

term to use, and vend to others to use, said improvement in horse-powers so constructed or used.

APPROVED, May 29, 1872.

May 29, 1872. CHAP. CCXXXV. — *An Act to increase the capital Stock and to extend the Works of the Washington Gas-Light Company.*

Washington gas-light company may increase its capital stock.

Provisos.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the capital stock of the Washington Gas-Light Company be, and the same is hereby, increased two hundred thousand dollars, with the privilege of increasing it not exceeding one million dollars, as the same may be required from time to time, for extending their works in the District of Columbia east of Rock Creek: *Provided, however,* That said increase of capital stock shall not be made from undivided profits of said company which have already accrued, or may hereafter accrue, but from capital actually paid in: *Provided also,* That said increased capital stock shall be subject to all the conditions of the charter of said Washington Gas-Light Company.

APPROVED, May 29, 1872.

May 30, 1872. CHAP. CCXXXIX. — *An Act supplemental to an Act entitled "An Act for the Apportionment of Representatives to Congress among the several States according to the ninth Census."*

1872, ch. 10. Ante, p. 28.

One additional representative in Congress to each of certain States;

how may be elected to forty-third Congress.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That from and after the third day of March, eighteen hundred and seventy-three, the following States shall be entitled to one representative each in the Congress of the United States in addition to the number apportioned to such States by the act entitled "An act for the apportionment of representatives to Congress among the several States according to the ninth census," approved February second, eighteen hundred and seventy-two, to wit: New Hampshire, Vermont, New York, Pennsylvania, Indiana, Tennessee, Louisiana, Alabama, and Florida, and be elected by separate districts, as in said act directed: *Provided,* That in the election of representatives to the forty-third Congress only, in any State which by this law is given an increased number of representatives, the additional representatives allowed to such State may be elected by the State at large, unless the legislature of said State shall otherwise provide before the time fixed by law for the election of representatives therein.

APPROVED, May 30, 1872.

May 31, 1872. CHAP. CCXL. — *An Act fixing the Rank of Professors of Mathematics in the United States Navy.*

Number and rank of professors of mathematics in the United States navy.

1871, ch. 117, § 9. Vol. xvi. p. 536.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the ninth section of the naval appropriation bill, approved March third, eighteen hundred and seventy-one, be amended by inserting, after the clause relating to the chaplains, the following clause:

There shall be three professors of mathematics, who shall have the relative rank of captain; four that of commander; and five that of lieutenant commander or lieutenant.

APPROVED, May 31, 1872.

May 31, 1872. CHAP. CCXLI. — *An Act relating to the Creation of new Land Districts.*

When new land districts are made by, &c., business in original districts to

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That hereafter in case of the division of existing land districts by the erection of new ones, or by a change of boundaries by the President of the United States, all business in such original districts shall be entertained and transacted, without prej-

udice or change, until the offices in the new districts shall be duly opened by public announcement under the direction of the Secretary of the Interior.

be done without change until, &c.

SEC. 2. That all sales or disposals of the public lands heretofore regularly made at any land office after the said lands have been made part of another district by any act of Congress, or by any act of the President, are hereby confirmed, provided the same are free from conflict with prior valid rights.

Certain sales heretofore made confirmed.

APPROVED, May 31, 1872.

CHAP. CCXLII. — *An Act authorizing the Construction of a Bridge across the Arkansas River, at Little Rock, Arkansas.* May 31, 1872.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That it shall be lawful for the Little Rock Bridge Company, a corporation having authority from the State of Arkansas, to build a railroad, transit, and wagon-bridge across the Arkansas river, at or near the city of Little Rock, in Arkansas; and that, when constructed, all trains of all railroads terminating at the Arkansas river, at or near the location of said bridge shall be allowed to cross said bridge for a reasonable compensation, to be paid to the owners thereof; and in case of any litigation arising from any obstruction or alleged obstruction to the free navigation of said river, the cause may be tried before the district court of the United States in and for the eastern district of said State of Arkansas.

Bridge across the Arkansas river, near Little Rock, for railroads, &c.

All trains may pass for, &c.

Litigation, &c.

SEC. 2. That any bridge built under the provisions of this act may, at the option of the company building the same, be built as a drawbridge, with a pivot, or with unbroken or continuous spans: *Provided,* That if the said bridge shall be made with unbroken or continuous spans, it shall not be in any case of a less elevation than fifty feet above extreme high-water mark, as understood at the point of location, to the bottom chord of the bridge, nor shall the span over the main channel of the river at low water be less than two hundred and fifty feet, nor shall there be a greater number of spans than four crossing the remaining width of said river, and the piers of said bridge shall all be parallel with the current of said river: *And provided also,* That if any bridge shall be constructed under this act as a drawbridge, the same shall be a pivot-draw over the main channel at low water, with spans of not less than one hundred and fifty feet in the clear on each side of the centre or pivot pier of said bridge, and that there shall not be a greater number of fixed spans than four crossing the remaining width of said river; and said bridge shall not be less than thirty-six feet above the low-water mark as understood at the location of said bridge, measuring to the bottom chord of said bridge, and all the piers of said bridge shall be parallel with the current of said river: *And provided also,* That said draw shall be opened promptly, upon reasonable signal, for the passage of boats whose construction shall not be such as to admit of their passage under said bridge, except when a railroad train is passing over the same; but in no case shall any unnecessary delay occur in opening said draw after the passage of such train.

Bridge may be built with draw or unbroken spans; height and spans.

Drawbridge; spans.

Height of bridge and piers.

Draw to be opened promptly.

SEC. 3. That any bridge constructed under this act and according to its provisions shall be a lawful structure, and shall be recognized and known as a post-route, upon which no higher charge shall be made for the transmission over the same of the mails, the troops, and munitions of war of the United States than the rate paid for their transportation over the railroads or public highways leading to said bridge; and the United States shall have the right of way for postal telegraph purposes across said bridge.

Bridge to be a lawful structure and post-route. Charges.

Right of way.

SEC. 4. That said bridge shall not be built or commenced until the bridge company aforesaid shall submit to the Secretary of War, for his

Plans, &c., to be submitted to