

who shall knowingly swear falsely in taking either of such oaths shall be deemed guilty of perjury, and shall be punished therefor by imprisonment not less than one year, and not more than ten years, and shall be fined not less than one thousand dollars, and not more than ten thousand dollars. And in all trials for any violation of this act the certificate of the taking of either of said oaths, with proof of the signature of the party accused, shall be taken and held as conclusive evidence that such oath was regularly and lawfully administered by competent authority: *And provided further*, That every such person who shall neglect for the period of thirty days next after the passage of this act to take, subscribe, and file such oath as aforesaid, shall be deemed and taken, to all intents and purposes, to have vacated his office: *And provided further*, That the State of Virginia is admitted to representation in Congress as one of the States of the Union upon the following fundamental conditions: First, That the Constitution of Virginia shall never be so amended or changed as to deprive any citizen or class of citizens of the United States of the right to vote who are entitled to vote by the Constitution herein recognized, except as a punishment for such crimes as are now felonies at common law, whereof they shall have been duly convicted under laws equally applicable to all the inhabitants of said State: *Provided*, That any alteration of said Constitution, prospective in its effects, may be made in regard to the time and place of residence of voters. Second, That it shall never be lawful for the said State to deprive any citizen of the United States, on account of his race, color, or previous condition of servitude, of the right to hold office under the constitution and laws of said State, or upon any such ground to require of him any other qualifications for office than such as are required of all other citizens. Third, That the constitution of Virginia shall never be so amended or changed as to deprive any citizen or class of citizens of the United States of the school rights and privileges secured by the constitution of said State.

Perjury in taking either oath, how punished.

Certificate of taking, &c. to be evidence.

Neglect for thirty days to take, &c. the oath, to vacate office.

Fundamental conditions of the admission of Virginia to representation in Congress.

No citizen or class to be deprived of right to vote, except, &c.

or to hold office on account of race, color, &c. ;

or of school rights and privileges.

APPROVED, January 26, 1870.

CHAP. XI. — *An Act to protect Officials in Government Employ.*

Feb. 1, 1870.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That no officer or clerk in the United States government employ shall at any time solicit contributions of other officials or employees in the government service for a gift or present to those in a superior official position; nor shall any such officials or clerical superiors receive any gift or present offered or presented to them as the contribution of those in government employ receiving a less salary than themselves; nor shall any officer or clerk make any donation as a gift or present to any official superior. Any officer or clerk violating any of the provisions of this bill shall be summarily discharged from the government employ.

Contributions, &c. not to be solicited for, nor received by, United States officials or clerical superiors.

Presents. Penalty.

APPROVED, February 1, 1870.

CHAP. XII. — *An Act to amend an Act entitled "An Act to admit the State of Virginia to Representation in the Congress of the United States."*

Feb. 1, 1870.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That wherever the word "oath" is used in the act entitled "An act to admit the State of Virginia to representation in the Congress of the United States," it shall be construed to include an affirmation; and every person required by said act to take either of the oaths therein prescribed, who has religious or conscientious scruples against taking an oath, may make and file an affirmation to the same purport and effect: *Provided*, That all the pains and

"Oath" to include "affirmation" in the act to admit Virginia.

See ch. 10, p. 62.

Perjury. penalties of perjury prescribed by said act shall apply also to any false affirmation taken thereunder.

APPROVED, February 1, 1870.

Feb. 2, 1870. CHAP. XIII. — *An Act giving the Consent of the United States to the Erection of a Bridge across the Willamette River, in Oregon, from the City of Portland to the east Bank of said River.*

Bridge across the Willamette river may be erected by the city of Portland within six years;

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the consent of the United States is hereby given to the corporation of the city of Portland, in the State of Oregon, to erect, or cause to be erected, a bridge, with diverging roadways and footways and double draws, over and across the Willamette river, between the city of Portland and the east bank of said river, at any time within six years after the passage of this act: *Provided,* That the said bridge shall be so constructed and built as not to obstruct, impair, or injuriously modify the navigation of the river; and in order to secure a compliance with these conditions, the corporation, association, or company proposing to erect the same, previous to commencing the construction of the bridge, shall submit to the Secretary of War a plan of the bridge, with a detailed map of the river at the proposed site of the bridge and for the distance of a mile above and below the site exhibiting the depths and currents at all points of the same, together with all other information touching said bridge and river as [that] may be deemed requisite by the Secretary of War to determine whether the said bridge, when built, will conform to the prescribed conditions of the act, not to obstruct, impair, or injuriously modify the navigation of the river: *Provided further,* That the Secretary of War may detail an officer to superintend the survey and examination of said river with a view to said location.

mode of construction;

plan and map;

officer to superintend.

Secretary of War to notify corporation when, &c.

Bridge not to be commenced until, &c.

Tolls and regulations for use of the bridge.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the Secretary of War is hereby authorized and directed, upon receiving said plan and map and other information, and upon being satisfied that a bridge built on such plain [plan] and at said locality will conform to the prescribed conditions of this act, not to obstruct, impair, or injuriously modify the navigation of said river, to notify the said corporation, association, or company proposing to erect the same that he approves the same; and upon receiving such notification, the said corporation, association, or company may proceed to the erection of said bridge, conforming strictly to the approved plan and location. But until the Secretary of War approve the plan and location of said bridge, and notify the said corporation, association, or company of the same, the bridge shall not be built or commenced.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That the said corporation of the city of Portland is hereby authorized and empowered, so far as Congress has the power to grant the same, to make such rules and regulations for the care of said bridge, and for the regulation and collection of tolls for crossing on the same, as they shall deem just and reasonable.

APPROVED, February 2, 1870.

Feb. 5, 1870. CHAP. XIV. — *An Act to establish a Land District in Wyoming Territory, and for other Purposes.*

Wyoming land district established in Wyoming Territory.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the public lands of the United States in the Territory of Wyoming shall constitute a land district, to be called the district of Wyoming, the office for which shall be established at such place, within said district, as the President of the United States may from time to time direct; and the pre-emption laws and all other laws not locally inapplicable are hereby extended to said Territory.