

By-laws.

SEC. 14. *And be it further enacted,* That the directors shall have full power to make and prescribe such by-laws, rules, and regulations as they shall deem needful and proper, touching the disposition and management of the stock, property, estate, and effects of the company, not contrary to the charter, or to the laws of the United States.

Annual meeting of stockholders.

SEC. 15. *And be it further enacted,* That there shall be an annual meeting of the stockholders, for choice of directors, to be holden at such time and place, under such conditions, and upon such notice as said company by their by-laws may prescribe, and said directors shall annually make a report to the stockholders, and to Congress, of their doings.

Penalty for obstructing railway.

SEC. 16. *And be it further enacted,* That the said company shall have, at all times, the free and uninterrupted use of their roadway; and if any person or persons shall willfully and unnecessarily obstruct or impede the passage on or over said railway or any part thereof, or shall injure or destroy the cars, depot stations, or any property belonging to said railway company, the person or persons so offending shall forfeit and pay for every such offence, the sum of twenty dollars to said company, and shall remain liable, in addition to the said penalty, for any loss or damage occasioned by his, her, or their act, as aforesaid, but no suit shall be brought unless commenced within sixty days after such offence shall have been committed.

Railway to be completed within one year.

SEC. 17. *And be it further enacted,* That the said company shall make and complete said railway within one year after the organization of the same.

Repeal of inconsistent acts.

SEC. 18. *And be it further enacted,* That all acts and parts of acts heretofore passed, which are inconsistent with any of the provisions for the purposes of this act, are hereby repealed, so far as the same are inconsistent herewith.

Levy court of Washington County not to hinder, &amp;c. construction, &amp;c. of road.

SEC. 19. *And be it further enacted,* That the levy court of the County of Washington, are hereby prohibited from doing any act or thing to hinder, delay, or obstruct the construction or operation of said railroad as herein authorized, but Congress may, at any time, alter, amend, or repeal this act.

APPROVED, January 31, 1867.

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CHAP. XVII.—*An Act to incorporate The First Congregational Society of Washington.*

First Congregational Society of Washington incorporated.

Corporate powers.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That Oliver O. Howard, Silas H. Hodges, Daniel L. Eaton, Henry A. Brewster, Charles H. Bliss, Ezra L. Stevens, Benjamin F. Morris, Daniel Tyler, Llewellyn Deane, and Calvin S. Mattoon, and their associates, are hereby created a body politic and corporate, by the name of "The First Congregational Society of Washington"; and as such, may purchase, hold, and convey real and personal estate, make contracts, sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, and may exercise all other powers incident to corporations, and usually enjoyed by them, and such as are requisite to enable them to sustain religious worship in Washington, in the District of Columbia, and to erect and maintain edifices for that purpose, and parsonages; and said society shall be exempt from any taxes to be assessed upon their property, under the authority of Congress, or of the District of Columbia, or the city or County of Washington; *Provided,* That the amount of the value of the real estate shall not exceed one hundred thousand dollars.

Exemption from taxes.

Limit to amount of value of real estate.

First meeting of Society.

Notice.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the first meeting of said society shall be holden at the time and place at which a majority of the persons hereinabove named shall assemble for that purpose, and six days' notice shall be given each of said corporators; at which meeting, and at all annual meetings and at all meetings specially called for that object, said

society may enact, amend, or repeal by-laws regulating the government of said society; prescribing the number, character, and duties of their officers, and the manner of their election; defining the terms on which members may be admitted to it, and shall cease to be such; and providing in all things for the management of the affairs of said society, or for securing its interests and welfare.

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SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That the powers of this corporation shall vest in a board of trustees, who shall be chosen as provided by the by-laws, and shall consist of five persons, and shall have perpetual succession, each one holding his office until his successor is chosen and qualified.

Powers of corporation to vest in board of trustees.

Number and term of office of trustees.

APPROVED, January 31, 1867.

CHAP. XXVI. — *An Act to punish certain Crimes in Relation to the Public Securities and Currency, and for other Purposes.*

Feb. 5, 1867.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That if any person or persons shall buy, sell, exchange, transfer, receive or deliver, any false, forged, counterfeited or altered bond, bill, certificate of indebtedness, certificate of deposit, coupon, draft, check, bill of exchange, money order, indorsement, United States note, treasury note, circulating note, postage stamp, revenue stamp, postage-stamp note, fractional note, or other obligation or security of the United States, or circulating note of any banking association organized or acting under the laws of the United States, which has been issued or may hereafter be issued under any act of Congress heretofore passed, or which may hereafter be passed, with the intent, expectation, or belief, that the same shall or will be passed, altered, published or used as true and genuine, such person or persons so offending, shall be deemed guilty of felony, and on conviction thereof shall be imprisoned not more than ten years, or fined not exceeding five thousand dollars, or both, at the discretion of the court.

Penalty for buying, selling, &c. forged bonds, notes, &c. with intent that they shall be passed or used as genuine.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That it shall not be lawful to design, engrave, print, or in any manner make or execute, or to utter, issue, distribute, circulate or use, any business or professional card, notice, placard, circular, handbill, or advertisement, in the likeness or similitude of any bond, certificate of indebtedness, certificate of deposit, coupon, United States note, treasury note, circulating note, fractional note, postage-stamp note, or other obligation or security of the United States, or of any banking association organized or acting under the laws thereof, which has been or may be issued under or authorized by any act of Congress heretofore passed or which may hereafter be passed. And any person or persons offending against the provisions of this section shall be subject to a penalty of one hundred dollars, to be recovered by an action of debt, one half to the use of the informer.

The making or using cards, circulars, &c. in the similitude of any United States security declared unlawful.

Penalty, how recovered, and to whose use.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That it shall not be lawful to write, print, or otherwise impress upon any bond, certificate of indebtedness, or other instrument specified in the last preceding section, any business or professional card, notice or advertisement, or any notice or advertisement of any goods, wares or merchandise, or of any drug or medicine, or of any invention or patent, or of any other matter or thing whatsoever; and any person or persons offending against the provisions of this section, shall be subject to a penalty of one hundred dollars, to be recovered by an action of debt, one half to the use of the informer.

The printing, &c. of any business card or notice, &c. on any United States security, made unlawful.

Penalty, how recovered, and to whose use.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted,* That if any person shall, without authority from the United States, take, procure, make, or cause to be taken, procured or made, upon lead, foil, wax, plaster, paper, or any other substance or material, an impression, stamp, or imprint of, from, or by the use of, any bed-plate, bed-piece, die, roll, plate, seal, type, or other tool,

Penalty for making, &c. impressions upon any material by any tool, &c. used, &c. in