, and to such legislation as Congress may hereafter provide: *Provided*, That the Comstock lode, with its dips, spurs, and angles, is excepted from this grant, and all other lodes, with their dips, spurs, and angles, located within the said two thousand feet, and which are or may be, at the passage of this act, in the actual bona fide possession of other persons, are hereby excepted from such grant. And the lodes herein excepted, other than the Comstock lode, shall be withheld from sale by the United States; and if such lodes shall be abandoned or not worked, possessed, and held in conformity to existing mining rules, or such regulations as have been or may be prescribed by the legislature of Nevada, they shall become subject to such right of purchase by the grantee herein, his heirs or assigns.

Comstock lode, &c. and certain other lodes excepted from this act.

Lodes to be withheld from sale.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That all persons, companies, or corporations owning claims or mines on said Comstock lode or any other lode drained, benefited, or developed by said tunnel, shall hold their claims subject to the condition, (which shall be expressed in any grant they may hereafter obtain from the United States,) that they shall contribute and pay to the owners of said tunnel the same rate of charges for drainage or other benefits derived from said tunnel or its branches, as have been, or may hereafter be, named in agreement between such owners and the companies representing a majority of the estimated value of said Comstock lode at the time of the passage of this act.

Owners of claims or mines on Comstock or other lode, benefited by the tunnel, to hold claims subject, &c.

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CHAP. CCXLV.—*An Act to regulate the Times and Manner of holding Elections for*

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*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the legislature of each State which shall be chosen next preceding the expiration of the time for which any senator was elected to represent said State in Congress, shall, on the second Tuesday after the meeting and organization thereof, proceed to elect a senator in Congress, in the place of such senator so going out of office, in the following manner: Each house shall openly, by a viva voce of each member present, name one person for senator in Congress from said State, and the name of the person so voted for, who shall have a majority of the whole number of votes cast in each house shall be entered on the journal of each house by the clerk or secretary thereof; but if either house shall fail to give such majority to any person on said day, that fact shall be entered on the journal. At twelve o'clock, meridian, of the day following that on which proceedings are required to take place, as aforesaid, the members of the two houses shall convene in joint assembly and the journal of each house shall then be read, and if the same person shall have received a majority of all the votes in each house, such person shall be declared duly elected senator to represent said State in the Congress of the United States; but if the same person shall not have received a majority of the votes in each house, or if either house shall have failed to take proceedings as required by this act, the joint assembly shall then proceed to choose, by a viva voce vote of each member present a person for the purpose aforesaid, and the person having a majority of all the votes of the said joint assembly, a majority of all the members elected to both houses being present and voting, shall be declared duly elected; and in case no person shall receive such majority on the first day, the joint assembly shall meet at twelve o'clock, meridian, of each succeeding day during the session of the legislature, and take at least one vote until a senator shall be elected.

What legislatures of States, and when to elect senators in Congress.

Mode of election.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That whenever, on the meeting of the legislature of any State, a vacancy shall exist in the representation of such State in the senate of the United States, said legislature shall pro-

Proceedings to elect a senator to fill a vacancy.