

act who have re-enlisted or who shall hereafter re-enlist under the provisions of the act of August fourth, eighteen hundred and fifty-four, shall be paid at the rates allowed in the second section of this act to those serving in the fifth year of their first enlistment: *Provided*, That one dollar per month shall be retained from the pay of the re-enlisted men, of whatever grade, named in the first section of this act, during the whole period of their re-enlistment, to be paid to the soldier on his discharge, but to be forfeited unless he shall have served honestly and faithfully to the date of discharge.

listed men.  
1854, ch. 247.  
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Part to be retained and forfeited, if, &c.

SEC. 4. That enlisted men, now in the service, shall receive the rates of pay established in this act according to the length of their service, and nothing contained in this act shall be construed as affecting the additional monthly pay allowed for re-enlistments by the act of August fourth, eighteen hundred and fifty-four.

Pay of enlisted men now in service.  
Additional pay for re-enlistments not affected by sentence of court-martial;

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CHAP. CLXI. — *An Act to establish a System of Deposits, to prevent Desertion, and elevate the Condition of the Rank and File of the Army.*

May 15, 1872.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That any enlisted man of the army may deposit his savings, in sums of not less than five dollars, with any army paymaster, who shall furnish him a deposit-book, in which shall be entered the name of the paymaster and of the soldier, and the amount, date, and place of such deposit. The money so deposited shall be accounted for in the same manner as other public funds, and shall pass to the credit of the appropriation for the pay of the army, and shall not be subject to forfeiture by sentence of court-martial, but shall be forfeited by desertion, and shall not be permitted to be paid until final payment on discharge, or to the heirs or representatives of a deceased soldier, and that such deposit be exempt from liability for such soldier's debts: *Provided*, That the government shall be liable for the amount deposited to the person so depositing the same.

Enlisted men of the army may deposit savings with army paymasters.

Deposits forfeitable by desertion, but not by sentence of court martial;

exempt &c., for soldier's debts. Government liable.

SEC. 2. That for any sums of not less than fifty dollars so deposited for the period of six months, or longer, the soldier, on his final discharge, shall be paid interest at the rate of four per centum per annum.

Interest, when allowable.

SEC. 3. That the money value of all clothing overdrawn by the soldier beyond his allowance shall be charged against him, every six months, on the muster-roll of his company, or on his final statements if sooner discharged. The amount due him for clothing, he having drawn less than his allowance, shall not be paid to him until his final discharge from the service.

Clothing overdrawn to be charged to soldier;

amount due, not to be paid until, &c.

SEC. 4. That the system of deposits herein established shall be carried into execution under such regulations as may be established by the Secretary of War.

System of deposits, how put in execution.

SEC. 5. That the amounts of deposits and clothing balances accumulated to the soldier's credit under the provisions of sections one and three of this act shall, when payable to the soldier upon his discharge, be paid out of the appropriations for "pay of the army" for the then current fiscal year.

Amounts of deposits, &c., to be paid from what appropriation.

SEC. 6. That all acts and parts of acts inconsistent with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed.

Repealing clause.

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CHAP. CLXII. — *An Act to provide that Minors shall not be enlisted in the military Service of the United States without the Consent of Parents or Guardians.*

May 15, 1872.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That no person under the age of twenty-one years shall be enlisted or mustered into the military service of the United States without the written consent of his parents or guardians:

Minors not to be enlisted, &c., into, &c., without the written consent of parents or guardians.

Proviso.

*Provided*, That such minor shall have such parents or guardians entitled to his custody and control.

Penalty upon officers who knowingly violate this law.

SEC. 2. That in case any officer knowingly violates the provisions of this act by the enlistment or muster of a minor, he shall be liable to be arrested and tried by a court-martial, and, upon conviction, shall be dismissed from the service, or suffer such other punishment as such court may direct.

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CHAP. CLXIII. — *An Act to authorize the West Wisconsin Railway Company to keep up and maintain a Bridge for Railway Purposes across Lake Saint Croix, at the City of Hudson, in the State of Wisconsin.*

West Wisconsin railway company may maintain the bridge across Lake Saint Croix.

Bridge, how constructed.

All railroad companies may use the bridge upon terms, &c.

Structure to be built as the Secretary of War shall prescribe;

to be changed, &c., at cost of owners, as Congress may direct.

If there is litigation, cause to be tried where.

This act may be altered, &c.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the West Wisconsin Railway Company is hereby authorized to keep up and maintain the bridge heretofore constructed by it for the uses and purposes of its railway across Lake Saint Croix, at the city of Hudson, in the county of Saint Croix, and State of Wisconsin, the said bridge having been constructed as follows, namely: With a draw of three hundred and twenty feet in length, affording two spans of one hundred and forty feet each in the clear, for the passage of steamboats and other craft; also, with a span of one hundred and thirty-six feet in the clear, for the passage of rafts; that the draw to said bridge shall be opened promptly, upon reasonable signal, for the passage of boats; that said bridge so constructed shall be deemed and taken to be a legal structure, and shall be a post-road for the transmission of the United States mails. And all railroad companies desiring to use said bridge shall have and be entitled to use and run their trains over the same, as now built and track laid over it and its approaches, under and upon such terms, rental, or remuneration, first to be fixed by the Secretary of War, after hearing all the evidence and proofs of both parties, in case the parties cannot agree on terms.

SEC. 2. That the structure herein authorized shall be built under and subject to such regulations for the security of the navigation of said river and lake as the Secretary of War shall prescribe, and the said structure shall be at all times so kept and managed as to offer reasonable and proper means for the passage of vessels through and under said structure; and the said structure shall be changed at the cost and expense of the owners thereof, from time to time, as Congress may direct, so as to preserve the free and convenient navigation of said river and lake; and the authority to erect and continue said bridge shall be subject to revocation by law whenever the public good shall, in the judgment of Congress, so require.

SEC. 3. That in case of any litigation arising from any obstruction or alleged obstruction to the free navigation of the Saint Croix river at or near the crossing of said bridge, and caused or alleged to be caused thereby, the cause shall be commenced and tried in the district court of the United States for either the district of Minnesota or the western district of Wisconsin.

SEC. 4. That the right to alter or amend this act, so as to prevent or remove all material obstructions to the navigation of said river by the construction of bridges, is hereby expressly reserved.

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CHAP. CLXIV. — *An Act relating to the Reform School of the District of Columbia.*

See *Ante*, p. 35.

Trustees of reform school in the District of Columbia to render monthly accounts of ex-

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the board of trustees of the Reform School of the District of Columbia shall cause monthly accounts to be rendered to the proper accounting officers of the Territory of the District of Columbia for the expenses of such boys as have been sent to the said school by the proper authorities from the cities of Wash-