

streets to render the same accessible: *And provided further*, That each subdivision, together with any buildings, building materials, or other property thereon shall be appraised and offered separately, at public outcry, to the highest bidder, and in case any subdivision or subdivisions shall remain unsold, the sale shall be postponed from time to time until the entire tract shall be disposed of as hereinbefore provided.

Subdivisions to be sold separately.

Postponement of sales.

Approved, March 3, 1875.

**CHAP. 175.**—An act to amend an act entitled “An act to revive with amendments an act to incorporate the medical society of the District of Columbia” approved July seventh eighteen hundred and thirty-eight.

March 3, 1875.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the act entitled “An act to revive with amendments an act to incorporate the medical society of the District of Columbia” which was approved July seventh, eighteen hundred and thirty-eight, be amended in the third section thereof by striking out the word “gentlemen” and inserting instead thereof, the word “persons.”

1838, c. 26, s. 3, v. 6, p. 222, amended.

Approved, March 3, 1875.

**CHAP. 176.**—An act authorizing the Wisconsin Central Railroad Company to straighten the line of their road.

March 3, 1875.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the consent and approval of Congress are hereby given to the Wisconsin Central Railroad Company to build that portion of their road which lies between Portage City and Stevens Point on the line adopted by the act of the legislature of Wisconsin, approved February tenth, eighteen hundred and seventy-five, instead of the line adopted by the act of the legislature of Wisconsin, April ninth, eighteen hundred and sixty-six, chartering the Portage and Superior Railroad Company: *Provided*, That no portion of the lands belonging to said grant situated south of Stevens Point, and which may be found outside of the ten-mile limits, measured from the modified line of said road, shall pass to said company under its grant, but such lands shall revert to the United States and become part of the public domain, to be disposed of as other public lands, and the acceptance of the provisions of this act by said company shall be held to be a relinquishment of the same; *And provided further*, That this act shall not be construed as increasing said grant, or as granting to said company and lands whatever.

Wisconsin Central Railroad Company may change line.

Lands outside of ten miles limit of modified line.

No new grant by this act.

Approved, March 3, 1875.

**CHAP. 177.**—An act amendatory of the act approved March 3, 1873 entitled “An act authorizing the construction of a bridge across the Mississippi River at Saint Louis, in the State of Missouri”

March 3, 1875.

1873, c. 302, v. 17, p. 616.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the Saint Clair and Carondelet Bridge Company be, and the same is hereby, authorized and empowered, in constructing the bridge authorized by the act of which this act is amendatory, to erect over the main channel of said river two straight continuous spans of not less than four hundred and fifty feet each in the clear, of the pier, at low water mark, the said two spans to be placed over the main channel instead of “the two spans over the main channel of the river” required by the act of which this act is amendatory; *provided*, That any bridge built under the provisions of

Saint Clair and Carondelet Bridge Company.

Spans, how to be constructed.

this act, or the act of which this act is amendatory, shall not be constructed of arch spans.

Cahokia Bend, when to be closed.

SEC. 2. That if the said corporation accept the bridge site, numbered "2" on the plan and survey submitted to the Secretary of War, the company shall be required to close Cahokia Bend by a dam or similar work to hold the channel against the western bluffs above the bridge: *And provided further*, That after the said company shall have accepted the site and definitely planned the bridge with its piers, the plan shall be submitted to the Secretary of War for his approval. And in maintaining and operating said bridge it shall be subject to all the conditions and restrictions imposed by the act of which this is amendatory.

Plan to be submitted, &c.

Conditions, &c., of operating.

Right of amendment, &c.

SEC. 3. That Congress shall at all times have the right to amend or repeal this act.

Approved, March 3, 1875.

March 3, 1875.

CHAP. 178.—An act for the relief of General Samuel W. Crawford, and to fix the rank and pay of retired officers of the Army.

S. W. Crawford, retired as brigadier-general.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the retirement as a colonel, on February nineteenth, eighteen hundred and seventy-three, for disability on account of a wound received in battle, of Brevet Major General S. W. Crawford, United States Army, be, and the same hereby is, so amended that the said Crawford shall be retired and be borne on the retired list of the Army as a brigadier general, he having held the rank of brigadier general at the time he was wounded: *Provided*, That his retired pay as brigadier general shall commence from the passage of this act.

Commencement of pay.

Officers retired for disability from wounds in action, rank of, on retired list.

SEC. 2. That all officers of the Army who have been heretofore retired by reason of disability arising from wounds received in action shall be considered as retired upon the actual rank held by them, whether in the regular or volunteer service, at the time when such wound was received, and shall be borne on the retired list and receive pay hereafter accordingly; and this section shall be taken and construed to include those now borne on the retired list placed upon it on account of wounds received in action: *Provided*, That no part of the foregoing act shall apply to those officers who had been in service as commissioned officers twenty-five years at the date of their retirement; nor to those retired officers who had lost an arm or leg, or has an arm or leg permanently disabled by reason of resection, on account of wounds, or both eyes by reason of wounds received in battle; and every such officer now borne on the retired list shall be continued thereon notwithstanding the provisions of section two chapter thirty-eight act of March thirty, eighteen hundred and sixty-eight; *and be it also provided* that no retired officer shall be affected by this act, who has been retired or may hereafter be retired on the rank held by him at the time of his retirement; and that all acts or parts of acts inconsistent herewith be, and are hereby, repealed.

Proviso. Application of act.

1868, c. 38, s. 2, v. 15, p. 58.

Proviso. Application of act.

Repeals.

Approved, March 3, 1875.

March 3, 1875.

CHAP. 179.—An act extending the privilege of the Library of Congress to the Regents of the Smithsonian Institution.

Use of Library by Regents of Smithsonian Institution.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the Joint Committee of both Houses of Congress on the Library be authorized to extend the use of the books in the Library of Congress to the Regents of the Smithsonian Institution resident in Washington on the same conditions and restrictions as members of Congress are allowed use the Library.

Approved, March 3, 1875.