

excepting the Ritchie mineral and the Richmond coal, the cost of which shall not enter into any calculation in making an average, which statement shall be sworn to before a Justice of the Peace by their Engineer and Secretary, and the advance or reduction of price shall take place on the first of July ensuing.

Gas to be furnished to District government at same rate as to United States.

SEC. 12. That the Washington Gas-Light Company shall be authorized and required to furnish illuminating gas to the government of the District of Columbia within the distance of fifty yards from any of their mains, on the same terms as to the Government of the United States, and in case of the non-payment of any monthly bills by the said District beyond the period of ten days from the time of presentation, the company shall be entitled to demand and receive interest thereon from date until paid. And the said company shall light, extinguish, keep clean, and repair the Washington City street-lamps at the uniform price of forty dollars for each lamp per annum, to burn two thousand two hundred hours per annum, with a six-foot burner on each lamp, subject to any regulation that may be prescribed by the city authorities as to the time of lighting and extinguishing the same, and any extra number of hours to be charged and paid for at the same rate: *Provided*, That the city of Washington shall furnish, when necessary, new lanterns to replace old ones, and shall furnish and pay for the reasonable expense of erecting new lamp-posts to replace such as are old, damaged, and unfit for use.

Interest on unpaid bills.

Rate for light, cleaning and repair, &c., of street-lamps in Washington.

Stoppage of gas for non-payment of bills.

Restriction on removal of meters.

Act may be altered, amended, or repealed.

Penalty for fraudulently obtaining gas.

Price to be uniform to all consumers.

SEC. 13. That if any person or persons, supplied with gas, neglect or refuse to pay the amount due for the same, such company may stop the gas from entering the premises of such person or persons. In no case shall the officers, servants, or workmen of the company remove a meter from premises supplied by the company, unless by consent of the consumer, without first giving forty-eight hours' notice in writing by leaving the same at the premises of the consumer; and said removal shall take place only between the hours of eight o'clock in the forenoon and two o'clock in the afternoon.

SEC. 14. That it shall be lawful for Congress at any time hereafter to alter, amend, or repeal this act, and all acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

SEC. 15. That any person who, with intent to injure or defraud any gas company in the District of Columbia, shall make or cause to be made any pipe, tube or other instrument or contrivance, or connect the same, or cause it to be connected with any main service pipe or other pipe for conducting or supplying illuminating gas in such manner as to connect with and be calculated to supply illuminating gas to any burner or orifice by which illuminating gas is consumed, around or without passing through the meter provided for the measuring and registering of the quantity of gas there consumed, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction shall be punished by imprisonment not exceeding six months or by fine not exceeding two hundred and fifty dollars.

SEC. 16. That the price which may be charged for gas by any Gas-Light Company in the District of Columbia shall be uniform and the same to all consumers and any reduction made in the price or cost to any person or persons, except to officers of the company, shall furnish a legal right on the part of any other person or persons to demand gas at the same cost or price.

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CHAP. 481.—An act extending the right of way heretofore granted to the Allegheny Valley Railroad Company through the arsenal grounds at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Allegheny Railroad Company may extend its track over certain ground near United States arsenal.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Allegheny Valley Railroad Company be, and it is hereby, authorized to extend its tracks over and occupy the ground between the present track and the Alle-

gheny River where said track, under the act approved February four- 1853, ch. 68, § 3, vol. x, p. 754.
 teenth, eighteen hundred and fifty-three, was laid through the grounds of the United States at and near the Allegheny arsenal, in the county of Allegheny, in the State of Pennsylvania: *Provided*, That the mode and purpose of occupation shall first be submitted to and approved by the Secretary of War; and the value of the right of way herein granted, as fixed by a board of Army officers as the Secretary of War may detail to make such valuation shall be paid into the Treasury before occupation in pursuance of this act. Occupation of ground to be approved by Secretary of War. Right of way to be paid for.

Approved, June 23, 1874.

CHAP. 482.—An act to authorize the construction of a bridge over the Willamette River at Portland in the State of Oregon. June 23, 1874.

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 Oregon and California Railroad Company of Portland, Multnomah County in the State of Oregon, or for the said company jointly with the Oregon Central Railroad Company of Portland, in said State on such terms as to division of expense, as may be agreed upon between said companies to build a railroad bridge across the Willamette River at the city of Portland in said county of Multnomah, at a point to be selected and determined by the said railroad company or companies constructing such bridge; *Provided*, That there shall be placed in said bridge a draw of not less than three hundred feet in width, with a center abutment not to exceed fifty feet wide, and ten feet above the water line, leaving a passage on each side of the abutment of not less than one hundred feet in width, and so constructed as not to impede the navigation of said river, and allow the easy passage of vessels through said bridge. Such bridge shall be so constructed as to have a wagon and foot way below the railroad-track: *Provided further*, That the said bridge shall be so constructed and built as not to obstruct, impair, or injuriously affect 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 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 affect 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. Oregon and California Railroad Company, or jointly with, &c., may build bridge over Willamette River at Portland. Dimensions of draw-bridge. Wagon and foot-way below railroad track. Bridge not to obstruct navigation. Plan of bridge and map of river to be submitted to Secretary of War. Officer may be detailed to superintend survey and examination of river.

SECTION 2. That the Secretary of War is hereby authorized & directed, upon receiving said plan and map and other information, and upon being satisfied that a bridge built on such plan and at said locality will conform to the prescribed conditions of this act not to obstruct, impair, or injuriously affect 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. Bridge not to be commenced until plan approved by Secretary of War.

SECTION 3. 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 said bridge is hereby expressly reserved; and the Right to alter or amend this act reserved.