

authority and jurisdiction of certain courts to enforce the requirements and provisions of said section, shall apply to the issue, use, and redemption of coupon tickets on the lines of said Brightwood Railway and Capital Traction companies; and the aforesaid provisions of said section are hereby made a part of this Act.

Approved, July 7, 1898.

July 7, 1898.

CHAP. 580.—An Act To provide for a temporary increase in the Inspector-General's Department of the Army.

Army.
Inspector-General's
Department.
Temporary increase
of officers.

Proviso.
Vacancies, how
filled, etc.

Vol. 23, p. 297.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President is authorized, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, to appoint one inspector-general with the rank of colonel, one inspector-general with the rank of lieutenant-colonel, and one inspector-general with the rank of major: *Provided,* That the vacancies created in the grade of colonel and lieutenant-colonel by this Act shall be filled by the promotion of officers now in the Inspector-General's Department according to seniority, and that upon the mustering out of the volunteer forces and the reduction of the Regular Army to a peace basis, no appointments shall be made in the Inspector-General's Department until the number of officers in each grade in that Department shall be reduced to the number now authorized by law.

Approved, July 7, 1898.

July 7, 1898.

CHAP. 581.—An Act To amend an Act entitled "An Act to authorize the county of Saint Louis, in the State of Minnesota, to build, or authorize the building of, a foot and wagon bridge across the Saint Louis River between Minnesota and Wisconsin, at a point near Fond du Lac, in said State of Minnesota," approved June eleventh, eighteen hundred and ninety-six.

Time extended to
St. Louis County to
bridge St. Louis
River.

Vol. 29, p. 456,
amended.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section six of an Act entitled "An Act to authorize the county of Saint Louis, in the State of Minnesota, to build, or authorize the building of, a foot and wagon bridge across the Saint Louis River between Minnesota and Wisconsin, at a point near Fond du Lac, in said State of Minnesota," approved June eleventh, eighteen hundred and ninety-six, be amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 6. That this Act shall be null and void if actual construction of the bridge herein authorized be not commenced within three years and completed within five years from the date hereof."

Approved, July 7, 1898.

July 7, 1898.

CHAP. 582.—An Act To increase the force of the Ordnance Department.

Army.
Ordnance Department.
Increase of officers.
Vol. 18, p. 245,
amended.

Assignments to
staff of corps and divi-
sion commanders.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section five of an Act entitled "An Act reorganizing the several staff corps of the Army," approved June twenty-third, eighteen hundred and seventy-four, be, and the same is hereby, amended so as to read as follows:

"SEC. 5. The Ordnance Department shall consist of one Chief of Ordnance, with the rank, pay, and emoluments of a brigadier-general; four colonels, five lieutenant-colonels, twelve majors, twenty-four captains, twenty first lieutenants.

"A chief ordnance officer may be assigned to the staff of an army or a corps commander, and while so assigned shall have the rank, pay, and allowances of a lieutenant-colonel. A chief ordnance officer may be assigned to the staff of a division commander, and while so assigned shall have the rank, pay, and allowances of a major."

Approved, July 7, 1898.

CHAP. 583.—An Act Directing the enlistment of cooks in the Regular and Volunteer armies of the United States.

July 7, 1898.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of War be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to cause to be enlisted in each company, battery, and troop in the Regular and Volunteer armies of the United States, as a part of the authorized enlisted strength thereof, under rules to be prescribed by him, a competent person as cook, who shall take rank as and be allowed the pay of a corporal of the arm of the service to which he belongs, and whose duties in connection with the preparation and serving of the food of the enlisted men of the company, battery, or troop, and with the supervision and instruction of enlisted men hereby authorized to be detailed to assist him, shall be prescribed in the regulations for the government of the Army.

Army.
Enlistment of cooks.

Approved, July 7, 1898.

CHAP. 584.—An Act To amend the Act relating to pay of volunteer officers and soldiers.

July 7, 1898.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Act of Congress approved May twenty-sixth, eighteen hundred and ninety-eight, entitled "An Act providing for the payment and maintenance of volunteers during the interval between their enrollment and muster into the United States service, and for other purposes," be, and the same is hereby, amended to read as follows:

Volunteer Army.
Pay and allowances,
when to commence.

*"That the pay and allowance of all officers and enlisted men of the volunteers received into the service of the United States under the Act of Congress approved April twenty-second, eighteen hundred and ninety-eight, and the acts supplemental thereto, shall be deemed to commence from the day on which they had their names enrolled for service in the Volunteer Army of the United States and joined for duty therein after having been called for by the governor on the authority of the President and all officers and enlisted men who have not been so paid shall be so paid by the Pay Department of the Army out of any moneys appropriated for the maintenance of the Army: *Provided*, That troops about to embark for service in the Philippine Islands may, in the discretion of the Secretary of War, be paid one month's wages in advance prior to embarkation."*

Ante, p. 420,
amended.

Ante, pp. 362, 404,
405.

Proviso.
Troops for Philip-
pine Islands.

Approved, July 7, 1898.

CHAP. 635.—An Act To authorize the reassessment of water-main taxes in the District of Columbia, and for other purposes.

July 8, 1898.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Commissioners of the District of Columbia be, and they are hereby, authorized and directed in all cases not exempted by this Act, where water-main taxes or assessments in the District of Columbia have been quashed, set aside, or declared void by the supreme court of said District, or have been otherwise canceled or set aside by reason of such tax or assessment not having been authenticated by the proper officer, to reassess all lots or parcels of ground in respect of such taxes or assessments, with power to assess and collect the same according to existing law relating to the assessment and collection of water-main assessments or taxes: *Provided*, That in cases where such assessments have heretofore been quashed or declared void by said supreme court, or have been otherwise canceled or set aside for the reason hereinbefore provided, the reassessment herein*

District of Colum-
bia.
Water-main taxes
heretofore set aside,
etc.

—reassessment of lots.

Proviso.
—to be made within
one year.